



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
October 6, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on **Monday, October 6, 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, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna

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 September 2, 2025

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

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

b. Accounts Payable for September 15, 2025 – October 3, 2025

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

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

Agenda Item #3: Update of District Projects:

a. Arvin CSD Solar Project:

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. Fencing should be started next week.

b. Haven Drive Water Line Relocation Project:

General Manager and District Engineer informed the Board of Directors that the main line installation has been completed, Sierra will begin to switch over service lines to the new main line. General Manager also stated that the work for moving customers services lines has completed the 3 most critical with the rest being completed once the new main line is live for all services.

c. South A Street Improvements Water Line Relocation Project:

General Manager and District Engineer discussed the bid documents and detailed bid due date on October 16, 2025, to meet work schedule from the City of Arvin for this project. Coordination will take place to make sure projects run smoothly while working simultaneously to completion.

d. Sonshine Consolidation Project:

General Manager informed the Board of Directors that the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance has approved the Sonshine Consolidation Project for \$16,000,000. This will not only provide safe drinking water for this community but will also allow ACSD to consolidate DiGiorgio School while allowing ACSD to create two pressure zones at Sunset Blvd. where a 750,000-storage tank and booster station will be constructed. Project will most likely start soon due to State Funding being fast tracked to allow ACSD to complete this project.



Item #4: Board to discuss and take action re: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Approval of acquiring two temporary laborers through Key Staffing

General Manager recommends board approval of two temporary workers to help with groundskeeping, and maintenance work scheduled for the summer. Work on Haven Drive has taken operators attention to assist with daily shutdowns and bottled water for distribution to affected households. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja to approve contracting through Key Staffing. AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

Agenda Item #5: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Approval of Annual Membership to water Association of Kern County for \$521.88

General Manager presented recommendation to approve becoming members of WAKC as the General Manager has been elected to be part of the Executive Committee. This membership is important for the District as it begins to work with the entire basin on SGMA regulations. There is cost savings as the District is no longer participating in the California Special District Association due to membership fees reaching \$10,000 and would benefit more from a local association in the realm of water. After a short discussion, President Reyna made a motion to approve membership to WAKC, and it was seconded by VP Ojeda. AYES: Gallardo, Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna.

Item #6: Staff Comments

General Manger: General Manager presented list of meetings he attended in the last two weeks for the District in his managers' report 9/15: Well Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting 1PM – 2PM. 9/16: Interview with Glasgow Research Interview 12PM – 1PM. 9/17: Public Hearing for Kern GSA Sacramento, CA 8AM – 5PM. 9/18: 4th Street Build-Out Meeting 2PM – 3PM 9/22: Well Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting 1PM – 2PM; Kern Subbasin Meeting 3PM – 4PM 9/24: Solar Project Field Meeting 930AM – 1030AM; ACSD Tour 1PM – 2PM 9/26: Path Point Training for Xpress Bill Pay 9/29: Well Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting 1PM – 230PM 10/1: Metron Meters Setup Meeting 10AM – 1130AM; South of Kern River Manager's Meeting 1PM -2PM. 10/3: Kern Subbasin Manager's Meeting 8AM – 1030AM:
Legal Counsel: No comments.

District Engineer: Stated he is currently working on connection fees and updating them with all new district assets for a true connection cost for developers.

Agenda Item #7: Board Member Comments:

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

Motion to go into closed session made by VP Ojeda and seconded by Director Pantoja at 6:26 p.m.

Agenda Item #8: Closed Session

- a. **Conference with Labor Negotiators: General Manager and Legal Counsel: Laborers International Union of North America 777 Gov't Code 54957.6**

Motion to go back into open session made by VP Ojeda and seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja at 6:57 p.m.

Closed Session Report: Information was provided, and no action was taken.



Agenda Item #9: Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Pantoja and seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja to adjourn the meeting at the time of 6:58 PM.

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**