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Meeting Minutes
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, January 19, 2005, 1:00 p.m.,
Conference Room, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA 95340
Call EMRCD for more information (209-722-4119 x3)

Directors Present: Glenn Anderson, Jon Kelsey, Everett Vierra, Robert Bliss, Tim Johnson
Directors Absent: Tim Johnson
Others Present: Teri Murrison, EMRCD
Gwen Huff, EMRCD
Bernard Wade
Karen Whipp, EMRCD
Mele Anderson
Malia Ortiz

Item #	Action
President Jon Kelsey called meeting to order at 1:24	
1. INTRODUCTIONS	So Noted
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	So Noted
a. Glenn Anderson asked if the EMRCD could have a role in water quality issues. Need to collect information first.	
3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	
Item # 9 is a report from Jon Kelsey regarding a BBQ the Kelsey Ranch is hosting to benefit the EMRCD.	
4. MINUTES December 15, 2004	
The board acted to approve the minutes, with corrections.	
Motion: Glenn Anderson	
Seconded: Bob Bliss	
Approved unanimously.	

5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Letters
 - Letter of Support for Prop 50 Proposal
- b. Meeting Notices and Reports
 - EcoLandscape 2005 Conference and Trade Show
 - Comment Period Reopened for Some Vernal Pool Ecosystems of California and Southern Oregon
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
 - Great Valley News
 - National Resources Conservation Service
 - California Trees
 - NACD News and Views
 - Resources Update
 - Buffer Notes
 - Noxious Times

6. TREASURER’S REPORT, Karen Whipp SEE ATTACHED

The Board requested an excel spreadsheet to show expenditure milestones of projects. The board moved to approve the treasurer’s report.

Motion: Bob Bliss
Seconded: Glenn Anderson
Approved unanimously.

7. ORAL REPORTS

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Malia Ortiz
 - Completed reconciling all 480 contracts. Making payments to people as they complete projects.
 - Accepting conservation buffer applications (water, air, field borders, etc.) until January 28. These applications will improve air and water quality.
- b. Mustang Creek, Kus Porter
 - I spoke with Curt Royer, Merced County Public Works, and he said the County is very interested in being involved in Mustang Creek, but he is still waiting for direction from the Board of Supervisors. He asked if Kus had attended any meetings lately. I told him he had missed the last two months and the Board was concerned about him. Curt made some phone calls and said that Kus will not be attending EMRCD meetings for a while.
- c. Watershed Coordinator, Teri Murrison
 - Friday’s workshop was very good. Providing information to be good stewards. Cindy did a great job. Great speakers. There is another workshop in March.
 - There was a meeting afterward to generate increased outreach
 - Merced River Stakeholders meeting Jan 24. Stillwater will be there to discuss on Merced River Ranch project and the Merced River Restoration Plan. There will also be a channel design brainstorming session.
 - Sustainable Conservation is subcontracting with the EMRCD, to work on voluntary conservation permitting process. Working on contracting and going to training.
 - Prop 13 contact with State while Teri is gone for month is Karen. Karen can work with Jon to set up negotiations meetings.

- Vernal Pools, John Vollmar
 - Nothing to report
- d. Administrative, Karen Whipp
- Prepared letter of support for the Prop 50 proposal
8. CAFF WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP PROJECT
Gwen Huff gave a final report on her participation in a 3-year program. Her Power Point presentation featured photos of all the events for the project.
9. FAIRY SHRIMP BBQ
Jon Kelsey gave a brief report regarding the BBQ he is hosting to benefit the EMRCD.
10. MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE PLANNING ACTIONS
There are no new landuse planning issues that are being reviewed at County Planning.
11. FUTURE PLANNING/BOARD ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES
- a. Visioning session in January/February to revise EMRCD Work Plan
- Some board members will attend a Strategic Planning Session in Fresno on January 25. Then a visioning session for the EMRCD will be set.
- b. Annexation
- Nothing new to discuss.
12. OLD BUSINESS
- a. Board member recruitment status was discussed at the Administration staff report.
13. CLOSED SESSION
There was no closed session
14. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 16, 2005, 1:00 pm in the USDA office conference room, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA
15. ADJOURNMENT: 3:59 pm

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