

Meeting Minutes
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 1:00 p.m.,
MID Conference Room, 744 West 20th St., 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
Holly Warner, Mariposa RCD
Terry McLaughlin, Mariposa RCD

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Action</u>
President Tim Johnson called meeting to order at 1:05 pm	
1. INTRODUCTIONS None.	So Noted
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS Teri Murrison resigned from the EMRCD.	So Noted
3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA None.	
4. CONSENT AGENDA a. November 16, 2005 minutes b. Treasury Report c. DOC and Prop 13 Grant Updates Bernie Wade motion to approve. Bob Bliss second motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.	
5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY a. Letters • None b. Meeting Notices and Reports • U. S. Department of Interior Revisions to Proposed Critical Habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog • Global Water News • CA Special District Association Update: Information on AB 1234 Compliance – Ethics Training	

- Central Valley Irrigated Lands Program Update
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
 - Great Valley News
 - Forestry Notes
 - Stewardship Council Newsletter
 - Soil and Water Conservation Society 2006 Annual Conference

For information only.

6. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Malia Hildebrandt
 - Malia was out on maternity leave.
- b. Watershed Coordinator--DOC Report, Gwen Huff
 - Gwen Huff talked about the 3 grant concept proposals she was submitting on behalf of the EMRCD.

She also requested the Board approve sending a letter to DOC requesting Karen Whipp be added as a part-time WC to write grants on behalf of the board. Bob Bliss moved for approval. Seconded by Tony Azevedo. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c. Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Holly Warner
 - Holly talked about the next steps of the Alliance project and the planning that was being done by personnel.
 - The EMRCD board and personnel agreed that Nancy McConnell from the Upper Watershed would be the best fit due to her experience to step in as the project manager for the project.

7. FORM 700 – STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Board members completed the forms during the meeting.

8. NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Bernie Wade moved to appoint Tim Johnson as President and Bob Bliss as Vice-President of the EMRCD Board of Directors for the 2006 term.
 Seconded by Tony Azevedo.
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. EPA III GRANT FUNDS REPORT

Karen Whipp gave a brief update. She has been trying to contact the consultant in regard to any outstanding invoices.

10. MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE PLANNING ACTIONS

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

11. FUTURE PLANNING

Nothing new to discuss.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a. No old business to discuss.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT

Bob Bliss moved to continue contracting with Karen Whipp for administrative services.

Seconded by Bernie Wade.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 1:00 pm at in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue., Merced, CA

13. ADJOURNMENT: 3:10 pm

For more information, contact: East Merced Resource Conservation District, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Suite C, Merced, CA 95340, Phone (209) 722-4119, Ext. 3, Fax (209) 725-2964.

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