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

District Regular Board Meeting, August 18, 2025
3:12 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by President Scott Murray.

II. Welcome Guests Celine Morales, NCRS. Lynne Barnett, MRCD Board applicant.

III. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum - A Quorum is present.

Directors present: Scott Murray President
Bob Lin, Treasurer
Peggy Brown, Director
Directors absent: Victor Santos, Director

Associates present: Mark Mervich
Staff present: Ani Vartanians

IV. Additions to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2(b)) - none.

V. Oral Communications to the Board of Directors – At the close of meeting, applicant Lynne Barnett was asked to describe her interest in serving on MRCD Board of Directors. Lynne discussed her activity as a San Diego County certified farmer. She described her attendance at numerous educational programs presented by MRCD, and activity with the Rare Fruit Growers Association. In addition shes taken advantage of UC Davis and UC Riverside programs to improve her farming and conservation practices.

SECTION 1 - CONSENT ITEMS

- 1-A: Treasurer’s Reports
- 1-B: Monthly Expenses – July 2025
- 1-C: Minutes - July 21, 2025 meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Items.

The motion carried under the following vote:

Director Murray , Aye
Director Lin, Aye
Director Brown, Aye

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

- 2-A: NRCS Report – Celine Morales gave a verbal report on NRCS matters, including availability of the area forester as a current and future resource for MRCD.
- 2-B: District Manager Report – Ani Vartanians delivered a full written report on current activities, grants in process, and grants applications pending.



2-C: Directors Reports – Scott plans to attend a wildfire resilience workshop in September. Bob had earlier notified of an upcoming (September) grant writing workshop sponsored by Supervisor Desmond. Peggy plans to attend, as do Ani and other staff members.

2-D: Legislate Update – Legislature is back in session after summer recess as of today.

2-E: Board Committee Reports – none

SECTION 3 - CORRESPONDENCE – none to review.

SECTION 4 - BOARD ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

4-1: Board Member Update – It was noted that an appointment is pending to fill the Board vacancy. Further noted that Scott’s term as a Director has expired; he expressed a willingness to continue as a Director.

4.2: LAFCO MSR Update - Ani reported on a meeting held earlier in the day. Primary focus was on changing the property tax basis for allocation of money to RCDs. However, in the current budget situation the group agreed that the use of a consultant experienced in the area of tax allocation should be consulted, and the next meeting will focus on this. Jurisdiction clean up work continued.

4-3: Budget - Various iterations of the 2025-2026 budget were reviewed, and a motion was made and seconded to adopt version #3.

The motion carried under the following vote:

- Director Murray, Aye
- Director Brown, Aye
- Director Lin, Aye

SECTION 5 - LEGAL MATTERS

No closed session was held.

SECTION 6 – AGENDA SUGGESTIONS – NEXT MEETING 9/15/2025

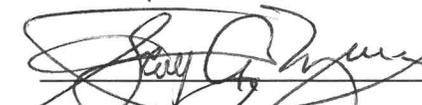
Bylaws Review , LAFCO MSR update, Board Appointments.

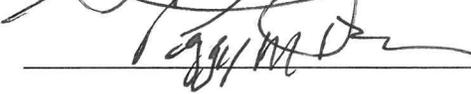
There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and carried to *adjourn the meeting* under the following vote:

- Director Murray, Aye
- Director Lin, Aye
- Director Brown, Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Minutes approved on: SEPT 15, _____ 2025

Approved by:  _____

Attest by:  _____