



AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, 11 August 2026

Time: 4:15pm - 6:00pm **Location:** 12200-B Airport Rd, Jackson CA 95642

Virtual attendance via video conference available via Microsoft Teams:

Meeting Link: <https://shorturl.at/HUAOb> Meeting ID: 253 928 575 091 9 Passcode: Kf6XX9aA

ARCD Directors: Steve Cannon, Dan Port, Dr. Kelsi Williams, Amber Gardner

Associate Director: Kent Reeves

Executive Director: Amanda Watson

Approval of agenda for this date, and any and all off-agenda items, must be approved by the Board of Directors Pursuant to Para 5495.2 of the government code. Oral communications by the public for items not appearing on the agenda consideration of "emergency or "subsequent need" items not appearing on the agenda cal. gov't code 54954.2(b)(2).

Item #	Topic
1	Public Comment: The Board of Directors is limited by State law to providing a brief response, asking questions for clarification, or referring a matter to staff when responding to items not listed on the agenda.
2	Consent Agenda*: The following items are expected to be routine/non-controversial. Items will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Any Board member may request that any item be removed for later discussion. 1. Approval of Agenda 2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: July Board Meeting 3. SAWQA Report 4. Financial Report
3	Warrant Summary* - Dana Simpson
4	NRCS Report – Dagoberto Osorio
5	Review and Approval of FYE 2023 and FYE 2024 Audits* - Dana Simpson
6	Consideration of Continued Community Garden Support* - Kelsi Williams
7	Speak-off Contest Discussion* - Kelsi Williams
8	Request to Reschedule or Cancel October Board Meeting* - Dana Simpson
9	Executive Director Report – Amanda Watson
10	Board Recruitment* – Kelsi Williams
11	Adjourn
Next ARCD Board of Directors Meeting: September 8th, 2026, 4:15 - 6pm	

***ACTION ITEM**

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of 14 July 2026

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of 14 July 2026

Present: Directors Cannon, Gardner, Port, and Williams

Staff: Dana Simpson (DS), Amanda Watson (AW), Anna Mariscal (AM)

Public: Michael Miller

Director Cannon called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda*

The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: June Board Meeting
- SAWQA Report

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda by Director Williams, seconded by Director Gardner.

All in favor.

Motion Passed.

Financial Report

DS reported a checking balance of approximately \$84,000 and reserve funds of \$300,000, for total available funds of approximately \$384,000. SAWQA reserve funds total approximately \$420,000.

Accounts receivable currently total approximately \$600,000, with the majority owed by DOC and one outstanding invoice still pending.

ARCD ended the fiscal year with a net income of \$43,786, slightly below budget projections due to delays in several projects.

SAWQA deposits have largely been received and current net income is \$49,919, which is slightly above budget expectations.

Warrant Summary*

DS presented Warrants 26-083 and 26-084.

- Warrant 26-083: Workers Compensation
- Warrant 26-084: July Beam statement and credit card statement

Motion: To approve Warrants 26-083 and 26-084 by Director Williams, seconded by Director Gardner.

All in favor.

Motion Passed.

NRCS Report

Dagoberto Osorio provided an update on activities during the past month and a half at the Jackson field office. He noted that transitioning into the three-county service area has presented challenges, but support from the RCD partnership and assistance from NRCS staff have been helpful.

Program updates included:



- EQIP: 7 applications funded totaling approximately \$2.4 million
- CSP: \$990,000 awarded
- RCPP: 3 projects covering 55.3 acres totaling approximately \$183,000

Total funding in Amador County currently exceeds \$3.5 million across 18 projects covering approximately 32,600 acres.

Staff are currently working on moving clients into contracts.

FY 2026-2027 ARCD Budget Approval*

DS reviewed Budget Draft No. 2 included in the board packet, which incorporates the proposed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Motion: To approve FY 2026-2027 ARCD Budget Draft No. 2 by Director Williams, seconded by Director Port. All in favor.

Motion Passed.

SAWQA Budget Approval*

DS and Director Port reviewed the SAWQA budget process and explained that final monitoring and reporting costs will not be known until November. Once those costs are available, a revised budget will be adopted reflecting updated fee information.

Motion: To approve the proposed SAWQA budget by Director Port, seconded by Director Gardner. All in favor.

Motion Passed.

Kennedy Mine Pollinator Project Fencing Contract Award*

AW presented the contract recommendation for the Kennedy Mine Pollinator Project fencing work.

Motion: To award the fencing contract to Foothill Fence by Director Williams, seconded by Director Gardner. All in favor.

Motion Passed.

Central Sierra Range & Livestock Healthy Soils Block Grant Resolution 2026-07-14-01*

Central Sierra Cropland Healthy Soils Block Grant Partner Resolution 2026-07-14-02*

Central Sierra SWEEP Block Grant Partner Resolution 2026-07-14-03*

AW presented the three resolutions.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2026-07-14-01, Resolution 2026-07-14-02, and Resolution 2026-07-14-03 by Director Williams, seconded by Director Gardner.

All in favor.

Motion Passed.

Farm Day Sponsorship*

Director Williams reported that the Farm Day Committee requested sponsorship funding in the amount of \$1,500.

Motion: To sponsor Farm Day in the amount of \$1,500 by Director Port, seconded by Director Gardner. All in favor.

Motion Passed.

Speak-Off Contest Discussion

The Board reviewed past prize amounts for the Speak-Off Contest and agreed to continue utilizing the traditional award structure:

- First Place: \$150
- Second Place: \$100
- Third Place: \$75

An Education Committee meeting will be scheduled with Cailin to discuss contest planning.

Executive Director Report

AW provided the Executive Director's report.

Board Recruitment

Director Williams reviewed the draft Board Recruitment Strategy and recommended bringing the document back for additional review at the next meeting.

The Board agreed to continue Board Recruitment as a recurring agenda item.

Upcoming August Meeting Topics

- Discussion regarding annual \$500 water contribution
- Board Recruitment Strategy approval

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at **5:59 p.m.**

Next ARCD Board of Directors Meeting: August 11, 2026, 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Amador Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2026

	Jul 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
101768 · Sac/Ama Water Quality Alliance	448,439.06
101769 · Amador RCD	
101769C · Amador RCD Checking	132,098.07
101769R · Unrestricted Reserves	300,000.00
Total 101769 · Amador RCD	432,098.07
Total Checking/Savings	880,537.13
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	678,365.32
Total Accounts Receivable	678,365.32
Other Current Assets	
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	2,337.90
Total Other Current Assets	2,337.90
Total Current Assets	1,561,240.35
TOTAL ASSETS	1,561,240.35
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	103,942.54
Total Accounts Payable	103,942.54
Credit Cards	
002 · Bank of America	6,476.16
Total Credit Cards	6,476.16
Other Current Liabilities	
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	16,494.79
24500 · Accrued Time Off	14,911.15
25800 · Unearned or Deferred Revenue	90,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	121,405.94
Total Current Liabilities	231,824.64
Total Liabilities	231,824.64
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	1,330,272.99
32000 · Retained Earnings	-625.38
Net Income	-231.90
Total Equity	1,329,415.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,561,240.35

Amador Resource Conservation District

ARCD Profit & Loss

July 2026

	Jul 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
46400 · Other Types of Income	
46009 · Partnership Contracts	20,278.14
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	20,278.14
47890 · Program Income	
47891 · Grant Income	139,729.14
47894 · Admin Fee (Indirect Cost)	16,568.35
Total 47890 · Program Income	156,297.49
Total Income	176,575.63
Gross Profit	176,575.63
Expense	
50100 · Payroll Expenses	
50100-1 · Payroll Expense	52,722.10
50100-2 · Vacation Expense	151.72
50100-3 · Retirement	3,296.00
50100-4 · Health Benefits	4,337.16
50310 · Payroll Tax Expense	4,828.89
Total 50100 · Payroll Expenses	65,335.87
51000 · Insurance	
50600 · Worker's Compensation Insurance	9,726.54
Total 51000 · Insurance	9,726.54
52000 · Memberships and Dues	2,281.90
52200 · Office Expenses	
52200-1 · Office Equipment	2,494.91
52200-4 · Supplies	17,907.29
52200-5 · Telephone, Telecommunications	394.37
52200-6 · Advertising	350.00
52200-7 · Software	224.78
Total 52200 · Office Expenses	21,371.35
52300 · Professional Services	
52383 · Bookkeeping	689.50
52385 · HR Support	525.00
Total 52300 · Professional Services	1,214.50
52364 · Staff/Board Development	
52364-2 · Team Building	152.96
52364-3 · Business Events/Celebrations	1,131.56
Total 52364 · Staff/Board Development	1,284.52
52905 · Travel and Transportation	
52905-2 · Hotel/Per Diem/Meals	232.10
Total 52905 · Travel and Transportation	232.10
54138 · Contractor Services	
54138-2 · Professional Service Contractor	4,777.39
54138 · Contractor Services - Other	7,807.80
Total 54138 · Contractor Services	12,585.19
54200 · Partner Payments	62,202.43
Total Expense	176,234.40
Net Ordinary Income	341.23
Net Income	341.23

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Accrual Basis

Amador Resource Conservation District

SAWQA Profit & Loss

July 2026

	Jul 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
47890 · Program Income	
47895 · SAWQA Member Fees	5,970.57
Total 47890 · Program Income	5,970.57
Total Income	5,970.57
Gross Profit	5,970.57
Expense	
52200 · Office Expenses	
52200-2 · Postage, Mailing Service	137.08
52200-7 · Software	436.05
Total 52200 · Office Expenses	573.13
Total Expense	573.13
Net Ordinary Income	5,397.44
Net Income	5,397.44

July 2026 - ARCD Board Meeting

Starting Warrant 26-085

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ARCD Income

Date	Amount	Check From	Project	Notes		Status
7/23/26	\$73,564.56	AFSC	Staff Time	2Q2026		deposited
7/29/26	\$30,000.00	CARCD	CCI	2Q2026		deposited
7/29/26	\$82,410.29	DOC	NWL	3Q2025		deposited

**AMADOR RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Financial Statements
and
Independent Auditor's Report

For Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Certified Public Accountant

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Amador Resource Conservation District

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Amador Resource Conservation Districts, basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Amador Resource Conservation District, as of June 30, 2024, and 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the *State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirements for California Special Districts*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Amador Resource Conservation District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Amador Resource Conservation District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not

detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

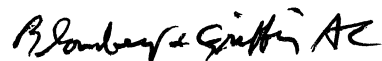
In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Amador Resource Conservation District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Amador Resource Conservation District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-5 and budgetary comparison information on pages 17-20 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



Blomberg & Griffin A.C.

Stockton, CA

June 15, 2026

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024 and 2023

Our discussion and analysis of Amador Resource Conservation District's financial performance provide an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023.

Financial Highlights

As discussed in further detail in the discussion and analysis, the following represents the most significant financial highlights for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a long-term view of the District's finances. This long-term view uses the accrual basis of accounting so that it can measure the cost of providing services during the current year.

The fund financial statements present a short-term view; they show how the District's resources were spent during the year and how much is available for future spending. Fund financial statements also report on the District's operations in more detail.

The District as a Whole

The following table shows, in a comparative, condensed format, the net position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Assets	\$ 1,092,266	\$ 1,711,167	\$ (618,901)	-36.17%
Liabilities	<u>95,969</u>	<u>837,430</u>	<u>(741,461)</u>	<u>-88.54%</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 996,297</u>	<u>\$ 873,737</u>	<u>\$ 122,560</u>	<u>14.03%</u>

The following table shows, in a comparative, condensed format, the net position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Assets	\$ 1,711,167	\$ 1,385,741	\$ 325,426	23.48%
Liabilities	<u>837,430</u>	<u>87,203</u>	<u>750,227</u>	<u>860.32%</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 873,737</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,538</u>	<u>\$ (424,801)</u>	<u>-32.71%</u>

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024 and 2023

The following table shows, in a comparative, condensed format, the changes in net position during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Revenues	\$ 1,765,094	\$ 1,293,459	\$ 471,635	36.46%
Expenses	<u>1,642,534</u>	<u>1,086,072</u>	<u>556,462</u>	<u>51.24%</u>
Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 122,560</u>	<u>\$ 207,387</u>	<u>\$ (84,827)</u>	<u>-40.90%</u>

The following table shows, in a comparative, condensed format, the changes in net position during the years ending June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Revenues	\$ 1,293,459	\$ 1,026,991	\$ 266,468	25.95%
Expenses	<u>1,086,072</u>	<u>434,439</u>	<u>651,633</u>	<u>149.99%</u>
Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 207,387</u>	<u>\$ 592,552</u>	<u>\$ (385,165)</u>	<u>-65.00%</u>

District Activities

The District continued its operations and obtained grants and contributions during the fiscal years 2024-2023 and 2023-2022.

The District has completed many ongoing operating projects as of June 30, 2024. The completed and ongoing projects/programs are as follows:

- Forest Health
- Working Land Assistance
- Wildfire & Pollinator Habitat
- No-Cost Chipping Program

Budgetary

The District adopts an annual budget for operations.

Government Reports

The District is required to complete and submit the State reporting, including the State Financial Transaction Report and the Government Compensation reports.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2024 and 2023

Contacting the District's Management

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the District's management at 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
ARCD - Cash at County	\$ 354,826	\$ -	\$ 354,826
SAWQA - Cash at County	463,481	-	463,481
Accounts Receivable	<u>273,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273,959</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,092,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,092,266</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,092,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,092,266</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable/Warrant Payable	23,306	-	23,306
Compensated Absences	11,756	-	11,756
Unearned Revenue	<u>60,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,907</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>95,969</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,969</u>
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
Fund Balance:			
Unassigned	<u>996,297</u>	<u>996,297</u>	
Total Fund Balance	<u>996,297</u>	<u>996,297</u>	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,092,266</u>		
Net Position:			
Investment in Capital Assets - Net of Related Debt		-	-
Unrestricted		<u>996,297</u>	<u>996,297</u>
Total Net Position		<u>\$ 996,297</u>	<u>\$ 996,297</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
ARCD - Cash at County	\$ 1,190,988	\$ -	\$ 1,190,988
SAWQA - Cash at County	429,719	-	429,719
Accounts Receivable	90,460	-	90,460
Total Current Assets	1,711,167	-	1,711,167
Total Assets	1,711,167	-	1,711,167
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable/Warrant Payable	185,772	-	185,772
Compensated Absences	5,376	-	5,376
Unearned Revenue	646,282	-	646,282
Total Liabilities	837,430	-	837,430
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
Fund Balance:			
Unassigned	873,737	873,737	
Total Fund Balance	873,737	873,737	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,711,167		
Net Position:			
Investment in Capital Assets - Net of Related Debt		-	-
Unrestricted		873,737	873,737
Total Net Position		\$ 873,737	\$ 873,737

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances/Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Expenditures/ Expenses:			
Salaries and Fringes	\$ 435,733	\$ -	\$ 435,733
Insurance and Bonds	9,240	-	9,240
Memberships	2,547	-	2,547
Office Expenses	18,175	-	18,175
Special Department Expense	4,609	-	4,609
Program Supplies	1,915	-	1,915
Meeting, Travels and Others	6,899	-	6,899
Partner Payments	3,868	-	3,868
Professional & Spec. Services	783,349	-	783,349
Auditors Services	6,850	-	6,850
P.S. - Clerical and Accounting	31,745	-	31,745
P.S. - Technical Assistants	337,604	-	337,604
	<u>1,642,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,642,534</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,642,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,642,534</u>
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental:			
Contributions from Members and Grants	1,485,717	-	1,485,717
Other			
Contracts and Other Income	253,643	-	253,643
Interest Income	25,734	-	25,734
	<u>1,765,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,765,094</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,765,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,765,094</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	122,560	-	122,560
Fund Balance, July 1, 2023	<u>873,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>873,737</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 996,297</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 996,297</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances/Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Expenditures/ Expenses:			
Salaries and Fringes	\$ 282,441	\$ -	\$ 282,441
Insurance and Bonds	7,916	-	7,916
Memberships	3,838	-	3,838
Office Expenses	11,513	-	11,513
Special Department Expense	3,523	-	3,523
Meeting, Travels and Others	3,497	-	3,497
Partner Payments	28,389	-	28,389
Program Supplies	9,391	-	9,391
Professional & Spec. Services	396,256	-	396,256
P.S. - Clerical and Accounting	49,550	-	49,550
P.S. - Technical Assistants	289,758	-	289,758
	<u>1,086,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,086,072</u>
Total Expenditures			
	<u>1,086,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,086,072</u>
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental:			
Contributions from Members and Grants	1,111,206	-	1,111,206
Other			
Contracts and Other Income	174,788	-	174,788
Interest Income	7,465	-	7,465
	<u>1,293,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,293,459</u>
Total Revenues			
	<u>1,293,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,293,459</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	207,387	-	207,387
Fund Balance, July 1, 2022	654,370	-	1,281,937
	<u>654,370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,281,937</u>
Prior Period Adjustment - Note 9	11,980	(627,567)	(615,587)
	<u>11,980</u>	<u>(627,567)</u>	<u>(615,587)</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2023	\$ 873,737	\$ (627,567)	\$ 873,737
	<u>\$ 873,737</u>	<u>\$ (627,567)</u>	<u>\$ 873,737</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Organization & Description of the District:

The District, organized under Division IX of the CA Public Resources Code, operates under the auspices of a five (5) member Board of Directors. Conservation programs are conducted in the following geographic areas: The entire County of Amador, portions of adjacent and nearby counties. Funding of project expenditures are almost entirely the result of membership fees and grant solicitation proceeds.

The financial statements of ARCD have been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Cash basis accounting recognizes revenues as they are received and expenditures as they are disbursed. In addition, fixed assets are considered expenditures as they are purchased and are therefore not capitalized nor depreciated over their useful economic lives.

REPORTING ENTITY

In evaluating how to define ARCD for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The primary - but not only – criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations and the accountability for fiscal matters. The other criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether ARCD is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, no component units were determined to exist that would warrant inclusion in ARCD's financial statements as part of the reporting entity.

However, based upon the application of the above criteria, ARCD is a component unit of the County of Amador, state of California. As such, ARCD is part of the financial reporting entity of the County of Amador, state of California. These component unit financial statements do not, and are not, intended to represent more than ARCD.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets and liabilities,

Fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expense. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered a major fund if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least ten percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all activities except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in other funds. It is the District's only fund.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

In the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, the "current financial resources" measurements focus, or the "economic resources" measurements focus is used as appropriate:

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

a. The “current financial resources” measurement focus is used when accounting for all governmental funds. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

b. The accounting objectives of the “economic resources” measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with the operation of these funds are reported.

Basis of Accounting

In the Statement of Net Position and Statements of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or an economic asset is used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

In the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available.” Measurable means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District defines available to be within 60 days of year-end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

As the District is a single-program government, the government-wide and fund financial statements are combined with an adjustment column to reconcile the differences in the accounting methods. Explanations of the adjustments are noted on the face of the statements.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

Budgetary Data:

Budgets for the operating fund are prepared on a cash and expenditure/encumbrances basis. Revenues are budgeted in the year receipt is expected; and expenditures, which include encumbrances, are budgeted in the year that the applicable warrant requisitions are expected to be issued. The budget and actual financial statements are reported on the basis above.

An annual budget request is submitted by the District Clerk to the Board of Directors for preliminary review and approval. After a public hearing, a fiscal budget is approved by the District's Board of Directors, with a resolution adopting said budget. Copies of the approved budget are sent to all required agencies.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Capital Assets:

Capital assets, recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available, are reported in the governmental activity's column of the government-wide financial statements. Contributed fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value. Capital assets include land, buildings, building improvements, and equipment.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

Amador Resource Conservation District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of less than one year from the date of acquisition. The cash balance as of June 30, 2024 was \$818,307, and June 30, 2023 was \$1,620,707.

NOTE 3 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

The District's accounts receivable balance is \$273,959, and \$90,460 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION:

The District does not have any capital assets as of June 30, 2024, and 2023.

NOTE 5 RISK MANAGEMENT:

Amador Resource Conservation District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damages to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Amador Resource Conservation District's board purchases commercial insurance for general liability and auto.

NOTE 6 CONCENTRATIONS OF RISK

Amador Resource Conservation District receives substantially all of its revenues from grantor agencies and landowners.

NOTE 7 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Amador Resource Conservation District has received state, federal, and local funds for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by grantor agencies. Although such audits could generate expenditure disallowance under terms of the grants and contracts, it is management's opinion that any required reimbursement would not be material. In addition, continued operation of the District is dependent on the level of funding from federal, state, and local agencies.

NOTE 8 FUND BALANCE

The District has adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 54 Fund Balance and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. GASB 54 establishes Fund Balance classifications based largely upon the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 8 FUND BALANCE (Continued)

Governmental Fund statements conform to this new classification. The Financial Fund Statements consist of Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned amounts as described below:

Non-Spendable: Items that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, such as prepaid items or items that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as principal of an endowment or revolving loan fund.

Restricted: Restricted fund balances encompass the portion of net fund resources subject to externally enforceable legal restrictions. This includes externally imposed restrictions by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws, or regulations of other governments, as well as restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Committed: Committed fund balances encompass the portion of net fund resources, the use of which is constrained by limitations that the government imposes upon itself at its highest level of decision making (normally the governing body) and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner.

Assigned: Assigned fund balances encompass the portion of net fund resources reflecting the government's intended use of resources. Assignment of resources can be done by the highest level of decision making or by a committee or official designated for that purpose.

Unassigned: This category is for any balances that have no restrictions placed upon them.

The District established the following policies relating to its fund balance classifications.

1. Committed Fund Balances

- *Highest Level of Decision-Making Authority* – the Board of Directors of the District are acknowledged as the highest level of decision-making authority in terms of establishing fund balance classifications and creating committed fund balances.
- *Formal Action Required* – the Board shall have the authority to establish, modify, or rescind committed fund balances by Resolution, where appropriate, passed by a majority vote.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 8 **FUND BALANCE (Continued)**

- *Timing* – the Board will take formal action to commit any resources as soon as possible upon determining its desire to take such action, but no later than June 30 of the fiscal year in which it applies in order for the action to be valid for the presentation of the annual report.
- 2. Assigned Fund Balances
- *Approval Authority* – the Board has not delegated the authority to assign fund balance amounts.
- 3. Expenditure of Funds – Order of Expenditure
- *Restricted and Unrestricted Funds* – when expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, the District shall consider that restricted funds shall be spent first until such funds are exhausted, at which time committed, assigned, or unassigned funds will be used.
- *Committed, Assigned, or Unassigned Funds* – when an expenditure is incurred where there are no restricted funds available, and for which committed and Assigned fund balances are available, the District shall exhaust unassigned funds first unless the board determines the use of available assigned or committed fund balances is appropriate.

NOTE 9 **PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT:**

There was a prior period adjustment of \$627,567. This adjustment was made to reverse the capitalization of capital assets from the fiscal year 2022. Additionally, there was an adjustment of \$11,980 to the cash account from the fiscal year 2022. The net prior adjustment was \$615,587.

NOTE 10 **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:**

The District has evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2024, to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosures in the financial statements. Such events were evaluated through July 27, 2026, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, it was determined that no subsequent events occurred that require recognition or additional disclosures in the financial statements.

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note: This Budget Comparison Only Reflects ARCD

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Fringes	\$ 483,609	\$ 435,733	\$ 47,876
Special Projects	-	-	-
Insurance and Bonds	6,000	6,235	(235)
Memberships and Dues	3,000	2,547	453
Office Expense	23,950	17,064	6,886
Professional & Special Services	11,300	5,775	5,525
Auditor's Services	10,000	3,425	6,575
Partner Payments	-	3,868	(3,868)
P.S Clerical and Accounting	4,000	4,425	(425)
Contractor	2,214,591	783,349	1,431,242
Meetings, Travel & Conferences	8,385	5,926	2,459
Grants Costs	95,325	-	95,325
Special Department Expense	6,400	4,609	1,791
Mini Grants/Sponsorships	-	1,914	(1,914)
Total Expenses	2,866,560	1,274,870	1,591,690
Revenues:			
Interest	2,500	12,346	9,846
Bookkeeping Service	25,000	27,321	2,321
Member Fees and Grants	3,245,793	1,321,740	(1,924,053)
Total Revenues	3,273,293	1,361,407	(1,911,886)
Total Changes Revenues (Expenses)	\$ 406,733	\$ 86,537	\$ (320,196)

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note: This Budget Comparison Only Reflects ARCD

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Fringes	\$ 192,807	\$ 282,441	\$ (89,634)
Insurance and Bonds	6,000	5,107	893
Memberships and Dues	3,000	3,838	(838)
Office Expense	10,100	6,960	3,140
Project Administration	-	3,433	(3,433)
Grant Development/Costs	9,733	-	9,733
Auditor Services	10,000	4,975	5,025
Bookeeping	4,000	3,980	20
Partner Payments	-	28,389	(28,389)
Special Department Expense	6,800	3,523	3,277
Mini Grants/Sponsorships/Scholarships	-	9,391	(9,391)
Meetings, Travels and Conferences	5,500	3,155	2,345
Contractors	727,595	385,965	341,630
Professional & Special Services	5,000	-	5,000
Total Expenses	980,535	741,157	239,378
Revenues:			
Interest	1,000	2,594	1,594
Bookkeeping Service	25,000	24,167	(833)
Members Fees and Grants	1,023,653	888,182	(135,471)
Total Revenues	1,049,653	914,943	(134,710)
Total Changes Revenues (Expenses)	\$ 69,118	\$ 173,786	\$ 104,668

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**Budgetary Comparison Schedule****For the Year Ended June 30, 2024****Note: This Budget Comparison Only Reflects SAWQA**

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Expenditures:			
State Monitoring and Reporting	\$ 165,676	\$ 154,217	\$ 11,459
State Board Oversight	140,740	156,959	(16,219)
Insurance and Bonds	3,000	3,005	(5)
Record Keeping	20,000	6,548	13,452
Office Expense	7,000	2,085	4,915
Professional & Special Services	20,000	14,105	5,895
Auditor's Services	3,500	3,425	75
P.S Clerical and Accounting	21,403	27,321	(5,918)
Total Expenses	381,319	367,665	13,654
Revenues:			
Interest	5,000	13,388	8,388
Member Fees and Grants	346,300	390,300	44,000
Total Revenues	351,300	403,688	52,388
Total Changes Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (30,019)	\$ 36,023	\$ 66,042

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note: This Budget Comparison Only Reflects SAWQA

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Expenditures:			
State Monitoring and Reporting	\$ 165,676	\$ 186,182	\$ (20,506)
Recordkeeping	20,000	-	20,000
Insurance and Bonds	2,200	2,810	(610)
Training	2,000	-	2,000
Office Expense	5,000	4,892	108
Professional & Special Services	20,000	10,291	9,709
Auditor's Services	3,500	-	3,500
P.S. Clerical and Accounting	21,403	-	21,403
State Board Oversight	140,739	140,739	-
Total Expenses	380,518	344,914	35,604
Revenues:			
Interest	3,000	4,870	1,870
Member Fees and Grants	346,300	373,645	27,345
Total Revenues	349,300	378,515	29,215
Total Changes Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (31,218)	\$ 33,601	\$ 64,819

AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Statement of Expenditures - SAWQA
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020

	SAWQA EXPENDITURES				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Expenditures:					
Payroll Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance and Bonds	3,005	2,810	2,146	1,654	1,558
Office Expense	2,085	4,800	3,099	3,611	3,268
Meeting, Travels and Others	-	92	-	-	-
Auditor services	3,425	-	-	-	1,725
Professional & Special Services	6,196	10,291	6,196	13,667	260,974
P.S. - Clerical and Accounting	27,321	45,570	20,963	3,743	42,007
P.S. Technical Assistants	325,633	281,351	379,477	272,359	-
CDF Stewardship Program	-	-	1,615	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 367,665</u>	<u>\$ 344,914</u>	<u>\$ 413,496</u>	<u>\$ 295,034</u>	<u>\$ 309,532</u>

Amador RCD
Executive Director Report
Prepared for: August 11th 2026 Board Meeting

Current Projects Updates:

Forestry Program:

Forest Health Assistance Program (FHAP): TZ is with awarded clients on paperwork for obligation.

On 7/8 ARCD was awarded funding from CARCD for NRCS assistance for a total of \$35,184

Multi-owner EQIP (mEQIP) Project: TZ is taking on coordination of this effort, under mentorship of AW.

Defensible Space Project: Project is underway. completed 9 defsp treatments completed, 33 defsp assessments completed, 37 hazard tree assessments completed. Next week hazard tree assessments will be reviewed and 25 (due to funding constraints) applicants will be selected to have hazard trees treated.

Chipping Program: Will be working on green waste bins and green waste events with the county, but other work is on hold until Q3. Staff held project kick off meeting and is intending to go out to bid for a chipping contractor this month with the goal of presenting a recommendation or a contractor to the board at the September board meeting.

Ag/Natural Working Land Program:

Resource Guide Launched! [County Land Resource Search – Sierra Land Resource Guide www.SierraLands.org](https://www.SierraLands.org)

All of our block grant concept proposals were invited to submit full proposals! Full applications are due August 18th

Healthy Soils Incentive & SWEEP Program Block Grant: Staff are working on developing project proposals and collecting letters of support.

Central Sierra Grazing & Livestock HSP Block Grant Amador RCD Lead

Central Sierra Cropland HSP Block Grant Placer RCD Lead

State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Block Grant. Sloughhouse RCD Lead

Healthy Soil Program Technical Assistance - BS has been working on verifications and learning the program. BS is hosting a Cropland workshop on September 30th.

Ag. & Working Lands Survey is live on the website, this survey will help develop our needs assessment and the ARCD Strategic Plan.

Amador County Wine Grape Growers Association coordination: AW has a meeting with Spencer Jones and Jamie Lubenko to discuss coordination with ACWGGA and how to best support vintners in Amador County. AW will attend October ACWGG meeting to meet membership and work with Spencer to host a 'listening session' to learn more about needs and concerns and make connections to existing programs/projects.

Targeted Grazing Short Course: The short course recently culminated with a field day to look at several targeted grazing projects. Staff from across the region participated in 4 virtual sessions in advance of the field day with the aim of learning from Dan Macon and others about the complexities of targeted grazing for fuels reduction and other goals.



WCB Pollinator Project:

Hangs on the Homestead: BS has begun work on the setting up installation of infrastructure for this project including trenching, and irrigation installation has started, fencing is installed. Planting will take place in Fall 2026.

Multi-Benefit Fuel Breaks: Pollinator Restoration in Amador: this project will involve seeding and planting on the Crestview parcel, where AFSC recently completed a fuels reduction project. BS is working with BLM to ensure access to plants/seeds and working on project design. Implementation of the project will take place Fall 2026. Billy is working on plant orders.

Kennedy Mine Pollinator Habitat: Installation of irrigation and fencing is in progress. Planting will occur in fall 2026.

WCB Wildlife Habitat Installation: Planning has started for Tuolumne and Calaveras Phase 2 of applications. ARCD will be doing a targeted Phase 3, which will focus on NRCS clients and clients with ongoing projects, there will not be another open solicitation for applications in 2026.

Gold Country Wildlife & Habitat Fest: September 12th in coordination with the Farms of Amador Tour & Dinner. The event will be held at Kennedy Mine. **Please help promote photo contest!**

Board volunteers needed for day of!

Amador County Fair:

Event was a great success with active participation from the community. Raffle of the mini pollinator garden was a hit and people loved the stickers and the new pollinator board activity! **Big Shout out to Cailin for coordinating and preparing and all the staff and Board members that tabled!**



Admin:

ODC Meeting met and discussed board recruitment processes.

Gordon Long last day with the ARCD is scheduled for July 15th. AW and DS are working on updating work planning and next steps to maintain current capacity at the district.

Amador Fire Safe Council: No Coordinator report – July meeting cancelled

Capacity Building Assistance: ARCD was awarded funding to provide a facilitator for our capacity building efforts. AW has had initial meeting, Kelsi, Amber and AW are working to schedule a meeting with Amy Stork to discuss initial steps.

Regional Meeting Update: The Central Sierra Regional Meeting was held on August 5th. Bob Dean, Board President of Calaveras RCD was elected as Chair and regional representative. Amada Watson was elected as Vice-Chair and alternate for Bob Dean as Regional Representative. The group voted to support the Speak-Off competition with regional Prizes of 1st Place - \$500, 2nd Place- \$250, and 3rd Place: \$125. Bob Dean and AW will work together to plan an in-person meeting and Bob Dean is going to reach out to Tahoe RCD to discuss the regional bank account.

Associate Director Resignation: Kent Reeves submitted his resignation to the ARCD Board as associate director stating his no longer being a resident of Amador County as reason.

Upcoming Grant Applications

Healthy Soils Incentive & SWEEP Program Block Grant:

Central Sierra Grazing & Livestock HSP Block Grant, ARCD Lead, \$4 Millon, Due August 18th

Central Sierra Cropland HSP Block Grant, Placer RCD Lead, \$4 Millon, Due August 18th

State Water Efficiency and Enhance Program Block Grant, Sloughhouse RCD Lead, \$4 Millon, Due August 18th

Submitted Grant Applications:

- State & Local Cybersecurity Grant – **not awarded**
- 2026 NACD TA Assistance Grant - waiting
- Jackson Creek Forest Health Phase 2 Concept Proposal to the Forest Health Grant - **full proposal submitted**
- Amador County Integrated Prescribed Fire & Grazing Initiative Pilot – **grant submitted**
- Defensible Space Assistance Project – Phase 2 – **grant submitted**
- Healthy Soils Incentive Program Block Grant: Central Sierra Grazing & Livestock HSP Block Concept Proposal Submitted – lead – **invited to submit a full proposal**
- Healthy Soils Incentive Program Block Grant: Central Cropland HSP Block Concept Proposal Submitted – partner - **invited to submit a full proposal**
- State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Block Grant: Concept Proposal Submitted – partner - **invited to submit a full proposal**
- NFWF Conservation Partners Grant - partner - The California Rangeland Conservation Coalition has submitted a statewide proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Conservation Partners Program, and the Central Sierra Conservation Hub is included as one of four regional partners. If awarded, Central Sierra Conservation Hub members would deliver peer-to-peer learning activities (field days, workshops, farm/ranch/forest tours), continue developing regional learning networks, and support district participation in Local Work Groups, building on work districts are already doing. Amador RCD is currently listed as the regional lead, and the Hub Coordinator will support coordination across participating districts. Subawards to individual districts would be determined after an award; award announcements are expected November/December 2026.

Upcoming Outreach Events:

August 22nd: Ranching for Profit Workshop

September 12th 2-7pm: Gold Country Wildlife & Habitat Fest

September 13th: Farms of Amador Tour & Dinner

September 30th: Cropland Workshop

Ranching For Profit

A Rangeland Health Series Workshop

REGISTRATION

Online:
[Registration Link](#)
Scan QR Code:



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Tuolumne County
 January 2027
Matt Lunn,
Matthew@TCRCD.org



August 22, 2026, 10:00 - 5:00 PM



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Bill Synk, billy@amadorrcd.org

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September 12th,
2026



Kennedy Mine
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Jackson, CA 95642



2:00 - 7:00 PM



family-friendly activities



engaging presentations
& live demonstrations



delicious food



great music



Wildlife & Habitat Photo Contest

Featuring a photo contest, highlighting the natural landscapes, wildlife, residents and industries of the Central Sierra.

Winners will be selected from two categories:

Youth (18 and under)

Adult (18 and over)

During the contest period from **August 3rd to August 31st** submit your entry by completing the online entry form and uploading any required materials. The top 10 photos (5 from each category) will be displayed at the Gold Country Wildlife and Habitat Fair. **Apply here:** <https://www.amadorcd.org/gold-country-wildlife-habitat-fair-photo-contest>

Funding made available through Climate Resilience through Habitat Restoration on California Lands Grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board and California Association of Resource Conservation Districts.



Cropland Soil Health Workshop Field Day



Learn, connect, and see
conservation in action,
featured practices:

Hedgerow Planting

Irrigation

Soil Amendment

Irrigation

Cover Crops

Windbreak Establishment



September 30th, 2026



9:00 - 11:45 AM



Story Ranch, 10851 Bell Rd.,
Plymouth, CA 95669

*Use the entrance at the corner of Courier and
Bell Roads, look for the sign*



Billy Synk | Billy@amadorrcd.org

Register using the link
or scan the QR code:

[Registration Link](#)



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Recruitment Goals

The Amador RCD board should aim to:

1. Maintain strong agricultural and forestry representation.
2. Build and maintain a board that is rooted in community connection.
3. Increase diversity of landowner types and geographic areas of the county.
4. Add skills that support governance, fundraising, outreach, financial background, and partnerships.
5. Build a pipeline of future leaders.
6. Reflect the communities served by the district.

The ARCD Board believes that board recruitment should be driven by strong community connections and relationships. Board members serve not only as governors of the organization, but also as liaisons to the communities they represent. Recruitment efforts should focus on identifying respected community members who are engaged, connected, and passionate about the future of Amador County.

While community networks should lead recruitment efforts, the Board will also consider the overall composition of the Board, including geographic representation and professional skill sets. Initial recruitment priorities include representatives from the ranching and vintner communities. Secondary considerations include representation from key geographic areas such as lone and Shenandoah, as well as individuals with expertise in finance, legal affairs, and fundraising.

Recruitment Process:

To support ongoing recruitment, the Board will include a standing agenda item each month to discuss potential board candidates. Board members are encouraged to bring forward names of prospective candidates for review. Once a candidate is identified, a board member will be assigned to conduct outreach, share information about ARCD, and invite the individual to attend a board meeting to learn more about the organization and board service.

Resources available to assist with recruitment include an updated Board Member Job Description (to be completed by AW), a Frequently Asked Questions document, a short program description, and information available on the ARCD website.

Board members are encouraged to actively help fill current and future board vacancies, including working to fill a vacancy left by their retirement from the board, by recommending qualified individuals and leveraging the relationships within the communities they represent. Through this approach, the Board will continue to strengthen its connection to the community while ensuring it has the diversity of experience, expertise, and geographic representation needed to support ARCD's mission.

Potential Recruitment Organizations and Networks in Amador County

Agriculture

- Amador County Farm Bureau
- Cattlemen's Association Cattlewomen's Association
- Farms of Amador
- Motherlode Land Trust
- Amador Vintners Association
- Grape Growers Association
- UC Cooperative Extension
- Local 4-H Clubs
- FFA Chapters (Argonaut High School, Amador High School)

Forestry and Fire

- Amador Fire Safe Council
- California Registered Professional Foresters Association
- CAL FIRE (current and retired personnel)
- Amador-El Dorado Unit fire-related advisory groups
- Local Prescribed Burn Association

Conservation and Natural Resources

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy partners
- California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)
- American River Conservancy
- Foothill Conservancy

Water Resources

- Amador Water Agency
- Jackson Valley Irrigation District

Business and Community

- Amador County Chamber of Commerce
- Rotary Clubs (Jackson, Plymouth, Ione)
- Lions Clubs

- Local banks and agricultural lenders
- CPA and accounting firms
- Amador Trails Stewardship
- Real estate and land management professionals

Education

- Amador College Connect
- Amador High School Agriculture Department
- Argonaut High School Agriculture Department
- Sierra College Natural Resources and Agriculture programs
- Environmental education organizations
- Master Gardeners

Tribal Organizations

- Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
- Ione Band of Miwok Indians
- Tribal environmental and natural resource staff

Government and Public Service

- Amador County Planning Commission
- Agricultural Commissioner's Office
- Local city councils
- Water district boards
- Fire district boards

Landowner Networks

- Forest landowners
- Vineyard owners
- Ranchers and grazing permit holders
- Small acreage landowners (5–40 acres)
- Conservation easement landowners
- Beginning farmers and ranchers