



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
March 20, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by President Reyna at 6:03 PM

Directors Present: Gallardo, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna. | Directors Absent: Ojeda

Others Present: General Manager/Board Secretary – Raul Barraza, Jr.; Legal Counsel – Alan J. Peake and District Engineer – Dee Jaspar.

Pledge of allegiance: The Pledge was led by President Reyna.

Agenda Item #1 Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #2.: Consent Calendar

- a. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2023.**
- b. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023.**
- c. **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023.**
- d. **Accounts Payable for February 20, 2023 – March 3, 2023.**
- e. **Accounts Payable for March 6, 2023 – March 17, 2023.**

A motion was made to approve items a and b by Vice President Alvarez. It was seconded by Director Gallardo.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.

Agenda Item #3: Update on District Solar Project and Approval of Ground Lease and Solar Easement Agreement with the Successor Agency to the Arvin Community Redevelopment Agency regarding property APN#: 189-353-07 and Solar Easement Agreement with the City of Arvin APN#: 446-010-60, APN#: 446-010-59, and APN#: 446-010-73.

General Manager and Legal Counsel discussed with the Directors the process of getting a lease agreement for the District's solar project. City of Arvin's staff and legal counsel still need to reply to these documents. Staff suggested to wait on approving until a reply is received. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #4: Update on Inadequate Determination of the Revised 2020 Groundwater Sustainability Plans Submitted for the San Joaquin Valley – Kern County Subbasin and Approval of EKI Task Order dated March 3, 2023.

General Manager and Legal Counsel informed Directors that the Kern Subbasin plans submitted were received an inadequate determination mostly based on no continuity between plans. Staff also presented the EKI task order that would allow EKI to work on Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Work would be split depending on how much work was completed for each GSP of the South of Kern River GSA. A motion was made by Director Gallardo and seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Tolman and Wiker Insurance Renewal covering Commercial Package, Crime, Auto, and Excess Liability for \$79,296.00



General Manager requested to have this item tabled as the rate was incorrect and would present new total at the next meeting for approval.

Agenda Item #6: Staff Comments

General Manger: ACSD and AEWS D are discussing a project to turn 160 acres into recharging ponds. GM also discussed applying for ear tag money from David Valadao’s office.

Legal Counsel: Form 700 are due April 1st.

District Engineer: Well No. 18 to have PG&E complete their work sometime in March 2023.

Agenda Item #7: Board Member Comments:

- a. **Director Gallardo:** Absent.
- b. **Director Ojeda:** No comment.
- c. **Director Pantoja:** No comment.
- d. **Vice President Alvarez:** No comment.
- e. **President Reyna:** No comment.

Agenda Item #8: Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session at 6:34 p.m. made by Vice President Alvarez and seconded by Director Gallardo. AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.

- a. **Conference with Labor Negotiators: General Manager and District Legal Counsel: Laborers International Union of North America 777 Gov’t Code 54957.6**

Motion to go back into open session at 6:42 p.m. made by Vice President Alvarez and seconded by Director Gallardo.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.

Closed Session Report: Information was provided. No action was taken.

Item #9: Adjournment

Motion was made by Vice President Alvarez and seconded by Director Pantoja to adjourn meeting at 6:43 p.m.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna, Alvarez.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Raul Barraza, Jr.

Aurelio Reyna

Raul Barraza, Jr.
Board Secretary/General Manager

Aurelio Reyna
Board President