

Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District Regular Meeting

When: Wednesday May 6th 2026 at 5:30pm

Where: Inyo County Building, 1360 N Main St Bishop CA, Room 207

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Agenda

Meeting called to order at 5:39 by Graham Meese.

Board Attendance: Chance Rossi, Kay Ogden, Graham Meese, Katie Doonan

Attendance: Steve Nelson, Mikhala Bornstein

Public Comment Period

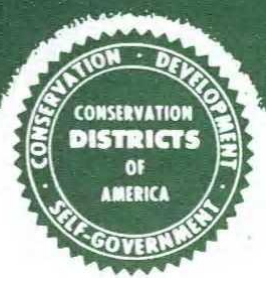
- Receive public comments and information on matters not on the agenda.
Local working group meeting with NRCS requested for June 2nd from 5:30. Board agrees to attend local working group meeting and recruit local producers.

Inyo-Mono RCD Meeting Minutes

- Recommended Action: Consider and approve the minutes from the regular IMRCD meeting on Feb 3rd 2026.
Chance moves to approve the minutes, Katie seconds, motion carries (Kay abstained due to absence) and minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Kay Ogden, IMRCD Board Treasurer
Kay reported that within the \$6,000 annual budget, the IMRCD expended just under \$600. The current balance for the fiscal year is \$5,340.



The expenditure was for the website hosting through Streamline. CSDA dues are paid for two years, they will not be paid next year. Must be included in the next budget. IMRCD has been requested to pay \$220 for the audit, normally they bill straight to the account but this year they are asking IMRCD to fill out a form in order to participate.

Board agreed to assign Kay to work on a preliminary budget of \$6,000 to be submitted to the County at the end of the fiscal year, with a formal budget to be approved at the next Board meeting. The finalized budget will be submitted to the county by the deadline.

There is an opportunity to provide scholarships to both Bishop and Lone Pine high school students. Board discussion shows support for assigning a subcommittee, Katie and Chance, to select students as recipients of agricultural scholarships.

Kay makes a motion to approve 3 scholarships at 500 each, 2 for bishop and one for lone pine for students going into agriculture or natural resources with selection from subcommittee, Graham seconds, motion carries with approval by all.

Participation in Inyo County Audit Pool

- Recommended Action: Consider and approve IMRCD participation in the Inyo County audit pool for Fiscal Years 23-24, 24-25, 25-27 and 26-27.

Public Comment

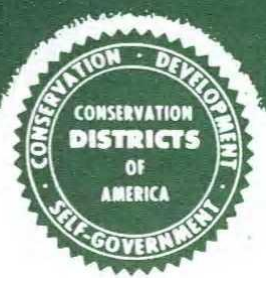
Kay moves to participate in the Inyo County Audit Pool, Graham seconds, all in favor, motion carries. Kay will send to the County and copy Steve for transparency.

CARCD Membership Dues

- Recommended Action: Consider and approve payment of CARCD membership dues for Fiscal Years 25-26 and 26-27.

Public Comment

Steve reported membership within the CARCD will make it easier to apply for block grant opportunities, and allow for more resources in order to apply for future grant opportunities. CARCD membership is \$150 annually.



Graham makes a motion to approve, Chance seconds, motion carries and the action is approved to pay CARCD membership dues for fiscal year 25-26 and 26-27.

Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Memorandum of Understanding

- Recommended Action: Consider and approve IMRCD to become a signatory to the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Memorandum of Understanding.

Public Comment

Steve reported that this opportunity will allow the IMRCD to apply for future grant opportunities in conjunction with the ESWA. This would give IMRCD voting rights for proposals that come before the group, but there is no financial obligation to signing on to a MOU. Being a member would allow IMRCD to be represented on ESWA materials and could be a potential public facing opportunity.

Graham moves to approve IMRCD to become a signatory to the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance MOU.

Grant Opportunities

- Recommended Action: Receive updates on current grant opportunities and consider authorization for the IMRCD to pursue them.

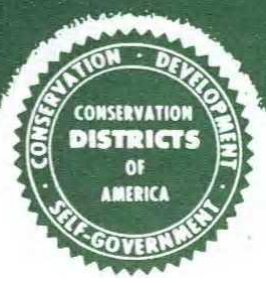
Public Comment

CalFire prevention grant opens tomorrow, Kristen will work with Steve directly on creating opportunities there to help the RCD. Steve reported that it is state of California grant season and more will open in the next few weeks. He is considering submitting to the SWEEP block grant for \$2 million. Concept proposals are submitted before full grant application.

For the SWEEP block grant, \$2 million is minimum. 20% is for admin and would be disbursed in 2027 and would have four years for distribution. Distribution would be \$200,000 for each producer. ESLT would sign on as a technical assistance provider. CARCD could potentially take care of the administrative piece and provide a project manager.

CalFire and SNC grants are starting to roll out and the RCD may consider applying for one. Kay noted that fire safe councils could be a potential recipient, and Steve

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noted IMRCD could potentially sub grant out to other organizations to accommodate some of those needs.

Board Member & Staff Reports

- Recommended Action: Receive reports from Board members on items in progress and those in development for consideration and approval if needed.

Public Comment

Staff report: Steve – has reporting requirements for White Bark, will share with board as those are completed. His first priority is to start establishing records for NRCS, of which he has not found the formation document but has found SAMs registration for federal grants. The last step is to get IRS verification. Jarret will be responsible party and he is now up to date with that piece. Steve did find the original EIN, which wasn't signed until 2011. The RCD did have liability insurance when they did an equipment library.

Steve reported that IMRCD now have access to CalPERS and up to date with reporting and updated access there.

Steve found that we incorporated the Oasis RCD, which included the southeastern portion of the county so there may be precedent for the consolidation with Mono RCD.

He also noted a potential pilot project of virtual fencing collars, and could potentially host collars for producers to test.

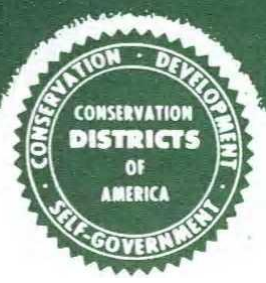
He noted a resolution from the county that they would do appointments rather than election, would be good to check on that resolution to ensure that the resolution remains in effect until a change.

Agenda Development

- Recommended Action: Confirm date and identify potential agenda items for next regular IMRCD meeting.

June 2nd for the NRCS local working group

August meeting August 4th at 5:30



Kay expressed deep gratitude toward Steve and his work in getting the IMRCD back up and running and facilitating a new pathway forward.

Katie moves to adjourn at 7:04, seconded by Chance, motion carries