



**EXCELSIOR/KINGS RIVER**  
**Resource Conservation District**

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

Regular Board Meeting  
October 21, 2026, at 1:30 PM  
870 Greenfield Ave., Hanford

1. **Call to Order**
  - a. **Flag Salute**
2. **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.*
3. **Financial Reports**
  - a. September Financials – **Action**
  - b. Invoices – **Action**
4. **Meeting Minutes**
  - a. September 16, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes – **Action**
5. **Bountiful Agriculture**
  - a. October Funding Report
6. **NRCS**
7. **Old Business**
  - a. **Grant(s)**
    - i. CDFA Healthy Soils Program (HSP)
    - ii. CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA)
    - iii. NRCS Capacity
    - iv. Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program (SALC)
    - v. The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup & Abatement
8. **New Business**
  - a. **N/A**
9. **Adjournment**

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting  
November 18, 2026  
1:30 PM

EKRCD Financials

Balance as of 8/31

**7,484.13**

| Date                                | Vendor     | Notes                    | Credit           | Debit       |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 9/3/26                              | CDFA       | HSP Deposit              | 344,704.47       |             |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-10 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -1,089.30   |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-11 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -8,965.61   |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-12 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -8,126.48   |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-24 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -41,666.67  |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-32 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -33,333.33  |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-36 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -20,362.45  |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-65 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -1,170.38   |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-71 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -5,912.17   |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-72 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -37,640.92  |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-74 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -66,631.86  |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-81 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -36,013.42  |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-89 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -8,100.35   |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-90 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -8,858.06   |
| 9/15/26                             | 23-0720-99 | HSP Grower Reimbursement |                  | -21,206.00  |
| Income                              |            |                          | 344,704.47       |             |
| Expenses                            |            |                          |                  | -299,077.00 |
| <b>Ending Balance as of 9/30/26</b> |            |                          | <b>53,111.60</b> |             |



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## INVOICE

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

|          |            |
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| INVOICE  | 20075021   |
| DATE     | 10/01/2026 |
| TERMS    | Net 30     |
| DUE DATE | 10/31/2026 |

| ACTIVITY       | AMOUNT   |
|----------------|----------|
| EKRCD Contract | 2,500.00 |

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| BALANCE DUE | <b>\$2,500.00</b> |
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Board members present: J. Barba, E. Esajian, N. Heeringa, M. Miya,  
Others present: M. Burks, M. Hebert, E. Valadao, I. Vietti, D. Ference

1. **Call to Order:** 1:32 PM
2. **Public Comments**
  - a. Eddy Valadao from Netafim made a short presentation
3. **Financials Reports**
  - a. Ed Esajian made a motion, seconded by Jerred Barba, and it passed unanimously to approve the Financials and Invoices as presented.
4. **Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Jerred Barba made a motion, seconded by Ed Esajian, and it passed unanimously to approve the August 12, 2026 Special Meeting minutes as presented.
5. **Bountiful Agricultural**
  - a. **September Funding Report**
    - i. Michael Miya made a motion, seconded by Tony DeGroot, and it passed unanimously to approve a grant application for the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Clean Up and Abatement Grant Program with a \$10k max application cost at \$3.5k, Dusty Ference is authorized to review and approve the application.
6. **NRCS** – Nothing to report
7. **Old Business**
  - a. **Grants** – Dusty Ference provided updates.
8. **New Business**
  - a. **Resolution 2020916**
    - i. Ed Esajian made a motion, seconded by Jerred Barba, to approve Resolution No. 2020916, A Resolution Establishing Staggered Terms for All Five Director Positions and Requesting the County Appointment Process, and it passed unanimously.
9. **Adjournment:** 3:00 PM

# Monthly Grant and Funding Opportunity Report

For month October 2026

## Federal Funding:

### New:

**Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program** Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to: Identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, or distribution; identify and evaluate solutions to waste problems relating to collection, treatment, or disposal; assist applicants, that have filed a pre-application with RUS, in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications; and/or provide technical assistance and/or training to water/wastewater system personnel that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities 35,000,000 available, no match required, due 12/31/2026

**Easement Restoration and Stewardship NRCS** The opportunities associated with this NOFO are for lands protected through the Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) component of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and the Floodplain Easement (FPE) component of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP). The types of work available through this opportunity fall into three primary categories: 1) restoration of wetland and floodplain easements; 2) stewardship of wetland and floodplain easements, and 3) onsite and offsite assessment of easement conditions. No cost share required, \$250,000- \$5,000,000 award limit, due November 19, 2026

## State Funding:

### New:

**The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) – R27** The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to develop and maintain Recreational Trails and trail-related facilities for motorized Recreational Trail uses. 12% cost share, deadline 11/2/26

**Urban Streams Restoration Program- The USRP** funds projects and provides technical assistance to restore streams impacted by urban development to a more natural state. Concepts will be accepted on a monthly rolling basis and Full Applications will be accepted on a rolling quarterly basis following invitation from the Program. \$20,500,000 available. No cost share required **Webinars October 28, 2026, November 17, 2026**

**2027 Nonpoint Source (NPS) Grant Program** seeks proposals for projects that reduce runoff of pollution to waters of the state, such as agricultural projects that reduce pesticide and nutrient runoff, improvement or decommissioning of dirt roads to reduce erosion and sediment runoff, streambank stabilization to reduce erosion and infrastructure improvements for ranching and livestock operations to reduce erosion and runoff of nutrients and pathogens. \$100,000.00 – \$1,000,000.00 available 25% cost share deadline 12/18/26

**Watershed Resilience Conservation Implementation:** The Watershed Resilience Conservation Implementation Grant program funds projects that reduce water use and improve water efficiency, helping communities save water and build resilience to drought and supply shortages. Upcoming/ no match required, \$60,000,000 available.

## State Old:

**Dept of Resources/Recycling - The Farm & Ranch Solid Waste Clean Up & Abatement Grant program FR93:** Provides funding for cleaning up and preventing illegal dumping on agricultural properties. \$200,000 max award, no match required, deadline 1/6/2027

**Parks: Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) – Round 5 – Proposition 4** support the acquisition and development of new parks and the renovation or expansion of existing parks in critically underserved and climate-vulnerable communities. Award: \$200,000 – \$8,500,000 no match required deadline **12/17/26**

## Federal Old:

**WaterSMART: Desalination Construction Projects:** \$1,000 to \$120M award range. 75% cost share. Deadline(s), 8/26/27

**WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources Projects:** \$50,000 to \$3M award range. 25%-50% cost share. Deadline(s), 9/8/27

**WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program:** \$50,000 to \$300,000 award range. No cost share. Deadline(s), 2/24/27

**Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects:** \$1,000 to \$40M award range. 75% cost share. Deadline(s) 6, 8/26/27

**Rural Business-Cooperative Service Agriculture Innovation Center Grant Program:** \$600,000 to \$1,000,000, requires cost share, January 31, 2027

## Upcoming:

**DOC: MLRP estimated Estimated Jan 2027, California Farmland Conservancy Program Estimated Jan 2027**

**CDFA OARS, Equipment Sharing Estimated Jan 2027, Urban Agriculture Grant Program, currently being developed**



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