

**MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

138 S. Brandon Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028

**District Regular Board Meeting, June 17, 2024**

3:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER, Determination of a Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. and a quorum was confirmed by Roll Call:

Directors Present: Scott Murray, Peggy Brown, Victor Santos.

Directors Absent: Julia Escamilla, Bob Lin.

Associate Directors Present: Cheryl Lindberg, Ross Pike, Mark Mervich.

Staff Present: Ani Vatanians

Others Present: NRCS Representative Celine Morales

**II. Welcome Guests – Members of the public in attendance introduced themselves as Vincent Wu, Rasharn Medina and Kai Desjardins.**

**III. Additions to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2(b))**  
There were no additions to the agenda.

**IV. Oral Communications to the Board of Directors**  
Guests present discussed a general interest in the District and service to farmers via integration of the arts and farming. President Murray encouraged them to peruse the MRCD website for familiarity with MRCD purposes and also to visit [www.farmers.gov](http://www.farmers.gov).

**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 – May 2024

1-B: Monthly Expenses – May 2024

1-C: Minutes – May 20, 2024

A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Santos to approve the Consent Items. The motion carried under the following vote:

Director Murray, Aye  
Director Santos, Aye  
Director Brown, Aye

## **SECTION 2 - STAFF, OTHER AGENCY, DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2-A: NRCS Report given by Celine Morales.  
2-B: District Manager Report – A brief update was provided on District operations.  
2-C: Directors Reports – Director Santos reported on a soils class he taught at the Senior Center.  
2-D: Legislate Update – none.  
2-E: Board Committee Reports - Director Santos and Associate Directors Lindberg and Mervich reported on progress at the Community Garden. Associate Director Pike reported on a North County Fire grant received. Director Brown reported on a meeting with District Manager and the landscape company regarding the possible Mission Median program.

## **SECTION 3 - CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

## **SECTION 4 - BOARD ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4-1: Discussion of hard closure of future meetings at 5:30 p.m., (Possible Action). Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

4-2: A motion was made, seconded and carried under the following vote to authorize the District Manager to transfer funds between accounts on an ongoing basis as needed, in consultation with the Board Treasurer.

Director Murray, Aye  
Director Santos, Aye  
Director Brown, Aye

4-3: Discussion of current reserves status and policy. This matter was **tabled** for a future meeting.

4-4: Consider joining the San Diego chapter of the California Special Districts Association. It was noted that the District is currently a member of the Statewide association. A motion was made, seconded and carried under the following vote to join the San Diego Chapter:

Director Murray, Aye  
Director Santos, Aye  
Director Brown, Aye

4-5: Fallbrook Median Project : District Manager Vartanians gave an update including a meeting with Landscape One. Board approval and acceptable contract language remain pending. In the interim, work will continue on possible grant language due to impending application deadline. The matter was **tabled** for the next meeting.

4-6: Final Audit Report: The Auditor’s report was provided in the packet for Board review. Action was **tabled** pending the Treasurer’s review.

4-7: Community Garden Lease renewal. A motion was made, seconded and carried under the following vote to approve the lease renewal:

Director Murray, Aye  
Director Santos, Aye  
Director Brown, Aye

**SECTION 5 – LEGAL MATTERS**

There were no legal matters.

**SECTION 6 – AGENDA SUGGESTIONS – NEXT MEETING (7/15/2024)**

All items Tabled will be included on the next Agenda. There were no additional suggestions.

With business concluded at 4:15 p.m., President Murray asked guests in attendance to further articulate their interest in the MRCD. Guests raised questions regarding grant awarding cycles and described an interest in promoting musical events and permaculture on farmers’ lands.

A motion was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Murray to adjourn the meeting, with the following vote:

Director Murray, Aye  
Director Santos, Aye  
Director Brown, Aye

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Minutes approved on: \_\_\_\_\_ 2024

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest by: \_\_\_\_\_