



East
 Merced
 Resource
 Conservation
 District

Board of Directors

Jon Kelsey, President *Glenn Anderson*
Tim Johnson, Vice-President *vacant*
Robert Bliss, Sec./Treasurer *vacant*

Meeting Minutes
 of the
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
 EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 1:00 p.m.,
 Conference Room, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA 95340
Call EMRCD for more information (209-723-6755)

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

Directors Absent: Mele Anderson, Mike Pellincano

Others Present: Glenn Anderson,
 Teri Murrison, EMRCD
 Karen Whipp, EMRCD
 Cindy Lashbrook, EMRCD
 Gwen Huff, EMRCD
 Cathy Weber

Item #	Action
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. CONSENT AGENDA a. September 21, 2005 minutes b. Treasury Report c. Prop 13 Invoices Bob Bliss motion to approve. Bernard Wade second motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.	
5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY a. Letters • None b. Meeting Notices and Reports • Special Update – Governor Signs Sunshine Bill – Assembly Bill 1234	

- Global Water News
- RCD Base Line Funding Policy
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
 - Wildland Waters
 - Forestry Notes
 - Sustainable Agriculture Farming Systems Project
 - California Association of Resource Conservation Districts San Joaquin Valley Region Annual Fall Meeting Agenda
 - Forest Steward
 - Noxious Times
 - San Francisco Bay Resource Conservation District Horse Keeping Information
 - NACD News and Views

For information only.

6. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Malia Hildebrandt
 - Malia was absent.
 - Karen let the Board know for Malia that the cut off deadline set for landowners applying for FY 2006 Environmental Quality Incentive Program Funds is November 18.
- b. Watershed Coordinator--DOC Report, Gwen Huff
 - Cindy Lashbrook talked about her November 3, 2005 forum. Glenn Anderson attended and said it was a great meeting.
 - Gwen Huff talked about the MRA kick-off dinner November 21, 2005.
- c. Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Teri Murrison
 - Teri talked about the monitoring working with Stillwater. Stillwater completed helicopter flight for mapping of Merced River. Stillwater is also doing some land research in Yosemite Park.
 - Cindy had a dinner November. Diana Pedrozo spoke about water quality issues. There was a good round table discussion about landuse and water quality issues.
 - The next forum will be with the Farm Bureau.
 - Teri talked about the newsletter.
 - Teri is working on a quality assurance protocol.
 - State is happy

7. NOMINATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Bob Bliss moved to recommend to the Merced County Board of Supervisors to appoint Cathy Weber as an EMRCD Board of Director.

Seconded by Tony Azevedo.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. NOMINATION OF BAORD MEMBER TO MID'S MAGPI

Bernie Wade moved to appoint Tony Azevedo to serve on Merced Irrigation District's MAGPI Board.

Seconded by Bob Bliss.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. APPROVE INSURANCE CONTRACT FOR EMRCD BOARD

Bob Bliss moved to:

1. Authorize the President to sign the Joint Powers Agreement;
2. Authorize the President to sign the Resolution;
3. Submit letter of "No Known Losses";
4. Join CSDA at an annual rate of \$321 to secure membership in the SDRMA Property and Liability Insurance Program; and
5. Submit the Crime Policy Application.

Seconded by Tony Azevedo.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. APPROVE SPENDING FUNDS FOR MERCED RIVER ALLIANCE DINNER

Tony Azevedo recommended the EMRCD Board of Directors accept a \$300 donation from Stillwater Science, a \$35 donation from K L Whipp Business Strategies and a \$500 donation from Board President Tim Johnson totaling \$835 and set up a refreshment fund for EMRCD outreach events.

Seconded by Bernie Wade.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. EPA III GRANT FUNDS REPORT

Tony Azevedo moved to approve the Board secretary spend additional hours using part of the EPA III final payment of the \$18,580.03 to research the EPA III grant files, consultant invoices, report back to the Board on findings, make further recommendations to the Board, and follow further direction from the Board.

Seconded by Bob Bliss.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE PLANNING ACTIONS

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

13. CALFED GRANT PROPOSALS

Bob Bliss moved to direct personnel to submit three grant proposals for the EMRCD.

Seconded by Bernie Wade.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. FUTURE PLANNING

Nothing new to discuss.

15. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. There was nothing to report on the Endangered Species Poster at this time.
 - b. Statement of Economic Interests will be completed during the December board meeting.
 - c. No other old business.

16. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 1:00 pm at a location to be announced.,
Merced, CA

13. ADJOURNMENT: 3:05 pm

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