



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
August 18, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on **Monday, August 18, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by President Reyna at 6:00 PM

Directors Present: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja (6:04PM), Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

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

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 August 4, 2025

b. Accounts Payable for August 4, 2025 – August 15, 2025

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

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna. ABSENT: Moreno Pantoja

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

General Manager informed the board of directors that all arrays and electrical conduit has been installed. GM informed the board that the contractor is now waiting for another electrical component that will be installed at Well 16. Project is still on schedule to make NEM 2.0 contract dates for PG&E.

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

General Manager informed the Board of Directors that the main line will be pressured tested next week, and as soon as that is completed, Sierra will begin to switch over service lines to the new main line. Construction should be completed by September 12th. General Manager also stated that they will need to discuss at the next meeting whether or not the District staff will be installing service connections on the customer side for all the meters being installed on Haven Drive and eliminating the meters from the easements.

Item #5: Board to discuss and take action re: Approval for General Manager to attend Kern Subbasin Probationary Hearing in Sacramento, CA on September 17, 2025, to make public statements, be part of the Kern Urban Water Purveyors Panel Presentation, and endorse letters of support for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan submitted by the Kern County Subbasin

General Manager informed the board of directors that the Kern Subbasin will be having a panel from the urban water purveyors and Arvin CSD will be participating along with Bakersfield, Cal Water, Wasco and Shafter. The panel looks to continue showing collaboration within the basin and approving of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Kern Subbasin. The hearing will be in Sacramento on the 17th of September. Manager is not planning on staying and will be going and coming back on the same day.

AYES: AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.



Agenda Item # 6: Staff Comments

General Manger: General Manager Report showed all meetings attended during the previous two weeks. GM also discussed meeting with COA Engineer about street projects in Arvin during the next year. A Street and Derby Street being the two that will have the District lowering main lines. Operators took Backflow Tester course and will be testing on August 23rd in Ranch Cucamonga.

Legal Counsel: No comment.

District Engineer: Discussed Haven Drive project and stated it should be completed by September 12th.

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 plans to upgrade maintenance facility. GM responded by stating that street projects have taken priority over the facility for now.
- e. **President Reyna:** No comments.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

A motion was made by VP Ojeda and seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja to adjourn the meeting at the time of 6:34 P.M.

AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Raul Barraza, Jr.

Aurelio Reyna

**Raul Barraza, Jr.
Board Secretary/General Manager**

**Aurelio Reyna
Board President**