

Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District Regular Meeting

August 4, 2026

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:36

Board attendance: Jarret Phillips, Graham Meese, Chance Rossi, Katie Doonan, and Kay Ogden (virtual). Quorum present.

Kay Ogden issued statement that she will be unable to attend in-person due to caregiving responsibilities. Requesting Board approval for Just Cause Provision.

Katie moves to approve the just cause provision for Kay to attend virtually, Chance seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Jarret – aye, Graham – aye, Katie – aye, Chance – aye. Motion carries.

Public Comment Period

- Receive public comments and information on matters not on the agenda.

No public comment presented.

Inyo-Mono RCD Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Consider and approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 6, 2026.

Public Comment

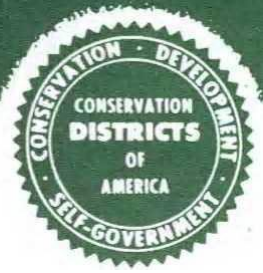
Minutes reviewed from May 6, 2026 regular Board meeting.

Chance moves to approve the May 6, 2026 regular Board meeting minutes, Graham seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Graham – aye, Katie – aye, Chance – aye, Kay – aye, Jarret - abstained due to absence. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

- Kay Ogden, Board Treasurer

A preliminary budget with \$6,500 for operating expenses was submitted to the County, which has been accepted. IMRCD budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 has been approved.



No updated reported have been received since May. Expenditures from May may not be reflected on the most current report. Those expenditures will be listed on the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

- Recommended Action: Consider and approve a resolution to adopt the Inyo-Mono RCD operating budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Kay moves to adopt the Inyo-Mono RCD operating budget of \$6,500 for fiscal year 2026-2027. Chance seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Jarret – aye, Graham – aye, Katie – aye, Chance – aye, Kay – aye. Motion carries.

Website

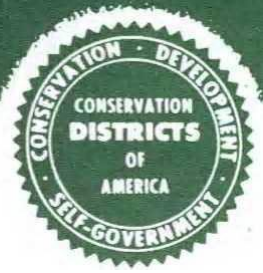
- Recommended Action: Consideration and approval to pay for Streamline Webhosting Services for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Originally stated to be \$6,000 expense for 2026-2027, Streamline agreed to honor previous rate which is currently reflected at \$660. Streamline will be consolidated with Civic Plus, where prices are expected to increase. Board discussion shows interest in expanding search for new web hosting platform to use in the following years.

Katie moves to approve the Streamline expenditure for 26-27 fiscal year with the honored lower rate. Graham seconds. Roll call vote: Jarret – aye, Graham – aye, Katie – aye, Chance – aye, Kay - aye. Motion carries.

Eastern Sierra Sustainable Irrigation Project

- Recommended Action: Consider and approve a resolution, and supporting delegation of authority if required, to file an application for block grant funds from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Office of Agricultural



Resilience and Sustainability (OARS), State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) to support the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Irrigation Project.

IMRCD concept proposal was approved to move forward within the SWEEP application process. The full proposal is due August 18th.

Kay moves to approve the resolution and support the delegation of authority to file an application for block grant funds from the SWEEP program in support of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Irrigation Project. Graham seconds. Roll call vote: Jarret – aye, Graham – aye, Katie – aye, Chance – aye, Kay - aye. Motion carries.

CARCD High Desert Region Delegate Nomination and Selection

- Recommended Action: Nominate and select a delegate to represent the Inyo-Mono RCD at CARCD High Desert Region meetings for voting purposes.

Delegate will be a voting member of the High Desert Region of CARCD. Meetings occur twice a year.

Jarret nominates Graham to be the IMRCD delegate to the CARCD High Desert Region, Graham accepts the nomination.

Chance moves to approve Graham as the IMRCD delegate and Katie seconds. Roll call vote: Jarret – aye, Graham – aye, Katie – aye, Chance – aye, Kay - aye. Motion carries.

Regular Meeting Schedule Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-2026

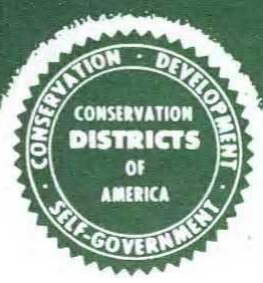
- Recommended Action: Consider and approve a motion to change the regular meeting schedule for the Inyo-Mono RCD to biannual (every two months) or quarterly beginning in August 2026.

Board discussion shows that meeting every two months is preferable for scheduling, but will keep momentum moving forward.

Katie moves to schedule regular IMRCD board meetings every other month on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm, beginning October 6th. Graham seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Jarret – aye, Graham – aye, Katie – aye, Chance – aye, Kay - aye. Motion carries.

Board Member/Partner Updates

- Recommended Action: Receive updates from Board members and partners on items in progress and those in development for future consideration and action.



Kay reported that the CCLT conference will contain a workshop series that will be relevant to Conservation Districts. She will continue to keep the Board apprised.

Kay also reported that the 40 Acres Fire Safe Council is working on an access/egress easement. She sees this as an opportunity for the RCD to contribute to in the future for local Fire Safe Councils.

Graham suggests that the future web hosting search include email domains, so board members will be able to be contacted through IMRCD emails.

Graham also reported that there may be a future opportunity for IMRCD to partner with a restoration project in Amargosa Valley.

Kristen reported that the Wildfire Alliance region has been invited into the second round of consideration for SNC funding. The second phase is assessing how the wildfire alliance and associated organizations work together, with the third phase being the development of project and deliverables. If there are projects that the RCD is interested in including, this could be an opportunity for funding within this funding source.

Steve reported that he is actively seeking new partnership opportunities for the IMRCD. Potential opportunities include partnership with Inyo County Office of Education for a local CCC developed and staffed in the region, as well as potential internship facilitation with Career Nexus.

New Business/Agenda Development

- Recommended Action: Confirm date and identify potential agenda items for the next regular meeting.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 6th, 2026 at 5:30 in the County Building.

Chance moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:41, Graham seconds. Jarret – aye, Graham – aye, Katie – aye, Chance – aye. Motion carries.