



SEMCU Foundation
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00PM
VIRTUAL & PHONE MEETING

☐ **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Igal Treibatch

☐ **Roll Call**

Board Members

- Igal Treibatch, President (online)
- Al Solis (by phone)
- Anthony Forestiere (online)
- Paul Negrete (online)

Non-Board Attendees:

- Mike Schuster (online)

☐ **Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Motioned to approve the previous minutes by Al Solis
- Seconded the motion by Anthony Forestiere
- All were in favor of approval

☐ **Public Comments - None**

☐ **Officer Reports**

- Igal Treibatch, President
 - Looking into the possibility to do the fire retaliant job as last year, taking care of the grass perimeters.
 - Igal is planning to donate parts of a 1946 Chevy truck to a school shop + donation for parts
- Verlaine Elinburg, Treasurer
 - Starting balance: \$5,027.44
 - Costs: \$600 total
 - Ranchos newspaper ads: \$600
 - Ending balance: \$4,427.44
 - Home Schooling at the Ranchos Library ongoing; they may be ready in October
 - Transfer of Treasurer duties to Anthony in progress; needs visit to bank; Anthony will coordinate with Verlaine to transfer account rights to him
- Al Solis by RWMG Report Al Solis by RWMG Report for May 19, discussed:
 - California Financing Committee hosting two virtual funding fairs
 - May Financial Report
 - Nothing new on Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program/Management Zone
 - SGMA Implementation Grant updates: Projects 2, 3, 4 (complete), and 5
 - Drought Working Group meeting was on May 23rd

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

- Paul Negrete, Grants Researcher & Board Member
 1. 2025 Nonpoint Source Grant – To reduce & mitigate effects of pollutants
[NOTE: THEY POSTPONED FUNDING to 2026 FOR THIS PROGRAM since our meeting.]
 2. Paul needs to fill out the FAST form (Financial Assistance Application submittal tool)
 3. 4 potential projects
 - a. Impaired Water
 - b. Assessed Unimpaired/High Water Quality Waters
 - c. Post-Fire Recovery
 - d. Planning Proposal
 4. Reimbursement needed but matching funds can be waived
 5. Igal will present the grant to Madera County, as they would manage the money & work
 6. SEMCU would be the service care provider
 7. Igal can communicate with the County Supervisor from the mountains, Bobby McCauley or through Jordan if for the Flatlands
 8. Paul to prepare a synopsis/proposal; due by June 30th
 9. USDA, DWR, CDF agencies – Igal asked for other feelers for grants Paul is researching
 10. Paul said he knows someone with the DWR who might have info on grants there
- Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent
 - Current article (June) article by: Dov on Flatlander's Parade back in May
 - July's article by: Al Solis, maybe about Independence Day celebrations
 - Following month's article (August) by: Igal Treibatch?
- ☐ **Next Grants Meeting** – Tuesday, July 8th, at 6:00pm – ZOOM only
- ☐ **Next Foundation Meeting** – Tuesday, July 15th, at 6:00pm
- ☐ **Adjournment** – 6:29 pm by Igal Treibatch