Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

July 28, 2026 – 9:00 am

Greater Valley CCC Facility (14993 Camage Ave, Sonora)

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Roll Call: OFFICERS – Sanchez (President), Sloan (VP), Aceves (Treasurer)
DIRECTORS – Bietz, Caldwell, Carlen

Absent: McGowan, Milani

Guests/Collaborators/Project Managers Present: Michael Casas, Jami Wolf, Alec Lane, Stephen Johnson, Craig Conklin, Larry Martin, David Brown, Jeff Morgan, Renee Orth, Dave Salazer

Call to Order: President Gary Sanchez called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m. A quorum was established. Roll call was conducted and board members, staff, partners, and members of the public introduced themselves. Written reports were distributed in advance of the meeting.

Standing Reports: Presidents Report, Treasurers Report and Executive Directors Report were all provided in writing and included in agenda packet.

Presidents Report: Sanchez summarized fundraising outreach, participation in the Sonora Area Foundation workshop, community engagement, and representation at the Twain Harte Homeowners Association meeting and local fundraising events.

Treasurers Report: Aceves Treasurer reported all accounts reconciled through June 30, receipt of the initial County Coordinator grant advance, and reviewed cash flow management and grant advances.

Executive Directors Report: Alt highlighted Executive Director highlighted project status, impacts of the Dove Fire on the Dragoon project, project funding and future grant management considerations.

Committee/Meeting updates:

President Sanchez noted County Fire Safety Advisory Committee was cancelled.

ED Alt provided an update regarding SWIFT and the discussion of upcoming grant opportunities and in person attendance at meetings for all participants.

Director Caldwell provided a Firewise update.

Michael Casas, from Caltrans District 10, provided a report on their efforts at vegetation management and asked for input as to hazard areas that may need treatment.

Rene Orth provided a report from the Tuolumne Prescribed Burn Association.

Craig Conklin provided a report from the Wildfire 101 course provided in Twain Harte.

Business/Action items:

A. June meeting minutes passed unanimously.

B. Nomination for Recording Secretary, Dore Bietz was voted unanimously to be seated as Recording Secretary. Director Bietz abstained from the vote.

C. Executive Committee recommendation for Bookkeeping Services: The Board voted to approve, 3 ayes, 2 nays with Director Acevez abstaining.

D. Audit Objectives: The Board adopted the item unanimously, directed ED Alt to work collaboratively with Treasurer Aceves and Secretary Bietz to draft an RFP for Board consideration at the August meeting.

E. County Coordinator grant budget and deliverables. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the budget and deliverables for the grant, directing ED Alt to report monthly to the Board regarding meeting the grant deliverables.

F. Grant Priorities: The Board voted unanimously to approve Alt applying for a planning grant via SNC and for Directors Bietz and Caldwell to work together to develop projects for consideration for the California Fire Foundation grant upcoming this fall.

G. Budget Funding Requests: The board voted unanimously to ratify the Zoom subscription approved by the Executive Council and the expenditures for hand held GPS units and mapping software subscriptions.

Information Item:

A. Audit Readiness Checklist. The Board heard a short report from ED Alt regarding the Audit Readiness Checklist and areas of concern for the independent audit.
B. Executive Director evaluation forms and process: The Board appointed Directors Sanchez and McGowan to complete recommendations for the ED evaluation and process for Board consideration at the September Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:08 PM

Executive Committee Meeting: Executive Committee called to order at 12:15 pm.

The Board directed Alt to address IRS notification regarding past due taxes for a former contractor including associated expenses to the Council, if any.

The Board voted unanimously to amend the employment agreement for ED Alt due to the award of the County Coordinator grant and increase in responsibilities.