



Michael Miya, President
Ed Esajian, Treasurer
Jerred Barba, Director
Tony DeGroot, Director
Paul Newton, Director
Nathan Heeringa, Associate Director

Board Meeting
November 19, 2025
870 Greenfield Ave., Hanford

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Flag Salute
2. **Director Introduction**
3. **Public Comment**
 - a. *Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda or any other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.*
4. **Financial reports**
 - a. September and October 2025 Financials - **Action**
 - b. Invoices - **Action**
5. **Meeting Minutes**
 - a. September 2025 regular meeting minutes – **Action**
6. **Bountiful Agricultural**
 - a. Monthly Grant and Funding Report
7. **NRCS Report**
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Grants
 - i. CDFA Healthy Soils Program (HSP)
 - ii. CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA)
 - iii. NRCS Capacity Grant
 - b. SGMA
9. **New Business**
 - a. Small Surface water and Ground Storage Water Projects Grant Program - **Action**
 - b. CDFA SWEEP Grant - **Action**
 - c. BOD Election Schedule
10. **Director Announcements**
11. **Adjournment**

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
December 17, 2025
1:30 PM

EKRCF Financials - Sept/Oct 2025

Starting Balance 8/31/25 \$152,519.49

			Credit	Debit
9/2/25	HSP Reimbursement	23-0720-72		\$34,487.01
9/3/25	HSP Email and Virus scan	Computer Systems Plus		\$38.10
9/3/25	WETA Email and Virus scan	Computer Systems Plus		\$38.10
9/3/25	HSP - TRC Stipend Round 1	Yamnah Sargent		\$1,666.00
9/3/25	HSP Reimbursement	23-7020-65		\$22,682.35
9/4/25	HSP Admin Fee Q1	Innovative Ag Services		\$5,644.50
9/4/25	HSP Admin Fee Q2	Innovative Ag Services		\$7,143.90
9/8/25	HSP - TRC Stipend Round 2	Yamnah Sargent		\$1,666.00
9/8/25	HSP - TRC Stipend Round 2	Brian Medeiros		\$1,666.00
9/10/25	HSP - TRC Stipend Round 2	Douglas Amaral		\$1,666.00
9/11/25	HSP Web Design services	CalTech Web		\$99.00
9/11/25	WETA Web design services	CalTech Web		\$99.00
9/23/25	HSP Advance Payment	CDFA	\$375,000.00	
9/26/25	August Contract	Kings County Farm Bureau		\$2,500.00
9/26/25	September Contract	Kings County Farm Bureau		\$2,500.00
9/30/25	HSP Email and Virus scan	Computer Systems Plus		\$38.10
9/30/25	WETA Email and Virus scan	Computer Systems Plus		\$38.10
9/30/25	Grant Reporting July-Sept	Bountiful Agriculture		\$900.00
9/30/25	HSP Admin Q3	Innovative Ag Services		\$7,143.90
			Expenses	\$90,016.06
			Income	\$375,000.00
			Account Balance	\$437,503.43

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			Credit	Debit
10/1/25	HSP Web Design services	Cal Tech Web		\$49.50
10/1/25	WETA Web Design services	Cal Tech Web		\$49.50
10/3/25	HSP Reimbursement	23-0720-59		\$25,486.92
10/6/25	HSP Reimbursement	23-0720-10		\$62,987.82
10/15/25	HSP Reimbursement	23-0720-12		\$29,097.67
10/23/25	HSP Admin Fee Q4	Innovative Ag Services		\$7,143.90
10/23/25	HSP Reimbursement	23-0720-10		\$33,424.54
10/28/25	HSP Reimbursement	23-0720-11		\$19,817.33
10/23/25	HSP Email and Virus	Computer Systems Plus		\$38.10
10/23/25	WETA Email and Virus	Computer Systems Plus		\$38.10
10/23/25	HSP Reimbursement	23-0720-71		\$28,495.79
10/30/25	Adjustment			\$549.92
			Expenses	\$207,179.09
			Income	\$0.00
			Account Balance	\$230,324.34



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INVOICE

BILL TO
Excelsior/Kings River RCD
870 Greenfield Ave
Hanford, CA 93230

INVOICE 20074707
DATE 10/01/2025
TERMS Net 30
DUE DATE 10/31/2025

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
EKRCD Contract	1	2,500.00	2,500.00

BALANCE DUE **\$2,500.00**



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INVOICE 20074748
DATE 11/01/2025
TERMS Net 30
DUE DATE 12/01/2025

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
EKRCD Contract	1	2,500.00	2,500.00

BALANCE DUE **\$2,500.00**

Board members present: T. DeGroot, E. Esajian, M. Miya, P. Newton
Others present: B. Bain, M. Burks, N. Soares, I. Vietti, T. Flores, D. Ference

1. Call to Order: 1:32 PM
2. Public Comments:
 - a. D. Ference provided an update from County Counsel regarding the vacant board seat.
3. Financial Report
 - a. A motion was made by Paul Newton, seconded by Tony DeGroot, and passed without opposition, approving the August 2025 Financial Report and Invoices as presented.
4. Meeting Minutes:
 - a. A motion was made by Paul Newton, seconded by Michael Miya, and passed without opposition, approving the August 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented.
5. Bountiful Agriculture Updates
 - a. I. Vietti provided updates
6. NRCS Report
 - a. M. Burks provided an update on the Capacity Grant Extension.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Grants
 - i. D. Ference provided updates.
 - b. SGMA
 - i. D. Ference provided updates
8. New Business
 - a. Bountiful Agriculture Contract
 - i. A motion was made by Paul Newton, seconded by Tony DeGroot, and passed without opposition to retroactively authorize a service agreement for October, November, and December and approve Bountiful Agriculture to do grant specific research up to \$2500.
9. Adjournment: 2:34 PM

Monthly Grant and Funding Opportunity Report

For month November 2025

Federal Funding:

USDA- Farm to School Grant Program: Due December 5th. objective is to: Improve access to local foods in eligible CNP sites through comprehensive farm to CNP programming that includes local sourcing and agricultural education efforts. \$100,000 - \$500,000 award range

State Funding:

WCB- Stream Flow Enhancement Program- Ongoing- Enhancing flows to benefit of fish. Variable award (~\$200K to 3.5M) no cost share required.

WCB- Inland Wetland Conservation- Ongoing, Variable award (~\$200K to 5.7M) no cost share required. Used to acquire lands or conservation easements for wetlands or wildlife friendly agriculture.

DFW- Prop 68 Rivers and streams Grant Programs: Variable award (~\$30K to 400K) Improving natural waterway habitat.

New* CDFA- proposals for assistance to limited resource applicants for the 2026 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP). The intent of the assistance program is to provide a process through which small and/or limited resource applicant organizations can participate and successfully implement their SCBGP projects. \$75,000 to \$250,000 award, due Monday, January 12, 2026.

NEW* SWRCB- 2026 Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant- \$50,000.00- \$1 Million 25% cost share. supports projects to reduce and mitigate the effects of nonpoint source pollutants to waters of the state within priority watersheds identified by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Projects that improve impaired waters, protect high quality waters, and restore fire-damaged landscapes will be considered along with planning and implementation project proposals Due 12/19/25.

Other Funding Notes:

Expect both Federal and State Agencies to begin releasing RFP's and grants at a rapid pace for next 3-4 months.



State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture
 Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation

Project Modification Request Form

Date:	Grant Agreement #:	Grant Award Amount:	Revision Request #:
11/05/25	23-0644-000-SO	\$500,000.00	3
Grant Recipient Information:			
Grant Program 2023 Water Efficiency Technical Assistance			
Organization Name: Excelsior Kings River Resource Conservation District			
Contact Name: Dusty Ference			
Telephone: 559-309-4030			
Email: dusty@ekrcd.org			
Type of Modification (Check All Applicable)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan (e.g. addition or deletion of activities/deliverables; change to start/end dates of tasks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work (e.g. project narrative, design, project partners/team members) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Others (explain below)			
Description of the Modification			
<p>Pump Test Allocation Adjustment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard producers: up to 6 pump tests, regardless of farm size. - SDFR: up to 10 pump tests, regardless of farm size. <p>Budget Reallocation Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel - Remove funding as EKRCDC has no employees - Translation Services: reduce by \$30,000 (Spanish translation already complete; low demand for additional languages). - Videographer Services: reduce by \$20,000 (low demand for program video services). - Website Development & Maintenance: reduce by \$10,000 (costs significantly lower than anticipated). - Well Analysis – Difficult: reduce by \$20,000 (reallocate half of original \$40K). - Total reallocation to Consultants/Contractors for Surface Irrigation Water Management Evaluations: \$333,200. 			
Justification:			
<p><i>This modification increases the number of Surface Irrigation water evaluations AND irrigation water management plans we can provide to growers.</i></p>			

Line Item Shift Budget Adjustment Table (only fill out if applicable)

Project Budget Categories	Current Project Budget Amounts (A)	Line Item Shift Revisions enter negative amount with (-) enter positive amount with (+) (B)	Revised Project Budget (A+B)
1. PERSONNEL			
a) Salaries & Wages	\$53,200.00	-\$53,200.00	\$0.00
b) Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. OPERATING EXPENSES			
a) Supplies and Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
b) Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
c) Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. CONTRACTORS/LABOR	\$421,800.00	\$53,200.00	\$475,000.00
4. OTHER DIRECT COSTS			\$0.00
5. INDIRECT COSTS	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Totals:	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00

(MUST NET \$0) (MUST EQUAL GRANT AWARD AMOUNT)

Requestor Information:

By checking this box, I certify that I am an authorized representative for this project

Name	Telephone Number
Dusty Ference	559-309-4030
Title/Role on Project	Date
Project Manager	11/7/25

For Department Use Only

Program Comments and Recommendation:

Reviewed by Program staff

- Approval does not require SO-36 Form
- Approval requires SO-36S Form
- NOT APPROVED

CDFA AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE: