



MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
138 S. Brandon Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028

District Regular Board Meeting, September 16, 2024
3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm.
- II. **Welcome Guests** – There were none.
- III. **Roll Call, Determination of Quorum**
Roll call was taken and a determination was made that a quorum was present as follows:

Directors

Scott Murray, President - present
Julia Escamilla, Vice President - present
Bob Lin, Treasurer - present
Victor Santos, Director – present
Peggy Brown, Director - present

Associate Directors

Ross Pike - Present
Mark Mervich - Present
Cheryl Lindberg - Present

Staff

Ani Vartanians, District Manager
Mia Lorence – Ag Prg Assistant

- IV. **Additions to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2(b))** – There were none.
- V. **Oral Communications to the Board of Directors (Gov. Code 54954.3 (a))** – There were none.

SECTION 1 – CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Calendar items are routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. If any Board member, staff member, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it shall be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

- 1-A: Treasurer’s Reports – August 2024
- 1-B: Monthly Expenses – August 2024
- 1-C: Minutes – May 20, 2024, June 17, 2024, and August 19, 2024

A motion was made by Vice President Escamilla and seconded by Director Brown to accept the consent items as presented.

The motion was carried as follows:

Murray – Aye Santos - Aye
Escamilla – Aye Brown - Aye
Lin - Aye



SECTION 2 – STAFF, OTHER AGENCY, DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE REPORTS

2-A: NRCS Report - A representative from NRCS was not present but instead, a handout was distributed.

2-B: District Manager Report – District Manager Vartanians reported that staff will be participating in a grant workshop on October 15th. The workshop will be led by Lance Andersen and the purpose is to encourage staff to write grants specific to their field of expertise. She also reported that the District will be taking on the Mission Median project in October and that she is working on selecting the best facilitator for the pending Board Workshop.

2-C: Directors' Reports

President Murray: Nothing to report.

Vice President Escamilla: She reminded the Board that the Escondido Fire and Water Expo was coming up on September 28th and mentioned some of the agencies that were confirmed to attend. She also mentioned that California has an upcoming recycling grant.

Treasurer Lin: Nothing to report.

Director Santos: Nothing to report.

Director Brown: She reported that EDCO's manager will be putting together a tour of its facilities and once a date has been selected, she will confirm which board members will be able to attend.

Associate Director Ross: Nothing to report.

Associate Director Mervich: Nothing to report.

Associate Director Lindberg: Nothing to report.

2-D: Legislative Update - There was none.

2-E: Board Committee Reports – There were none.

2-F: Staff Reports: Mia Lorence introduced herself. Originally from Phoenix, Arizona she moved to California for college. She is a CSUSM graduate with a degree in Environmental Studies and Anthropology and is interested in pollinator monitoring. As the Agricultural Program Assistant for MRCD, she works on the Ag Program with 50% of her time dedicated to the WETA Project and farmer's market outreach.

SECTION 3 – CORRESPONDENCE – There was none.

SECTION 4 – BOARD ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

4-1: Newly Awarded Grant - Resilient Farms in San Diego with Lance Andersen (Action needed)

After discussion, District Manager Vartanians confirmed that the Grant had been signed and returned to the Grantor. No further action was required.

4-2: Consulting Agreement – Lance Andersen. (Action Needed)

Lance was unable to attend the Board meeting and was not present to answer any Director questions. For this reason, this item was tabled.

4:3 – Closed Session – Personnel Matters – There was none.



SECTION 5 – LEGAL MATTERS – There were none.

SECTION 6 – AGENDA SUGGESTIONS - NEXT MEETING (10/21/2024) & ADJOURNMENT

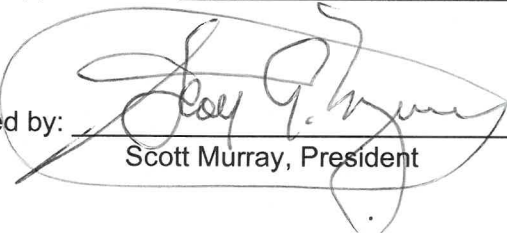
The following items were requested to be added to the October Board meeting agenda:

Item suggestions for the next meeting are:

- Reschedule Item 4-2.
- Ask Fallbrook FireSafe Council to give presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm

Minutes approved on: 10/21/ 2024

Approved by: 
Scott Murray, President

Arrest by: 
Julia Escamilla, Vice President