**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 11:30AM

Lakeside Fire Protection District Boardroom, 12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside 92040

Link for remote participants: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82512128155>

meeting ID: 825 1212 8155

**DIRECTORS Present:** Don Butz, Neil Meyer, Odette Gonzalez, Maggie Sleeper, Diane Moss

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Marilyn Huntamer, Mike McGrath

**VACANCIES:** None

**ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jo MacKenzie

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**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ann Baldridge,Steve Boehmer (Legal Counsel), Celine Morales (NRCS), Heather Cady, Chris Kelley, Joanne Sauerman, , Ofelia Lichtenheld (Hummingbird Agrotek), Jesh Taucher (San Diego Canyonlands).

 online: Joel Kramer

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Since time immemorial, the San Diego County region has been the home of the Kumeyaay, Luiseño, Cahuilla, and Cupeño Native people. We acknowledge that people have come before us and lived with care and respect on these lands. We recognize that we are now on the lands of these indigenous people who are still here and will always be. We honor the Indigenous people living today as well as their ancestors, and we deeply respect their resilience and connection to the land.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, introduction**- **Call to order 11:35Am**

**2. Additions/CHANGES to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (b))**

\* Notice of incorrect consent calendar – monthy expenses stated as June should be July 2025, Treasures report should be June 2025.

Motion ( Gonzlez/Meyer) amendment approved unanimously Butz, Gonzalez, Meyer, Moss; Absent: Huntamer, McGrath -

**\*Request made to move Closed session after staff presentation.**

**3. Public Comment**

Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)). **No Public Comment online or in person.**

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4-1** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025

 **4-2** Note and file monthly Treasurer’s Reports for May 2025

 **4**-**3** Approve monthly expenses for June 2025

**Motion ( Gonzlez/Meyer) amendment approved unanimously Butz, Gonzalez, Meyer, Moss; Absent: Huntamer, Sleeper, McGrath**

\*\* Director Sleeper arrived 11:45am

**5. STAFF PRESENTATION:** Update onTRV improvements by Daniela Mejia and Codi Hale

Directors Sleeper and Butz both complimented all staff for the great accomplishments made at TRV Garden.

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

**6-1** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957

 **Closed session 12:05 pm- Resumed meeting at 12.36 pm**

Title: Executive DirectorEvaluation – No Action taken - Direction given to staff.

**7.** **BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

 **7-1** Discuss/Approve:Sponsorship of September CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

 meeting in Inland Empire

**Motion (Sleeper/Meyer) to approve sponsorship of $2500 for CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force meeting passed unanimously: Butz, Sleeper, Meyer, Gonzalez, Moss; Absent: Huntamer, McGrath**

**7-2** Discuss/Approve: RCD Board Meeting Accessibility

**Motion (Sleeper, Moss) to add concerns of translation of website and program materials through the**

**Strategic Plan and bring back work plan, approved unanimously: Butz, Sleeper, Moss, Gonzalez, Meyer Absent: Huntamer, McGrath**

**7-3** Discuss/Approve: Office Refurbishments

**Motion( Sleeper/Moss) Direction to get at least one more bid and agenda to next meeting. Passed unanimously Gonzalez, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper; Recuse: Butz; Absent: Huntamer, McGrath**

**7-4** Discuss/Approve: New Temporary Employee Classification

**Motion ( Meyer/Gonzalez) to create New Temporary Employee Classification with customary deductions. Approved unanimously Butz, Gonzalez, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper; Absent: Huntamer, McGrath**

**7-5** Discuss/Approve: New Associate Director applications Ofelia Lichenheld and Jeshua Taucher

**Motion ( Meyer/Gonzalez ) to approve Ofelia Lichenheld as New Associate Director**

**Motion ( Gonzalez/Moss) to Approve Jeshua Taucher as New Associate Director both passed unanimously: Butz, Gonzalez, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper; Absent: Huntamer, McGrath**

**8. STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS**

**8-1** Executive Director’s Staff Report (attached)

 **8-2** Grant Status Spreadsheets (attached)

**9. OTHER AGENCY, DIRECTOR, ASSOC DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE, AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**9-1** **CARCD Report**

**9-2** **Director/Associate Director Reports**

**9-3** **NRCS Report** – Celine Morales gave monthly report.

**10. AGENDA SETTING – Resolution to change meeting time**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Sauerman, Board Clerk