

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INYO-MONO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE IRRIGATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability (OARS), has announced the availability of block grant funding under its State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP); and

WHEREAS, the Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of California, organized and operating under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code, and is an eligible entity to apply for such program funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the project scope, goals, and predicted resource and public benefits of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Irrigation Project at a properly noticed public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District operates as an all-volunteer board without paid management staff, utilizing its Board Officers and appointed Associate Directors to coordinate and support conservation partnerships and programs; and

WHEREAS, the CDFA requires the applicant's governing body to officially authorize by resolution the filing of the application and the designation of specific authorized individuals to submit documentation and execute the State Standard Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Application & Submission Approval: The Board of Directors hereby approves the filing of an application for funding with the CDFA OARS for the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Irrigation Project.
2. Authorization to Submit: Associate Director Steven Nelson, is hereby explicitly authorized, directed, and designated to act on behalf of the District to prepare, electronically sign, and submit the grant application package and all supporting documentation to CDFA via its designated application portal.
3. Authorized Contract Signatory: If the grant is awarded, the Board President is hereby authorized and designated to execute, on behalf of the District, the final CDFA Standard Agreement, any subsequent amendments, and any associated contractual documents required to legally secure and execute the grant award.

4. Alternative Contract Signatory: In the absence or unavailability of the Board President, the Board Vice President is authorized to execute the final contract agreements and amendments.
5. Financial Administration: The Board Treasurer is authorized to manage the grant accounting, sign and submit CDFA invoices, and request fund disbursements or expense reimbursements in compliance with the grant's guidelines.
6. Certification: The Board Secretary is authorized and directed to certify a true copy of this Resolution and provide it to the Associate Director for inclusion in the grant application package.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: ____

NOES: ____

ABSENT: ____

Jarret Phillips, Board President
Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District

ATTEST:

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District, and that the foregoing resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the voting members of the Board of Directors at a meeting thereof held on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

Katie Doonan, Board Secretary
Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District