



East Merced Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, July 20, 2005, 1:00 p.m.,
Conference Room, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA 95340
Call EMRCD for more information (209-723-6755)

Directors Present: Glenn Anderson, Bob Bliss, Tim Johnson, Bernard Wade, Tony Azevedo

Directors Absent: Jon Kelsey, Mele Anderson

Others Present: Teri Murrison, EMRCD
Karen Whipp, EMRCD
Malia Hildebrandt
Gwen Huff, EMRCD
Jack Frey, Chowchilla-Redtop RCD
Sandra Faust, Chowchilla-Redtop RCD

Item #	Action
Vice President Tim Johnson called meeting to order at 1:05 pm	
1. INTRODUCTIONS None.	So Noted
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS None.	So Noted
3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA None.	
4. Jack Frey Chowchilla-Redtop RCD	

Jack Frey, Chowchilla-Redtop RCD met with the EMRCD Board of Directors to discuss having a Memorandum of Understanding to partnership in common interests. The MOU will be put on the EMRCD August agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes will be available at the August Board Meeting
- b. Treasury Report

Motion: Bob Bliss

Seconded: Bernie Wade

Motion approved unanimously.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Letters
 - none
- b. Meeting Notices and Reports
 - ENotes from NACD Special Edition
 - July 8, 2005 NACD Conservation Briefings
 - July 12 eNotes from NACD
 - 2005 CARD Annual Meeting Announcement
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
 - NACD News and Views

7. ORAL REPORTS

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Malia Hildebrandt
 - Malia reported that NRCS completed all funded applications. They received 106 eligible applications, funded 63 and deferred 42. One applicant called after being offered a contract.
 - Merced County received \$47,000 to fund three Wetland Enhancement projects.
 - The State office has recommended 16 watersheds for the 2006 CSP program. Eight will be selected for funding.
- b. Watershed Coordinator Report, Teri Murrison
 - Teri is handing over the majority of the Watershed Coordinator project to Gwen Huff. Teri will be involved mainly in Merced River Stakeholders meetings. Teri's focus will be work on the Merced River Alliance and reviewing reports.
 - Gwen has prepared her budget for DOC and will be responsible for all the deliverables. Her two major deliverables will be permits (not disturbing endangered species) and keeping stakeholders involved in activities.
 - Gwen Huff prepared the April through June quarterly report. Karen will submit that report along with photos from the Merced River Fair and the quarterly invoice to DOC before the end of July.
 - Cindy Lashbrook is at an 11-day Adopt-a-Watershed Training.
- c. Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Teri Murrison
 - Teri is reported that the agreement was received June 30. It was signed and FedExed to the State July 5. Due to a page numbering error the State resent the agreement July 14. The agreements arrived Monday, July 18. Once they are signed by Jon on July 28, they will be FedExed to the State. Then the State will email all the accounting documents needed to start the invoicing process.
 - Teri talked about the Stillwater contract and the first MRA meeting.
 - The upper and lower Watersheds will meet monthly to plan.
 - Karen The request letter for the advance has been reviewed, accepted by Annee (State) and signed by Jon. The special account for the advance at the County has been finalized and documentation to send to the State is ready.

8. EMRCD 2005-2006 BUDGET
Glenn Anderson moved to approve the 2005-2006 EMRCD budget. Tony Azevedo moved to second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
9. MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE PLANNING ACTIONS
There are no new landuse planning issues that are being reviewed at County Planning.
10. FUTURE PLANNING/BOARD ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES
 - a. Annexation
 - Nothing new to discuss.
11. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Nothing to report on the visioning session
 - b. Gwen Huff not able to work on line of credit because of director schedules.
 - c. Staff sent letters of invitations to Hilmar Cheese and Merced County Environmental Health requesting them to speak at a future board meeting
12. CLOSED SESSION
There was no closed session
15. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 17, 2005, 1:00 pm in the USDA office conference room, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA
16. ADJOURNMENT: 2:45 pm

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