

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 18th, 2026



Mark Mooring, President
Roy Talley, Vice President
Kevin Cannon, Secretary/Treasurer
Sean Anderson, Director
Misty McNamara, Director
Remington Richardson, Director
Brienne Schwabauer Whitcomb, Director
Jamie Whiteford, Executive Director

Ventura County Resource Conservation District

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The **February 18, 2026**, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (RCD) was called to order by President **Mooring** at 8:34 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 remotely
Remington Richardson was present
Brienne Schwabauer Whitcomb was absent

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Whiteford, Executive Director
Alicia Miramontez, Administrative Coordinator
Deb Barringer, Restoration Ecologist
Jia Wiebe, Conservation Ecologist
Rachel Ray, Resource Conservation Technician

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Brooks Engelhardt, District Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Jerrold Sharp, Professional Forester, Sharp Forestry Co.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** On motion by Director **Anderson**, second by Director **Richardson**, the Board adopted the **February 18, 2026, agenda**. Motion carried 6-0.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerrold Sharp, from Tulare County, provided a summary of how his services might be of value to the District, especially with respect to the Fire Preparedness program, given that he is a registered professional forester with a background with CEQA compliance and a history working in mixed conifer forests.

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5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Brooks Engelhardt reviewed the deadlines of NRCS programs for 2026 and provided an update on progress with VCAILG member conservation planning for Ag Order compliance.

5.2 On behalf of the Wildlife Habitat (Restoration) Team, Deb Barringer, Jia Wiebe, and Rachel Ray provided project updates including their riparian restoration work, oak restoration efforts, and the Monarch and pollinator program. The Team also discussed the upcoming Western Monarch Butterfly movie screening, Earth Day event, and silent auction and answered questions from Directors.

5.3 Jamie Whiteford provided a summary of administrative efforts, including Board filing compliance, office space needs, VCRCO fiscal health summary, and briefly showcased VCRCO activities on behalf of the VCRCO Teams.

5.4 Director **Anderson** updated the Board that he had attempted to assist the Fire Preparedness Team with drone coverage during a pile burn but was unable to access the site.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6.1 On Motion by Director **Anderson** and Seconded by Director **Richardson**, the Board voted to approve **January 21st, 2026, minutes of the regular meeting**. Motion carried 6-0.

6.2 On Motion by Vice President **Talley** and Seconded by Treasurer **Cannon**, the Board voted to accept the **January financial reports**. Motion carried 6-0.

7. ACTION CALENDAR

7.1 None.

8. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

8.1 Jamie Whiteford sought input on the level of fiscal and in-kind support VCRCO wished to provide the Fund for Resource Conservation (FRC). Director **McNamara** asked for clarity regarding the relationship between the VCRCO and FRC Board and it was agreed that the FRC bylaws will be distributed for review to further clarify board roles and calendar expectations.

Regarding FRC funding support, Director **Richardson** suggested developing a system to track FRC staffing and administrative costs to understand FRC's current VCRCO support levels.

9. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY DIRECTORS:

9.1 None.

10. ADJOURNMENT – President Mooring adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Whiteford, Executive Director

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President: _____

Mark Mooring, President

Attest: _____

Jamie Whiteford, Executive Director

