

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 27th, 2026, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

San Joaquin River Conservancy – 10637 N. Lanes Ave, Fresno CA 93730 & Via MS Teams

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

President

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Director Roll Call

Pete Lassotovitch, Matt Hurley, Joe Denham, Alan Fry

C. Introduction of Guests

Kelly Kucharski (SRCD), Sokmarly In (SRCD), Daisy Guzman (SRCD), Chelsea Hutchens (SRCD), Leierin Carney (SRCD), John Heywood, Don Griffith, Kari Daniska (SJRC), Deborah M. Thomas (FAN), Jessie Kanter (SRCD), Michael(unknown), Burt Wesley, Erwin Duenas (NRCS), Elizet Gomez (SRCD), Anukool Lakhina (Burn Bot), Seth Wilson,

D. Core Values: Stewardship, Responsibility, Innovation (video)

II. Approval of Minutes from March 2026 (A)

President

Director Lassatovitch motioned to approve the March Minutes as amended, Director Hurley seconded the motion.

All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously. (4-0-0)

III. Public Comment for any item not on the agenda (No action can be taken)

IV. Partner Reports (I)

A. San Joaquin River Conservancy

Kari Daniska reported on the current partnership with SRCD. There are two current contract with SRCD which are Nature Based Solutions (1.4 million) and Fire Fuel Reduction (half a million). SRCD is helping the Conservancy understand their properties better and is providing recommendations on how to keep them fire safe and cultivate a natural habitat.

B. NRCS

The NRCS went from three to two planners in their office so they are very thankful for the RCDs technicians help. They have also been moving forward with the RCPP grant.

V. SRCD Board Action Items and Discussion Topics: (I) Info / (A) Action

A. Financial Management

- 1) Financial Reports: AR Aging, AP Aging, Balance Sheet FY 25-26, FYTD Budget to Actuals, Profit and Loss (I)

Controller

SRCDs Financial Controller, Sokmarly In, gave a brief overview of the financial reports. The budget to actual report is broken down by income, salary, fringe, grant expenses and indirect cost. The report shows that most grant projects are on track financial wise.

- 2) (R2-2026) DRAFT Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Grant Anticipation Notes (I)

Manager

The District Manager presented a draft resolution to the board regarding the CSDA working capital program. The Fresno County Council made edits to the resolution and upon review of the agreement they advised SRCD that more assistance from their team would be necessary. It was brought to the boards attention that SRCD would be billed in order to get more detailed agreements drafted. The resolution did not go up for approval at this time.

B. Projects and Programs

Manager

(F/W – Forestry, C/I – Collective Impact, A/R – Agriculture, ASG – Alignment Strategies Group)

- 1) Firewise Community of the Year and Stewardship Award Nominations (I)

The Firewise Community Festival will be held on May 2nd and SRCD will be announcing the Firewise community of the year award and Stewardship award. This is the second year the awards will be given out by the SRCD.

- 2) Presentation on CAL FIRE, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources

Advisor

“California Wood Products Innovation Campuses: A Replicable Model to Promote Bioeconomy Industry Clusters.” (I)

Consultant John Heywood presented on the biomass campus updates. He caught everyone up on the

work he's been researching and working alongside different partners. Elizet Gomez (SRCD) also presented on how her work is also helping the different projects stay connected through maps that keep track of their work.

- 3) Presentation on Sierra RCD's Agriculture and Rangeland Program and Farmer Ag Network (I) *Ag Manager, Coordinator*

Program Manager of the Ag and Rangeland team, Jessie Kanter, presented on the work that her team has been doing throughout this past year. The program has been focusing on soil health, disaster relief funding, supporting wildlife habitat, and equitable access to resources. Debbie Thomas from farmers ag network was also present and reported on the new partnership with the SRCD ag program to better support the farmers in the District.

VI. Adjournment – Next Meeting: May 18th, 2026 3pm-5pm Location TBD

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