Board of Directors Meeting Agenda August 25, 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), Bietz (Secretary)

DIRECTORS – Caldwell, Carlen, McGowan, Milani

STAFF – Al Alt – Executive Director

Absent: none

Guests/Collaborators/Project Managers Present: Chief Britton Gregory (Sonora City Fire), Scott Fremd, Alec Lane, Bill Barteau (CAL FIRE), Roger Petersen (CAL FIRE), Adam Freese, Amanda Freese, Stephen Johnson, Jami Wolf

Call to Order: President Gary Sanchez called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 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: Indicated report was in package.

Treasurers Report: Aceves Treasurer gave report and indicated written report was in agenda packet. Discussion of TuCARE funds and balance. Board confirmed no Council funds are authorized for TuCARE expenditures.

Executive Directors Report: Alt stated SWIFT tour was highlighted. Groveland work was shown. Loss 30 acres in Stockton Road due to the Dove Fire. Discussion will be held between TFSC and CAL FIRE.

Committee/Meeting updates:

Tuolumne County Fire Safety Advisory Committee - President Sanchez noted County Fire Safety Advisory Committee was cancelled but this Weds will be quarterly meeting.

SWIFT - ED Alt provided an update regarding SWIFT field trip looking at different projects. Roger Petersen mentioned the VMP's that CAL FIRE is conducting. Director Milani mentioned the strategic importance of fuel breaks being conducting in that area. Great opportunity to see some other work being done.

YSS Update from Jerry, starting to look at potential changes, County has determined that Tuolumne River Trust cannot be the fiduciary pass through. The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors will be addressing issue at future BOS mtg.

Firewise - Caldwell provided update on Firewise. Several calls from interested folks. Willow Springs have submitted an application (would make it 26 in County), another application from area within Strawberry. Alec is temporary for Morningstar applicants. Several applications in process. Discussed TucCare funding availability and how we will have to change who gets what, make more competitive. Crystal wanted to clarify that the balance shown in the report is not accurate as to what is available due to interest and cost to Council.

Discussion – Partner and cooperator information and reports

CAL FIRE (Petersen) spoke about recent grants and next steps, mentioned that DOVE Fire had some good work completed prior to and attributed to success. Projects that had dozer lines etc. gave access for on ground firefighting.

Sonora City Fire Chief Gregroy spoke about FEMA and Dove Fire process.

Adam Freese spoke about Tuolumne Fuels Reduction Project CEQA, just need to complete Native American consultation piece. Estimate 30-day turnaround after turning in completed request. ED Alt spoke about TUD support on the project.

Business/Action items:

A. July meeting minutes passed unanimously. Chuck moved to approve, second by McGowan Allin favor, no nays, no abstentions. Motion approved.

B. Audit RFP Update. Workgroup were assigned Dore, Crystal, Chuck provided update and ED Alt created the final document for Board approval. Chuck moved to approve the, second by McGowan. All in favor, no nays, no abstentions. Motion approved.

> ED Alt reminded the Board of the dates and short timeframe. It is not a budgeted item, a small portion can be taken out of the County Coordinator grant but remaining will have to come out of the Council general fund. Sanchez encouraged all Board members to be familiar so that we can meet the timeframes. Must be completed by March to meet COCO Grant requirements. Gary, Chuck and Dore to be the RFP's reviewers, rank and then submit to ED Alt for tally.

D. Executive Director evaluation forms and process. Update on the process that produced recommended for Board approval. Sloan stated that he would like to have three members review the input from each of the Board members. Caldwell asked for clarification that each Board member fills out form, the three then identified would provide the final evaluation. Bietz moved to approve the Executive Director Evaluation, second by Chuck. All in favor, no nays, no abstentions. Motion approved.

Discussion – Chuck and Jerry will work to bring back process once evaluations submitted.

F. Bureau of Land Management Land Use Permit. ED Alt updated on agenda packet item and made recommendation. Discussion of liability concerns, cost to TFSC and the industry standard.

Dore moved to approve authorization to secure the BLM land use permit associated with Wise Woodworks and authorize the Executive Director to:

1. Secure the required BLM land use permit;
2. Recover applicable permit costs and Executive Director time and effort;
3. Implement appropriate risk management measures; and
4. Establish proposed dates for review of the facility.

Discussion – Caldwell would like to offer services in kind and that we visit monthly and have some recognition for TFSC. Talked about the history of site and program. Duration of permit time was discussed likely 3 or 5 years. ED Alt will bring back.

Motion Seconded by Chuck. All in favor, no nays, no abstentions. Motion approved.

Break - none

Information Items (No Action):

A. Board Committees/meeting assignments. Discussion of the putting together a list of those meetings out in the community that would need representation.

B. Audit readiness Checklist Status – ED Alt updated on the checklist and that one of the items we still need action on is a Budget. He will bring back to Board next meeting. Discussion was had about status and how far back they will want to look.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:22 AM

Executive Committee Meeting: Executive Committee called to order at 10:37am

Board discussed governance items. No action taken.