



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
February 17, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on **Tuesday, February 17, 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; 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 February 2, 2026**

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

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

**b. Accounts Payable for February 2, 2026– February 13, 2026**

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

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

**Agenda Item #3: Board to discuss and take action re: Approval of the District Financial Audit by Brett Van Lant for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025**

General Manager introduced Brett Van Lant to the Board of Directors as the Auditor for the financial Audit for fiscal year 2024-2025. Mr. Van Lant presented the board with a review of the process utilizing all required testing for the State of California. He stated that it was a clean audit and thanked General Manager and staff for providing all documentation necessary in a timely manner. After a few questions from the board, a motion was made to approve financial audit by VP Ojeda and seconded by Director Pantoja.

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

**Agenda Item #4: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Approval of Resolution 26-01: Authorizing General Manager as designee on behalf of Arvin Community Services District to sign, file a financial assistance application for a financial assistance agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning, design, and construction of the Sonshine Properties Water System Consolidation Project**

General Manager was recommending approval of resolution to allow him to submit and approve documentation regarding the Sonshine Consolidation Project. He also reminded the Board of Directors that this consolidation project would also enable the District to consolidate the DiGiorgio Elementary School. A motion was made to approve resolution by Director Gallardo and it was seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja.

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



**Agenda Item #5: Update of District Projects:**

**a. Arvin CSD Solar Project:**

General Manager informed the board of directors that the pads for switch gear equipment have been poured and inspected but failed and will have to be reconstructed for new testing. District is moving ahead in bidding out the Offsite Improvement Project for the District Solar Project and currently waiting for engineer to complete so that it can be put out to bid.

**b. Comanche Drive Street Road Improvement Project:**

General Manager informed board members that this project is coming up for the City of Arvin. The district engineer is currently putting a bid together for the possible replacement and realigning of main lines on that road.

**c. South Derby Street Improvement Project:**

General Manager informed board members that this project will run simultaneously with the street project taking place on Comanche Drive. General Manager has discussed possibilities of replacing the entire main line from Orange Avenue south to Sycamore Road. The reason is that the main line turns into unusual sizes and is impeding from having better pressure in the system from that side. District Engineer is also working on this bid package which will most likely incorporate both Comanche and Derby. Anticipated cost could be up to \$2,000,000.

**d. Arvin Edison Water Storage District Cooperative Project:**

District Engineer discussed how this project can help ACSD create their own water storage portfolio, which can be detrimental to the continued expansion of the City of Arvin.

**Agenda Item #6: Board to take possible action re: Approval of Lease Agreement with California Department of Technology – Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy for property on APN: 192-070-07**

General Manager brought back this item from the last meeting to present the updated site map of Fiber Hut. Lease includes sump requested by the City of Arvin Planning Department. Contract to include start date of project for Legal Counsel's request. After a small discussion, a motion was made to approve contract with site map by Director Moreno Pantoja, and it was seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Moreno Pantoja, Pantoja, Ojeda, Reyna

**Agenda Item #7: Staff Comments**

**General Manger:** No comments

**Legal Counsel :** Form 700 will be due soon.

**District Engineer:** Nothing further than what was discussed on item 3.d.

**Agenda Item #8: Board Member Comments:**

**a. Director Gallardo:** No comments

**b. Director Moreno Pantoja:** Not here.

**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 Moreno Pantoja at 6:59 p.m.*

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

**Agenda Item #9: 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 Director Moreno Pantoja and seconded by Director Pantoja at 7:02 p.m.*

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

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

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment**

A motion was made by Director Pantoja and seconded by Director Moreno Pantoja to adjourn the meeting at the time of 7:03 PM.

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**