



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
March 17, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 3, 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 (6:05pm), Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna

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

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

Agenda Item #1: Public Comment

There was a public comment made by Bob Rodriguez where he heard about the incident that took place on Judith Street. He wanted to make sure that the Board of Directors for ACSO was aware of the situation and why they had not reached out to Mrs. De La Cruz was his understanding. Mrs. De La Cruz also made a comment regarding the issue that took place in her home in which they got dirty water during a power outage that took place in November of 2024. She mentioned she got ahold of a few board members, but not others since she didn't have their phone numbers. She discussed how she came to the December 16, 2024, meeting and on December 17th the District was able to open a closed valve next to her property that was causing the water discoloration. She also stated she wanted to have board members reach out to her questions, even though the Manager had already responded, she wanted to hear from them. Ms. Joy Kennedy also made a comment stating District Staff should ask homeowners in Edmundson Acres every week how their water service is doing. She also mentioned she called the State Water Board about the situation. However, the District has already cleared up the incident with State Water Boards and were aware of the testing the district would be conducting out in Edmundson Acres to make sure water quality results were showing water is good to drink.

Agenda Item #2

a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025

b. Accounts Payable for March 3, 2025 – ~~March 14, 2025~~ March 17, 2025

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

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

Agenda Item #3: Board to discuss and take action re: InfoSend Online Bill Retention for Customer from the current 12 months to 18 months.

The General Manager brought this item to the agenda by request from Director Pantoja question at a previous meeting. The General Manager investigated how much the difference would be to allow our customers to view online bills for up to 18 months from the current 12 months available online. The cost to the district would be \$11.47 more a month, which would be \$137.64 a year. Cost is minimal and will not affect the budget to make such a change. The General Manager confirmed the office has had similar requests by various businesses. After a small discussion, Vice President Ojeda motioned to approve having 18 months billing retention for all of our customers and seconded by Director Pantoja.

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



Agenda Item #4: Update on Arvin CSD Solar Array Project.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that the City Council had chosen Precision Engineer’s plan to have the district build a half street up to the solar project and backfill the rest with a dirt road. The district will continue to push SiteLoIQ so that the project can be build as soon as possible.

Agenda Item #5: Update on Haven Drive Pipe Replacement Project

The District Engineer presented the drawings ready for bid to the board of directors. He also went over the schedule and the cost of replacing 3, 470 feet of pipe at a Engineer’s Estimate of \$1,1169,602.50. Work will begin as the City of Arvin rips out and replaces the street.

Agenda Item #8: Staff Comments

General Manger: General Manager informed the board that Hydrant Flushing was going to take place during the last week of March. Notification will be added to the website.

Legal Counsel: FPPC Form 700.

District Engineer – Informed board the district is completing the Water Conservation Report for 2024 and will be preparing a new Urban Water Management Plan for 2025.

Agenda Item #6: Board Member Comments:

- a. **Director Gallardo:** No comment.
- b. **Director Moreno Pantoja:** No comment.
- c. **Vice President Ojeda:** No comment.
- d. **President Reyna:** No comment.

Agenda Item #7: Closed Session

- c. **Meeting with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation Government Code 54956.9 (d) (4) one case.**

Motion to go into closed session at 7:09 p.m. was made by Vice President Ojeda and seconded by Director Pantoja. AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

Motion to go back into open session at 7:34 p.m. was made by Vice President Ojeda and seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja.

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

Report: Information was provided and by unanimous consent direction was given.

Agenda Item #8: Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Pantoja and seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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**