



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
September 16, 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. August Financials - **Action**
 - b. Invoices - **Action**
4. **Meeting Minutes**
 - a. August 12, 2026, Special Meeting minutes - **Action**
5. **Bountiful Agricultural**
 - a. September funding report
6. **NRCS**
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Grants
 - i. CDFA Healthy Soils Program (HSP)
 - ii. CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA)
 - iii. NRCS Capacity Grant
 - iv. Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program (SALC)
8. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution 20260916 – Staggered Director Terms - **Action**
9. **Adjournment**

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
October 21, 2026
1:30 PM

Starting Balance 7/1/2026

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INVOICE	20074938
DATE	08/01/2026
TERMS	Net 30
DUE DATE	08/31/2026

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
EKRCD Contract	2,500.00

BALANCE DUE	\$2,500.00
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DATE 09/01/2026
TERMS Net 30
DUE DATE 10/01/2026

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
EKRCD Contract	2,500.00

BALANCE DUE **\$2,500.00**

Board members present: J. Barba, E. Esajian, N. Heeringa, P. Newton, M. Miya,
Others present: M. Hebert, J. Siva, I. Vietti, T. Flores, D. Ference

1. **Call to Order:** 1:36 PM

2. **Public Comments** – Nothing to report

3. New Business

a. HSP Block Grant Narrative Draft

i. Jerred Barba made a motion, seconded by Ed Esajian, and it passed with one opposed, approving the HSP Block Grant narrative with changes.

b. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) DRAFT Resolution

i. Paul Newton made a motion, seconded by Jerred Barba, and it passed with no opposition, approving the SALC Draft Resolution as presented.

c. August 19, 2026 Regular Meeting

i. Paul Newton made a motion, seconded by Michael Miya, and it passed with no opposition to cancel the August 19, 2026, regular board meeting.

4. **Adjournment:** 3:20 PM

Monthly Grant and Funding Opportunity Report

For month September 2026

Federal Funding:

Old:

Fish and Wildlife- Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program: helps private landowners restore and protect habitats for fish and wildlife. \$750,000 max award, no match required, deadline 9/30/26 (opened 4/8)

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

New:

Rural Business-Cooperative Service Agriculture Innovation Center Grant Program: objective of the program is to provide grants to Agriculture Innovation Centers that will provide technical assistance to agricultural producers to market value-added agricultural products. \$600,000 to \$1,000,000, requires cost share, January 31, 2027

State Funding:

New:

Parks: Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) – Round 5 – Proposition

4support 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

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.

Old:

Dept of Resources/Recycling - The Farm & Ranch Solid Waste Clean Up & Abatement Grant program: Provides funding for cleaning up and preventing illegal dumping on agricultural properties. \$200,000 max award, no match required, deadline October 7, 2026 open TBD.

Transformative Climate Communities Round 6 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT Grant (FY 25-26): 5,000,000 max award, no match required, deadline 9/30/26 (opened 5/29)

Transformative Climate Communities Round 6 PLANNING Grant (FY 25-26): \$300,000 max award, no match required, deadline 9/30/26 (opened 5/29)

Upcoming: DOC: MLRP, Estimated Jan 2027, California Farmland Conservancy Program Estimated Jan 2027, CDFA OARS, Equipment Sharing Estimated Jan 2027

**EXCELSIOR-KINGS RIVER RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 20260916**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STAGGERED TERMS FOR ALL FIVE DIRECTOR POSITIONS AND
REQUESTING THE COUNTY APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District ("District") is governed by a five-member Board of Directors appointed in accordance with applicable law;

WHEREAS, the terms of four current Directors have expired, and the term of Director Jerred Barba expires on November 30, 2026;

WHEREAS, after November 30, 2026, the terms of all five current Directors will have expired, allowing the appointment process for all five Director positions to proceed together;

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54974 requires the posting of a Notice of Vacancy before an appointment may be made and provides that a vacancy may not be filled until at least 10 days after the notice is posted;

WHEREAS, because the District lies within Kings, Fresno, and Tulare Counties, the appointment process requires Kings County to notify the Fresno and Tulare County Boards of Supervisors and coordinate with the respective County Clerks of the Board;

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 9314 provides for four-year Director terms, and the Board desires to establish an initial stagger among all five positions so that subsequent four-year terms do not expire at the same time; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends that two initial terms expire in 2028 and three initial terms expire in 2030, followed by four-year terms thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District as follows:

1. Initial Staggered Terms. The Board establishes the following initial stagger for the five Director positions upon completion of the appointment process:

Initial term expires November 30, 2028	Initial term expires November 30, 2030
Ed Esajian Tony DeGroot	Paul Newton Michael Miya Jerred Barba

After these initial terms, each successor term shall be four years as provided by Public Resources Code section 9314.

2. Timing of Appointment Process. Following the expiration of the remaining Director term on November 30, 2026, District staff is directed to notify the Kings County Clerk on or after December 1, 2026, and request initiation of the appointment process for all five Director positions.

3. Notices and Inter-County Coordination. The Board requests that Kings County notify the Fresno and Tulare County Boards of Supervisors, coordinate with the respective County Clerks of the Board, and post Notices of Vacancy for all five Director positions in accordance with Government Code section 54974. Each notice shall identify the person to whom applications must be submitted. No appointment shall be made until at least 10 days after the applicable notice is posted.

4. Requested Appointments. After completion of the required notice period and inter-county coordination, the Board requests that the Kings County Board of Supervisors complete the appointment process for all five Director positions consistent with the initial staggered terms established in Section 1.

5. Superseding Resolution. This Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 20251217 to the extent that Resolution No. 20251217 established or described expiration dates or staggered terms for District Director positions.

6. Further Actions. The District's General Manager and staff are authorized to take all actions reasonably necessary to carry out this Resolution and to coordinate with County Counsel and the Counties of Kings, Fresno, and Tulare regarding the notices and appointments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Michael Miya, President

Dusty Ference, General Manager