

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, July 27th, 2026, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**Sierra National Forest – 1600 Tollhouse, Clovis, CA & Via MS Teams**

**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order** *President*
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Director Roll Call  
Pete Lassotovitch, Alan Fry, Don Dukleth, Joe Denham, Matt Hurley
- C. Introduction of Guests  
Kelly Kucharski, Jessie Kanter, Tanner Michaelson, Sokmarly In, Megan Bronson, Daisy Guzman (SRCD)
- D. Core Values: Stewardship, Responsibility, Innovation (video)
- II. Approval of Minutes from June 2026 (A)**
- 5.1 Edit: The approved Kaiser NOE had a correction in the legal description before it was approved.  
***Director Hurley motioned to approve the minutes with minor edits, Director Denham seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously (5-0-0)*** *President*
- III. Public Comment for any item not on the agenda (No action can be taken)**
- IV. Partner Reports (I)**
- A. NRCS  
No Report from NRCS
- 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*  
Financial Controller reviewed the financials with the board members. Sokmarly presented a financial packet containing all the reports for the board. She explained what advances the district received, bills recently paid, and gave insight on the budget to actual.  
***Director Hurely motioned to approve the Financial Reports, Director Denham seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)***
- 2) Timeline and Overview for Adoption of CalPERS 457 Retirement Plan (I) *Manager*  
The Board of Directors further discussed the options for retirement. District Manager had the board review a draft of the CalPERS retirement adoption plan and timeline. The board would like to propose an action item for next month for CalPERS 457. They also suggested that SRCD brings in a retirement educator for staff to get informed on retirement plans.
- 3) (DRAFT R3-2026) Board Resolution to Adopt a Section 218 Agreement with Social Security Administration (I)  
If the board passes this resolution, it will guarantee that SRCD employees will contribute to Social Security. The board requested that this resolution be on the agenda at the next board meeting for a vote.
- B. Projects and Programs *Manager*  
(F/W – Forestry, C/I – Collective Impact, A/R – Agriculture, ASG – Alignment Strategies Group)
- 4) A/R Presentation on a Buy-Protect-Sell Program (I)  
The Agriculture and Rangeland Program Manager, Jessie Kanter, presented on buy-protect-sell program opportunity. The Sustainable Agriculture Conservation program (SALC), funded by the Department of Conservation has paid for SRCD to explore creation of a buy-sell-protect program. The Agriculture Program Manager wants to make a difference in the statistics of agriculture landowners. Currently about 50% of California's ag land is owned by 4.63% of farmers. Buy-Protect-Sell program's goals are to have land trusts or public agencies buy agriculture land that is at risk of conversion to development, protect it with a conservation easement to remain in agricultural use, and sell it to a famer, farmer group, or lease it to farmers.
- 5) (R-4 2026) Resolution to Adopt Conservation Easement Policies for Easement Alterations, Monitoring, and Enforcement (A)  
Board of Directors requested more information on how the policies would be implemented and a copy of

the District's current forest conservation easement for them to review.

**No motion was made.**

- 6) (R-5 2026) Resolution to apply for the California Department of Food and Agriculture Healthy Soils Program **(A)**

This resolution was made to approve the application for the Health Soils Program. Jessie Kanter was asked to lead the proposal development with the partners.

**Director Hurley motioned to approve the R-5 2026 resolution, Director Denham seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously (5-0-0)**

- 7) (R-6 2026) Resolution to apply for the California Department of Food and Agriculture State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program **(A)**

This resolution was made to approve the application for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program. Jessie Kanter was asked to lead the proposal development with the partners.

**Director Hurley motioned to approve the R-6 2026 resolution, Director Denham seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously (5-0-0)**

- 8) Climate Action Fellows 2025-26 Capstone Presentations **(I)**

Climate Action Fellows: Megan Bronson, Carson Deblieck, and Jessie Hernandez were given the opportunity to present their capstone presentations that highlighted their experiences working at the District. Collective Impact Program Manager, Tanner Michaelson, gave insight on their impact to the team and communities they served throughout their time with SRCD.

**VI. Adjournment – Next Meeting: August 24th, 2026 3pm-5pm Location TBD**

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