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AGENDA
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
EASTERN KERN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (EKCRCD)

MEETING TIME: July 16, 2026, 4:30-6:30 PM
LOCATION: Small meeting room, Ridgecrest United Methodist Church (RUMC)
639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest
Remote access:

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CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

Special Presentation: "Land Fallowing in California: Challenges and Alternatives "with Mandeep Riar, PhD, Restoration Ecology and Weed Science Advisor, and Leonel Jimenez, Area Director, both from UCCE-Kern, Tulare, and Kings Counties. Question and answer session to follow.

Question & Answer: approximately 5:15 PM

BEGIN BUSINESS MEETING: approximately 5:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter that is not on the agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Also, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. However, no action may be taken by the Board at this time. [Gov. code 54954.3 (a)]

CONSENT ITEMS (abbreviated):

Outgoing correspondence (June-July)

Financial reports (June-July):

- Bank statements
- Reconciliation reports
- Registers

Approve WCB grant invoices:

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Approve payment of CARCD dues** (\$888.64, same as last year).
- **Revise/approve initial 2026-27 budget.**
- **Approve updated annual (2026-27) and long-range (2026-2031) plans.**
- **Approve seed mix purchase** (weight and cost) **from Theodore Payne Foundation.**
- **Approve new payroll service or continuation of Bradford, Cox, and Madhavani at new rates.**
- **Updates:**
 - WCB grant
 - Data center

REGULAR REPORTS:

Agency reports:

IWVWD-July report

IWVGA-July report

Committee reports:

Plant Sale subcommittee

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The next regular meeting will take place at 4:30 PM on Aug. 11, 2026, in the small meeting room of the RUMC, 639 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest.

ADJOURNMENT

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