

AGENDA

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 4:00 PM

This meeting will be held in-person and via teleconference at:

Truax Building
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor
Temecula, CA 92590

To view and participate via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 846 1342 6323

Passcode: 161285

Mission Statement:

The TEAM RCD promotes conservation practices of natural resources, opportunities for public education and participation, and a sustainable quality of life for communities within the District

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

- Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call/Establish a Quorum
- Approval of Agenda
- Public comment

Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject not identified on this Agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District. If you wish to address the Board on a matter not on the agenda, please fill in a pink Speaker Request form and give it to the Board Secretary. If you wish to speak to a matter on the Agenda, please fill in a green Speaker Request Form. When the Board President calls your name, please begin by giving your name and address for the record. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board. Please note that for items not listed on the agenda, the Brown Act imposes limitations on what the Board may do at this time. The Board may not take action on the item at this meeting.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of February 29, 2024.
2. Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of April 11, 2024.
3. Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of April 24, 2024.
4. Approve for current bills and reimbursements:
 - a) Bills paid
 - b) Bills to be paid or reimbursement
 - c) Accounts Receivable

III. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Subject: Cultivating Inclusion business plan

Background: The National Association of Conservation District's grant to TEAMRCD on behalf of Cultivating Inclusion contains funding for a business plan.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The board approve a business plan proposal for Cultivating Inclusion.

B. Subject: Approve and/or Ratify and Confirm prior Special Meeting Action to select Mia Lorence as TEAMRCD's Climate Corps Fellow.

Background: A Special Meeting was held in February to give the Board the opportunity to select a Climate Corps Fellow in time for the quarterly onboarding process beginning in March. The meeting was called in accordance with the instructions issued by District Counsel, and was deemed to be in substantial compliance with the Public Resources Code and the Ralph M. Brown Act. However, at Director Corona's direction, the legal firm Fennemore Craig submitted a letter challenging the legality of that meeting. Out of an abundance of caution, and with no admission that the Special Meeting did not meet legal requirements, District Counsel is recommending that we ratify the decisions taken at that meeting to cure and correct the alleged violations.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board ratify and confirm the selection from the February Special Meeting of Mia Lorence as TEAMRCD's Climate Corps fellow. That the Board further authorize District Counsel to respond to Fennemore's letter, with a not to exceed of \$500.

C. Subject: Strategic planning

Background: Division 9 of the Public Resources Code provides that Resource Conservation Districts shall prepare an annual and long-range work plan.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve the engagement of **Western Regional Council of Governments Deputy Executive Director Chris Gray** to assist TEAMRCD in the drafting of an annual and five year strategic plan.

D. Subject: Administrative assistance

Background: The District needs to update its District handbook. The board may consider a proposal at this time from the office manager to do this work.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the board consider and potentially approve the proposal submitted by Rae Shirer.

E. Subject: Warner Springs Estate Conservation Purchase Letter of Support

Background: TEAMRCD has been asked to provide a letter of support for The California Land Conservancy's application to the County of San Diego and California Fish and

Wildlife to fund the conservation purchase of the 149.7 acre Warner Springs Estate in San Diego County. This parcel is continuous with the Cleveland National Forest range which extends into TEAM's service area, in which efforts are underway to restore connectivity for a critical wildlife corridor severed by the I15. Acquisition of this land for conservation would add viability to this corridor.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board vote on whether to approve the proposed letter.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Subject: Community Wildfire Resilience

Background: The April 24 TEAMRCD Special Meeting continued the discussions begun in March with fire personnel around building community wildfire resilience in the District's service area. It's become clear there are many local needs and potential directions TEAMRCD could go in working on this resource concern. This portion of the meeting is to discuss some possibilities and to try to identify pathways forward.

V. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- Per Director Stuart Kuhn's request, a short statement by each Director on why we're serving at TEAMRCD and what we would like to accomplish.
- Greer Ranch, Cultivating Inclusion, Flood control projects, SAM account, NRCS Cooperative Agreement, WETA: Teri Biancardi
- Lake and Streambed Agreement/Clinton Keith - Pablo Bryant
- Homeless report: Newt Parkes
- Additional reports: Pablo Bryant and Rose Corona

VI. MANAGEMENT REPORT: Rae Shirer

- WETA Financial Report
- Records management progress

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

VIII: ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

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Next Regular Meeting: June 13, 2024, at 4:00 PM