

EMRCD Board Meeting

January 18, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

Board Directors Present: Tim Johnson, Glenn Anderson, Bernard Wade, Cathy Weber, Bob Bliss

Others Present: Gwen Huff, Cindy Lashbrook, Nancy McConnell, Holly Warner

1. Introduction – Meeting called to order at 1:10 PM by President Tim Johnson

2. Oral Communications – None

3. Corrections and/or additions to agenda – None

4. Consent Agenda – Postponed until February board meeting

a. Minutes of December board meeting

b. Treasury report

c. DOC 2 and Prop 13 updates

5. Correspondence – none

6. Written and Oral Updates

a. NRCS Update - none

b. Watershed Coordinator Update – Gwen Huff and Cindy Lashbrook. Review of grants proposals submitted last month. Still no word. Gwen Huff taking over for Teri Murrison as facilitator of the Merced River Stakeholders (MRS). Next MRS meeting Jan 23rd. Cindy noted that cooperation between EMRCD and ESJWQC is going well. Discussion on increasing participation at the Merced River Stakeholders' meetings yielded the following recommendations: outreach to both the Great Valley Center and UC Merced. Landowners will be very likely to attend if site selection for water monitoring were to be discussed.

c. Merced River Alliance Update – Nancy McConnell and Holly Warner. Written report attached. Discussion of upcoming events that cover both grants to include a tour of the New Exchequer Dam, a float on the lower Merced River, and a tour of Yosemite Valley.

7. Application for major credit card

Gwen Huff presented an application for a Cal-Card for use by EMRCD board and staff. Board members approved sending in the application.

8. EPA 3 Grant Funds Report

John Vollmar was contacted to determine if there were any unpaid invoices. There was one for approximately \$4000. He will submit this to the RCD for payment and Karen Whipp will submit to EPA along with a 10% overhead charge for the EMRCD. This action should close the EPA 3 account.

9. EMRCD 5-Year Plan

Board members agreed to come prepared to address this topic at the February board meeting. Cindy Lashbrook will contact Jenny Gabor of Madera NRCS to attend this meeting in order to assist in the process, if possible.

10. Merced County Landuse Planning Actions – None

11. Future Planning – none

12. Old Business – none

13. Next EMRCD Board Meeting – Feb 17, USDA Conference Room

14. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 3:30

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