



Mark Mooring, President
Roy Talley, Vice President
Kevin Cannon, Secretary/Treasurer
Sean Anderson, Director
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Brianne Schwabauer Whitcomb, Director
Jamie Whiteford, Executive Director

Ventura County Resource Conservation District

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Wednesday, January 21st, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The January 21st, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (RCD) was called to order by President **Mooring** at 8:35 a.m. with a quorum of Directors present.

2. **ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

Mark Mooring present
Roy Talley was present
Kevin Cannon was present
Sean Anderson was present
Misty McNamara was present
Remington Richardson was present
Brianne Schwabauer Whitcomb was absent

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Whiteford, Executive Director
Alicia Miramontez, Administrative Coordinator
Ikuko Nakano, Agricultural Environmental Systems Specialist
Mary Reyes, Education and Outreach Coordinator
Cristina Czochaski, Conservation Environmental Technician

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Jordan Atmore, District Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** On motion by Secretary/Treasurer **Cannon**, seconded by Vice President **Talley**, the Board adopted the **January 21st, 2026, agenda**. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.

5. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 Jordan Atmore reviewed the timeline of EQIP funding and application deadlines of NRCS programs for 2026.

5.2 On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, Ikuko (Coco) Nakano, Cristina Czochanski, and Mary Reyes presented the outcomes of the inaugural Giving Tuesday campaign, *From the Ground Up*, and shared ideas for 2026 events including Earth Day, Oktoberfest, and an upcoming movie screening.

5.3 Jamie Whiteford provided a summary of administrative efforts, including cost of living adjustments, benefit enhancement options, and liability coverage for prescribed burn activities, and briefly showcased VCRCD activities on behalf of the VCRCD Teams.

Several Directors offered suggestions regarding benefit enhancements and Secretary/Treasurer **Cannon** inquired about the purpose of several checks, including SDRMA and Wheel Fun Rentals.

5.4 Director **Anderson** discussed potential implications of a Federal policy banning purchase of non-US manufactured drones.

President **Mooring** discussed the potential use of HeloPods to help combat wildfires.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6.1 On Motion by Vice President **Tally** and Seconded by Director **Richardson**, the Board voted to approve the **November 19th, 2025 minutes of the regular meeting**. Motion carried 6-0.

6.2 On Motion by Director **Anderson** and Seconded by Vice President **Talley**, the Board voted to accept the **November and December 2025 financial reports**. Motion carried 6-0.

7. **ACTION CALENDAR**

7.1 On motion by Director **Anderson** and Seconded by Director **Richardson**, the Board voted to approve Resolution 100-26 approving a Wildlife Conservation Board Prescribed Fire Restoration Project application. Motion passed 6-0.

8. **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

8.1 The Board of Directors discussed the lack of an updated statement from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions in the County. Given this, the Board of Directors also declined to issue a statement regarding ICE.

9. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY DIRECTORS:**

9.1 Secretary/Treasurer **Cannon** requested an update of insurance coverage and costs when appropriate.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – President Mooring adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Whiteford, Executive Director

MINUTES APPROVED:

President:


Mark Mooring, President

Attest:


Jamie Whiteford, Executive Director