



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
April 28, 2026 – 9:00 am
Greater Valley CCC Facility (14993 Camage Ave, Sonora)

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Roll Call: OFFICERS – Sanchez (Acting President), Sloan (Acting VP), Aceves (Treasurer)
DIRECTORS – Carlen, Milani, McGowan,

Absent: Caldwell

Guests/Collaborators/Project Managers Present: Sean Hembre, Jerry Usrey, Bill Barteau, Adelina Sanchez, Jami Wolf, Alec Lane, Scott Fremd, Stephen Johnson

Standing Reports:

Acting President Sanchez opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He outlined the change in leadership due to Karen Caldwell resigning her position as Board President.

Treasurer Aceves provided a financial update including the checking and savings account balances and transactions that occurred over the last month.

Executive Director Alt provided a written project update included in the Board agenda package. Alt also provided an update regarding collaboration with Tuolumne County for the County Coordinators grant through California Fire Safe Council.

Committee/Meeting updates:

Vice President Sloan provided an update on the agenda and discussion from the County Fire Advisory committee. Director Milani provided an update from SWIFT.

Discussion:

Sean Hembre provided information regarding the programmatic CEQA the County is developing. He shared the value and streamlining of the effort and how agencies may be able to utilize the programmatic CEQA.

Bill Barteau provided an update on Cal FIRE grant cycle and upcoming grant deadlines.

Business/Action items:

Both action items were removed from the agenda.

Information Item:

- A. Strategic Planning: Alt provided an update of strategic efforts that have been completed to date and those that need milestone dates.
- B. Grant prioritization: The Board directed Alt to coordinate discussions with Cal FIRE for submission for Wildfire Prevention Grants.
- C. Independent Audit: Alt provided an executive summary and presentation of the purpose and importance of an independent audit. Acting President Sanchez emphasized the importance of audit and the integrity that comes with it. The Board directed Alt to work with the Treasurer to become audit ready and suggest a timeline for completion.



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- D. Board meeting locations: Acting President Sanchez recommended having Council meetings in other locations throughout the county, including Pine Mountain that the Groveland area. The Board had consensus on the recommendation.
- E. Board project field trips: Acting President Sanchez recommended the Board set an opportunity to see completed projects and in-progress projects in person. The Board concurred.
- F. Board meeting recordings: Acting President Sanchez reported out to attendees that Council meetings will be recorded in an effort to make meeting minutes more efficient to complete.
- G. Hazard Fuels Reduction program in at-risk communities: Acting President Sanchez discussed the importance of these programs and his interest in the Council developing one.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:48 AM

Executive Committee Meeting: Called to Order at 11am

The Board took action on the following items in Executive Committee:

Gary Sanchez – Elected President

Chuck Sloan – Elected Vice President