



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
September 21, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on **Monday, September 21, 2026**, 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, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

Others Present: General Manager/Board Secretary – Raul Barraza, Jr.; Legal Counsel – Alan J. Peake.; Not Present  
District Engineer – Dee Jaspar.

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

### **Agenda Item #1: Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Agenda Item #2**

**a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026**

**b. Accounts Payable for September 7, 2026 – September 18, 2026**

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

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

### **Agenda Item #3: Update of District Projects:**

#### **a. Comanche Drive and South Derby Street Road Improvement Project:**

Construction is substantially complete. Road resurfacing and completion of the drive approaches and sidewalks are scheduled for this week and next. The District has begun work but is experiencing delays due to Kern County permitting requirements. Management is reviewing County records for a possible utility easement at 698 Comanche because current title reports show no recorded easement despite existing utilities on the property.

#### **b. Solar Project:**

The project has achieved 100% completion and received Permission to Operate (PTO) from PG&E. A final walkthrough and panel washing by SiteLoqIQ are scheduled for mid-October. The street project has been awarded to Griffin Construction, with work expected to begin in the final week of October following their current schedule commitments.

### **Agenda Item #4: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Approval of increase to Security Deposit for Opening a New Account from \$125 to \$200.**

The General Manager asked the Board to approve increasing the security deposit for new accounts from \$125 to \$200. Staff explained that the increase would better protect the District because state law requires a 60-day delinquency period before service can be disconnected, during which unpaid water charges continue to accrue. After a brief discussion, Director Pantoja moved to approve the increase, and Director Moreno Pantoja seconded the motion.

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



#### **Agenda Item #5: Staff Comments**

**General Manager:** The General Manager reported that a power outage early on September 16 activated several generators. When power was restored, water pressure at Edmundson Acres dropped to 25 psi but returned to normal within 15 minutes. Staff promptly flushed the water lines and collected bacteriological and arsenic samples to confirm the water was safe for residents.

**Legal Counsel :** No comments.

**District Engineer:** Not present.

#### **Agenda Item #7: Board Member Comments:**

- a. **Director Gallardo:** No comments.
- b. **Director Moreno Pantoja:** Not comments.
- c. **Director Pantoja:** No comments.
- d. **Vice President Ojeda:** No comments.
- e. **President Reyna:** No comments.

#### **Agenda Item #8: Adjournment**

A motion was made by Director Gallardo and seconded by VP Ojeda to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 P.M.  
AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, 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**