



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
March 16, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on **Monday, March 16, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by President Reyna at 6:00 PM

Directors Present: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja (6:05 p.m.), Pantoja, Ojeda (6:03 p.m.), Reyna.

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

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

Agenda Item #1: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #2

a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026

b. Accounts Payable for March 2, 2026– March 13, 2026

A motion was made to approve items 2.a. and 2.b. by Director Pantoja and seconded by Director Gallardo.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna. ABSENT: Moreno Pantoja, Ojeda.

Agenda Item #3: Update of District Projects:

a. Comanche Drive and South Derby Street Road Improvement Project:

General Manager informed board members that this project is out to bid. Bids are due March 19th at 3:00 p.m. There were two job walks, and the bidding contractor must attend one job walk. Bids will be opened at the District Office, and the lowest bidder will be selected. District will have a meeting with City Engineer on Tuesday March 17th and discuss construction calendar for project.

b. Sonshine Properties Consolidation Project:

District notarized signatures from owners of Sonshine Project for easement rights and approval to move forward with consolidation project was signed.

Agenda Item #4: Board to take possible action re: Arvin Community Services District Solar Project Deferred Improvement Agreement with the City of Arvin

General Manager and legal counsel discussed with the Board Members the issues the District is having in getting a Deferred Agreement from the City of Arvin. Comments were sent back to City Attorney. The latest version has comments by SiteLogIQ to make sure the District receives physical permits to begin PTO process for Well Site 11. Staff recommend approving Deferred Agreement so that District can proceed with scheduling inspections from PG&E. A motion was made by VP Ojeda to approve Deferred Improvement Agreement, and it was seconded by Director Gallardo.

AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

Agenda Item #5: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Purchase Approval of Insta-Valve Insertion Equipment from Hydra-Stop for \$66,596

General Manager presented the board of directors with a Staff Report recommending the purchase of an insertion valve machine that would allow the District to perform its own valve replacement and line stops. Line stops are necessary for shutdowns where valves are not working. The cost of a third-party line stop is



usually around \$12,000 for a single 8” AC line stops. District operators would be certified installers with the course provided by the manufacturer. The training also consists of replacing 3 valves in the field that would be permanent work for the water system. General Manager stated that for road improvement projects planned for 2026, there will be an opportunity for the District Operators to complete a total of 13 line stops (valve insertions) which would pay for the equipment purchase. District Board requested information regarding total tax amount, shipping, and warranty of equipment. Legal counsel stated that motion could be approved understanding that cost is not to exceed \$75,000 and manager to report back to board member questions. A motion was then made by VP Ojeda and seconded by Director Gallardo.
AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

Agenda Item #6: Staff Comments

General Manger: No comments
Legal Counsel : FPPC Forms.
District Engineer: Not in attendance.

Agenda Item #7: Board Member Comments:

- a. **Director Gallardo:** No comments
- b. **Director Moreno Pantoja:** Not comments.
- c. **Director Pantoja:** No comments
- d. **Vice President Ojeda:** Discussed going to the Water Association of Kern County for the 10th annual water summit. Stated a lot of information important to our region was shared.
- e. **President Reyna:** No comments.

Agenda Item #8: Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Pantoja and seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja to adjourn the meeting at the time of 6:37 PM.

AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Raul Barraza, Jr.

Aurelio Reyna

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Board Secretary/General Manager

Aurelio Reyna
Board President