

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 22nd, 2026, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Clovis Memorial Building – Room 2, 453 Hughes, Clovis, CA & Via MS Teams

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

President

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Director Roll Call

Joe Denham, Pete Lassatovitch, Alan Fry, Matt Hurley, Don Dukleth

C. Introduction of Guests

Paige Simons, Michael Kleczek, Michael Miller, John Heywood, Chelsea Hutchens, Tanner Michaelson

In person: Kelly Kucharski, Sokmarly In, Daisy Guzman, Husandeep Singh, Arshdeep (Punjabi American Growers)

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

II. Approval of Minutes from May 2026 (A)

Director Hurley motioned to approve the May Minutes, 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. Punjabi American Growers

The Punjabi American Growers organization wanted to visit the board members to thank the SRCD for their work. They mentioned how impactful SRCD was to many farmers, including giving praise to Husandeep (SRCD). Husandeep has been able to help many farmers with a language barrier and gotten them resources.

B. NRCS

They are planning a local worker meeting for some time in August 10th through 14th. They are waiting for SRCD to confirm the exact date to send out the agenda.

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, Sokmarly In, reviewed the financial reports with the Board of Directors.

2) FY 26-27 District Budget Approval (A)

The board reviewed the budget to approve. There is a projected total revenue of 7.5 and total expenses at 7.71. The financial controller explained that invoices will be done more frequently and take advantage of the grants that do advances.

Director Denham motioned to approve the budget, Director Dukleth seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

3) R2-2026 California Special District Association and Tri Counties Bank Loan Program –

Manager

Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Grant Anticipation Notes for \$750k (A)

The county council took the resolution to a special attorney for further review and changed some of the language.

The grant list was updated with more grant options SRCD could pull from if necessary. If resolution is approved, SRCD will still need to set up a bank account with tri cities. The Line of credit is not to exceed \$750,000.

Director Denham moved to approve the resolution, Director Dukleth seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority vote. (4-0-1)

4) Timeline and Overview for Adoption of CalPERS 457 Retirement Plan (I/A)

There was a presentation from a CalPERS representative that went over their 457 retirement plan. He explained it is 100% voluntary from both the contribution and participation standpoints. The District Manager also gave the board a presentation on social security contributions. She explained that the District has the option of not paying for social security and choosing a different retirement plan. The board of directors wanted to get more employee insight before voting with more information.

B. Projects and Programs

Manager

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

- 1) Approval for California Environmental Quality Act – Notice of Exemption for Upper San Joaquin Kaiser East Protection Project – F/W **(A)**

The Kaiser East program is looking to have their forest health program complete before the year mark.

Director Denham motioned to approve the NOE with legal descriptions edited and Director Hurley seconded motion. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

- 2) Conservation Easement Policy Compliance – A/R **(I)**

District Manager is looking forward to adopting conservation easement policies. SRCD was awarded grants to potentially own farmland to help farmers in various ways. This was informational for the board to see what a conservation easement would operate like and brainstorm how the SRCD would manage that. The group that SRCD is working with is Conservation Partner.

- 3) New Lease and Truck Purchases – ASG **(I)**

SRCD signed a new lease agreement that would be a space in Sanger for the Alignment Strategies Group program. SRCD is also in the process of getting two new trucks.

C. Awards and Projects

- 1) Wildlife Conservation Board Restoring Pollinator and Wildlife Habitat Across Fresno County Landscapes - \$1,872,796 – A/R **(I)**

The Agriculture and Rangeland program was awarded a new grant.

VI. Adjournment – Next Meeting: July 27th, 2026 3pm-5pm Location TBD

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