



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
**August 4, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on **Monday, August 4, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by President Reyna at 6:02 PM

Directors Present: Gallardo, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna. ABSENT: , Moreno Pantoja

Others Present: General Manager/Board Secretary – Raul Barraza, Jr.; Legal Counsel – Alan J. Peake; District Engineer Dee Jaspar

Pledge of allegiance: The Pledge was led by President Reyna.

**Agenda Item #1: Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #2**

**a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025**

**b. Accounts Payable for July 14, 2025 – July 18, 2025**

A motion was made to approve item 2.a. and 2.b. by Director Gallardo and seconded by VP Ojeda.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

**Agenda Item #3: Arvin Community Services District Solar Project Update**

General Manager informed the board of directors that post has been installed. In addition, the electrical conduit from Well Site 11 towards the solar field is complete. The General Manager also presented some of the issues that the contractor was having issues with the fencing and making sure it was positioned correctly.

**Agenda Item #4: Update on Haven Drive Water Line Relocation Project**

General Manager informed the Board of Directors that the main line has been installed and SECI will be working on all service connections to prepare for the transfer to the new line. Arvin CSD has been out making sure there will be a complete shutdown on the day of changing over to the new water line.

**Item #5: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Approval of Resolution 25-02: Authorizing General Manager as designee on behalf of Arvin Community Services District to sign, file a financial assistance application for a financial assistance agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning, design, and construction of the Sonshine Consolidation Project.**

General Manager presented with the Board of Directors with Resolution 25-02 to give the General Manager as the designated authority to submit and sign all required documentation for the Sonshine Consolidation Project. The only recommendation from Legal Counsel was to approve the resolution with changes being made from “Entity” to “District”. With that recommendation Director Gallardo made a motion to approve and seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

**Agenda Item #6: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Approval of Resolution 25-03: Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund**

General Manager informed the board of directors that Optimized Investment Partners are recommending the district to open an account with Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), as the opportunity for better investment options might be available and it would behoove Arvin CSD to have an account ready to deposit investment funds. Legal



Counsel stated that it is an immensely popular option among Public Entities to use LAIF and have been around for a long time. This would be to make sure the district is ready to move funds to a better investment opportunity through LAIF. After a small discussion, the motion was made by Director Gallardo and seconded by VP Ojeda. AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

**Agenda Item #7: Quarterly Operations Review**

General Manager presented water quality and financial update on district investments. District has been meeting all metrics in water quality and has seen a growth in the amount of people using the online payment portal.

**Agenda Item # 8: Staff Comments**

**General Manger:** General Manager Report showed all meetings attended as follows: 7/21: Kern Subbasin Meeting 2PM-4PM. Regular Board Meeting. 7/22: Compliance Monitoring and Reporting Training 2PM-4PM. 7/23: Arvin Solar Project Meeting 10AM-10:30AM. SOKR Manager’s Meeting 1PM-2PM. 7/24: Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting 11AM-12PM. 7/25: Kern Subbasin Manager’s Meeting 8AM-10AM. Meeting for potential Cell Tower lease 11AM-12PM. 7/28: Payroll due. Kern Subbasin Meeting 3PM-5PM. 7/29: Sonshine Properties and DiGiorgio School Consolidation Projects Discussion with SWRCB 1PM-2PM. 7/30: Arvin Solar Project Meeting 10AM-10:30AM. Kern County Subbasin Well Mitigation Pre-Meeting 11AM-12PM. SOKR Manager’s Meeting 1PM-2PM. 7/31: 4th Street Build-Out Meeting 2PM-3PM. 8/1: Caselle Live Cloud Onboarding 9AM-10AM. Call to Sam Lux about solar project 12PM-12:30PM.

**Legal Counsel:** No comment.

**District Engineer:** Discussed Water Conservation as a Way of Life in California. The State is asking a lot of questions regarding water usage and categories in which they are being used. This will have an impact on future water use for Arvin CSD customers.

**Agenda Item #9: Board Member Comments:**

- a. **Director Gallardo:** No comments.
- b. **Director Moreno Pantoja:** No comments.
- c. **Director Pantoja:** No comments.
- d. **Vice President Ojeda:** Asked about water conservation and if we would be working with the City of Arvin to come up with new ordinances requiring water saving measures. The General Manager and District Engineer both agreed that it will be something we will talk about in the upcoming months.
- e. **President Reyna:** No comments.

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment**

A motion was made by Director Pantoja and seconded by VP Ojeda to adjourn the meeting at the time of 6:37 P.M. AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

**Submitted by:**

*Raul Barraza, Jr.*

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**Board Secretary/General Manager**

**Attest:**

*Aurelio Reyna*

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**Board President**