

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 18th, 2026, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Big Sandy Rancheria– 33041 Auberry Rd Big Sandy Rancheria Oakview Conference Room
& Via MS Teams**

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order** *President*
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Director Roll Call
Pete Lassotovitch, Matt Hurley, Alan Fry, Joe Denham, Online: Don Dukleth
 - C. Introduction of Guests
SRCD Staff: Kelly Kucharski, Sokmarly In, Chelsea Hutchens, Daisy Guzman,
Guests: Donald Griffith (Leadership Consultant), Kirby D. Molen (Timber Metrics LLC), Erwin Duenas (NRCS), John Heywood (IP Advisors), Tom Zizzo (Big Sandy Rancheria), Rebecca Riley (Big Sandy Rancheria)
 - D. Core Values: Stewardship, Responsibility, Innovation (video)
- II. Approval of Minutes from April 2026 (A)**
- Director Hurley pointed out an incomplete motion in the April meeting minutes. Administrator has in her notes the complete motion to insert edits.
- Director Hurley motioned to approve the April minutes with edits; Director Fry seconded the motion. All present motioned to approve and motion passed unanimously. (4-0-1)*** *President*
- III. Public Comment for any item not on the agenda (No action can be taken)**
- IV. Partner Reports (I)**
- A. **Big Sandy Rancheria Tribe of Western Mono Indians**
Rebecca Riley, Tribal Administrator for Big Sandy Rancheria, reported on BSRs work and how SRCD has been involved in their projects. They have an MOU with the forest service for tree planting, trail restoration and other projects which SRCD has been able to collaborate with.
NRCS
Erwin Duenas gave an update on the office and their application process. They will be working on a local worker meeting with SRCD for this fiscal year. They will be reaching out for a collaboration meeting to plan something by the end of august. NRCS has a new interim chief, Colton L. Buckley, who was recently announced.
- 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, *Controller*
Profit and Loss, Draft Budget FY 26-27 **(I)**
Financial Controller did a report on the draft budget for 2026- 2027 which will be formatted differently from last year. It's broken down by programs and operations where is a prediction for a surplus through recovery of fringe and indirect costs. The budget also included CWDGs budget modification which is predicted to happening in the year. The Profit & Loss report provides a full summary of organizational income and expenses for the fiscal year through April 30, 2026. The report aligns with the Budget vs. Actual reports and confirms overall financial activity across grant programs and SRCD operations.
 - B. Projects and Programs *Manager*
(F/W – Forestry, C/I – Collective Impact, A/R – Agriculture, ASG – Alignment Strategies Group)
 - 1) Presentation on Sierra RCD's Forestry and Watershed Program **(I)** *FW Manager*
Chelsea Hutchens presented on the forestry team's current projects and deliverable. Alongside the Chelsea, Kirby Molen presented on the Upper San Joaquin Kaiser East Protection Project. During this discussion they went over what to expect from the project, including hearing pushback from those against work in the forest. Below are some Forestry Watershed team goals for the year:
Goals for 2026: FRE 236
Firewise communities: 20

Projected Acreage: 1,578

VI. Adjournment – Next Meeting: June 22nd, 2026 3pm-5pm Location TBD

To make changes/additions/corrections please email: Daisy Guzman dguzman@sierrarc.com