

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 24, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation District (District /RCD) Board was called to order by RCD Board Chair Claudia Smith at 4:00 pm in the second-floor conference room at 11641 Blocker Drive in Auburn, CA.

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Directors Present: Claudia Smith  
Stephen (Steve) Jones  
Kristin Lantz  
Jonathan (Jon) Jue  
Justin Miller  
Jim Holmes

Director Absent: Patricia (Patti) Beard

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director  
Donna Thomassen, RCD Employee  
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee  
Brian Pimentel, RCD Employee  
Jerry Reioux, RCD Employee  
Scott Stephenson, RCD Employee  
Ingrid Sheipline, Richardson and Company

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item F was removed from agenda. Jon Jue moved to approve the amended agenda. Jim Holmes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Kristin Lantz moved to approve the meeting minutes from the regular meeting held on January 27, 2026. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Donna Thomassen presented the January 2026 financial reports. It was disclosed that these reports are subject to change due to any adjusting journal entries forthcoming. Jim Holmes moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Jon Jue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **AGENCY REPORT**

Chris Robbins, District Conservationist for the NRCS Auburn office, presented his agency report. Ranking deadlines for RCPP are March 20<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>. NRCS will attend the Ag Resource Fair on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **BUSINESS**

### **New Business:**

- a. *Presentation of Draft Placer County Resource Conservation District Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report and Management Report for the year ending June 30, 2025*  
Ingrid Sheipline from Richardson and Company presented the draft Placer County Resource Conservation District Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's report and Management report for year ending June 30, 2025. Jim Holmes moved to adopt the Auditor's report and Management report. Jon Jue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. *Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Lawsuit Press Release*  
It was suggested that Sarah Jones add a quote to the press release. Jim Holmes moved to approve the PG&E Lawsuit press release. Jon Jue seconded, and the motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention.
- c. *Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Litigation Settlement*  
Jerry Reieux gave public comment regarding suggestions of how the settlement funds could be spent: District retreat for future planning, purchase of real estate, gardening program, work done on unqualified Mosquito Fire Landowners property, maintenance of fuel breaks established during the fire, coordination for spending with Foresthill Fire Safe Council.  
  
Justin Miller moved to assign all funds received from the litigation settlement to an Unrestricted Assigned Settlement Fund account, then to repay the District for legal fees and indirect costs reflected in the settlement financials. Jim Holmes seconded and the motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention. Staff was directed to create a proposal with options for the spending of the funds in support of the Mosquito fire footprint.
- d. *Paid Time Off (PTO) Options*  
Jon Jue moved to approve PTO Caps and payout options. Justin Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. *Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Nomination of a Special District Representative*  
Steve Jones moved to nominate Jim Holmes for the LAFCO Special District Representative vacant seat. Jon Jue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- f. *40 Acre League Project Update*  
Removed from agenda.
- g. *Employee Anniversaries*  
The board recognized employee anniversaries for Kate Espinola and Liliana Santellano.
- h. *Forestry Project Truck Incident*  
The board directed for truck repairs to be paid out of district funds.

### **BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Claudia Smith announced training emails will be sent out.

700 forms are due.

Joe Kausek resigned as Associate director.

Steve Jones and Claudia Smith will miss the March Board meeting.

Steve Jones directed Sarah Jones to speak with District Counsel regarding Conflict of interest on PG&E Lawsuit decisions.

Sarah Jones tentatively booked the Jesuit retreat center for Summer get together on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future agenda items – 40 Acre League update, Donation of PTO, Employee Handbook, Brown Act Training.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm. Kristin Lantz moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Justin Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at 11641 Blocker Drive, Auburn.