

Meeting Minutes  
of the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Wednesday, May 24, 2006, 1:00 p.m.,  
Conference Room, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA 95340  
*Call EMRCD for more information (209-723-6755)*

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

Directors Absent: Mike Pellincano, Glenn Anderson

Others Present: Sharon Boyce, NRCS  
Nancy McConnell, Mariposa RCD  
Karen Whipp, EMRCD  
Cindy Lashbrook, EMRCD

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President Tim Johnson called meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bernie Wade asked Karen to get a copy of the RCD director's package for the directors. There was discussion about purchasing a portable PA system. Cindy Lashbrook will look into the cost to purchase a system.

3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. March 15, 2006 minutes
  - b. Treasury Report
  - c. DOC and Prop 13 Updates
  - d. Prop 13 Budget Line Item Transfer of Funds
- Tony Azevedo moved to approve the consent agenda.  
Bob Bliss seconded the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Letters
  - None
- b. Meeting Notices and Reports
  - CSDA Legislative Update May 5, 2006
  - CSDA Legislative Update May 12, 2006
  - Global Water News
  - Proposed FY 2006/2007 LAFCO Budget

- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
  - GLCI News Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative
  - CSDA Annual Report 2005
  - CSDA News April 2006
  - The CA Runoff Rundown
  - NACD News and Views
  - Soil and Water Conservation Society 2006 Annual Conference July 22-26 2006
  - Stewardship Council
  - UC Santa Barbara First Annual Watershed Management Course, June 20-22, 2006
  - Buffer Notes
  - Noxious Times
  - CSDA News May 2006
  - CSDA Annual Conference September 25-28, 2006

For information only.

6. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Sharon Boyce
  - Sharon gave a brief report on what NRCS staff was doing.
  - She said the main focus was continued work on EQUIP
- b. Watershed Coordinator--DOC Report, Cindy Lashbrook
  - Gwen submitted a written report, which Cindy gave.
  - She invited the directors to the Exchequer Dam Tour June 3.
  - Cindy invited the directors to the landowner heartland/landowner workshop and Father's Day River Float tours June 17 and 18
  - Cindy invited the Merced River Stakeholders July 24
  - She said we are still waiting to hear about the 2 grant proposals
  - Cindy reported on attending the CARCD Day in Sacramento
- c. Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Nancy
  - Nancy submitted a written report.
  - Nancy discussed the monthly staff meeting and highlighted the discussion of publicity.
  - The BAMP is still not finalized.
  - We have a new grant manager, Mandy Lewis.
  - Stillwater has begun the Bird work. Fish monitoring has not begun because of the high water flow.

7. FINAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF EMRCD 5-YEAR PLAN

Item tabled to next meeting.

8. 2006-2007 EMRCD BUDGET

Bob Bliss moved to approve the 2006-2007 EMRCD annual budget.

Tony Azevedo seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. FISCAL AUDIT REQUIREMENT  
Bob moved to submit a letter to the County Auditor and requesting a waiver of the audit based on extreme financial hardship.  
Cathy Weber seconded the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. EMRCD BOARD MEMBERSHIP  
Item tabled.
11. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER TO THE EMRCD BOARD  
Bernie moved to appoint Cindy Lashbrook as an associate member of the EMRCD Board.  
Bob Bliss seconded the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
12. MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE PLANNING ACTIONS  
Nothing new to discuss.
13. PRIORITY ACTION TOPIC FOR THE NEXT EMRCD AGENDA  
Next month's topic of discussion is Mustang Creek. Merced County Public Works staff will be attending the Board meeting. Turlock Irrigation District will also be invited to the meeting.
14. OLD BUSINESS  
Tim talked about the issues and phones calls received on Mustang Creek.
15. NEXT MEETING: The next EMRCD is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2006, 1:00 pm in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA
16. ADJOURNMENT 2:57 pm

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