



5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Letters
  - Letter from EPA to Submit Nomination for Environmental Awards Program
  - Letter from Fish and Wildlife Service Regarding Opportunities for Public Participation
- b. Meeting Notices and Reports
  - San Joaquin Valley Region RCD Spring Meeting
  - 8<sup>th</sup> World Wilderness Congress
  - California Special Districts Association New Board Member Training in Fresno March 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Great Valley Center Conference May 11 and 12—Growing a Community
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
  - Forestry Notes
  - Buffer Notes
  - The Care Campaign
  - Packet of Reports from CARCD
  - Salmonid Restoration Federation's 23<sup>rd</sup> Salmonid Restoration Conference March 30 – April 2
  - California Special Districts Association Legal Symposium March 17 and 18

6. TREASURER'S REPORT, Karen Whipp SEE ATTACHED

The board moved to approve the treasurer's report.

Motion: Glenn Anderson  
Seconded: Jon Kelsey  
Approved unanimously.

7. ORAL REPORTS

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Jennifer for Malia Ortiz
  - Provided information on how NRCS and other agencies could be partners with EMRCD
- b. Ray Ledgerwood Workshop Report, Jon Kelsey
  - Good session. Jon, Mele and Cindy attended
  - Discussed issues in the County
  - Mele shared the template to make a five-year strategic plan and a 12-month action plan
  - Worked on mission statement
- c. Watershed Coordinator Report, Cindy Lashbrook and Karen Whipp
  - Karen talked about the Sustainable Conservation grant funding. They will provide an advance to the RCD of at least \$10,000 and possibly more.
  - Karen talked about the Prop 13 agreement and the progress being made on the agreement.
  - Cindy talked about the work she is doing for the DOC II grant

8. PURCHASE OF COMPUTER THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION II GRANT  
Jon Kelsey moved to approve the purchase of a laptop computer as budgeted for in the DOC II grant. Seconded by Tim Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

9. PROPOSITION 13 GRANT RESOLUTION

Tim Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 2005-01, to enter into agreement with the State Water Resource Control Board. Seconded by Glenn Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR EMRCD BOARD SECRETARY

Glenn Anderson moved to approve six additional hours for January 2005 and 10 to 15 additional hours for February 2005 for Karen Whipp, Board grant administrator and secretary to prepare for the Prop 13 grant and prepare detailed Excel spreadsheets to track EMRCD grants. Seconded by Tim Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

11. MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE PLANNING ACTIONS

There are no new landuse planning issues that are being reviewed at County Planning.

12. MERCED WATER SUPPLY PLAN

There was discussion about the need for an improved water supply plan. The Stanislaus water supply plan was discussed and stated as a well-prepared plan. There was discussion on how the EMRCD and its partners can encourage change and influence elected officials that the Water Supply Plan needs to be improved and corrected.

13. FUTURE PLANNING/BOARD ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

- a. Visioning session tentatively planned for Spring to revise EMRCD Work Plan
  - Some board members attended a Strategic Planning Session in Fresno on January 25. The members that attended the meeting began preparing a mission statement, goals, budget and staffing needs. The notes will be typed into the template prepared by Ray Ledgerwood, emailed to the Board members for their comments and discussed at the March Board meeting.
- b. Annexation
  - Nothing new to discuss.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Jon Kelsey said that he would discuss Board recruitment issues with Dee Tatum, Merced County Administrative Officer.

13. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session

14. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 1:00 pm in the USDA office conference room, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA

15. ADJOURNMENT: 3:52 pm

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