

Meeting Minutes
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Wednesday, June 21, 2006, 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, Tim Johnson, Bernard Wade, Bob Bliss, Cathy Weber

Directors Absent: Tony Azevedo

Others Present: Karen Whipp, EMRCD
Curt Royer, Merced County Public Works
Kellie Jacobs, Merced County Public Works
Malia Hildebrandt, NRCS
Nancy McConnell, Mariposa RCD
Gwen Huff, EMRCD
Cindy Lashbrook, EMRCD personnel and associate director
Jenny Gabor, NRCS

Item #

President Tim Johnson called meeting to order at 1: 11 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bernie Wade brought photos of the Exchequer Dam field trip. Glenn Anderson brought a CD of the field trip.

3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. CURT ROYER AND KELLIE JACOBS, MERCED COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Curt Royer spoke to the board about the maintenance and requirements for the operation of Mustang Creek. There was a suggestion that the EMRCD should go before the Board of Supervisors to clear themselves of the agreement to maintain and operate Mustang Creek. That could result in the Board of Supervisors funding Public Works so the Creek could properly be maintained. Mr. Royer met with Turlock Irrigation District (TID). TID wants control of the water, but does not want any part of the maintenance. The cost to maintain the Creek would be approximately \$20,000 annually.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. May 24, 2006 minutes
- b. Treasury Report
- c. DOC and Prop 13 Updates

Bob Bliss moved to approve the consent agenda.

Glenn Anderson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Letters
 - None
- b. Meeting Notices and Reports
 - CSDA Legislative Update June 9, 2006
 - The Trinity Journal
 - California Department of Food and Agriculture
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
 - Sustainable Agriculture Farming Systems Project

For information only.

7. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Malia Hildebrandt
 - Malia reported on EQUIP and the current contracts. She said there is a backlog of contracts.
 - NRCS has made an offer to go from three year contracts to one year contracts.
 - Some folks have gone to the State level asking for contracts to be canceled.
 - Merced County has 478 contracts; 8 of the contracts have been cancelled to date.

Watershed Coordinator--DOC Report, Cindy Lashbrook

 - Gwen Huff reported that one grant DWR grant was denied. One of the comments was the links of the CalFED goals was weak. Outreach and education is not one of their main goals. The main focus of CalFED is the Delta.
 - Gwen said we are still waiting for the stream bank stabilization grant.
 - Gwen discussed the July 24 stakeholders meeting. Stakeholders want to know how projects are evaluated.
 - Gwen said she would like to give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
 - Cindy reported on the Landowner Workshop on water quality issues.
- b. Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Nancy McConnell
 - Nancy submitted a written report.
 - Nancy said she is reviewing the final draft of the BAMP.
 - The details of the fish monitoring have been worked out so that fish monitoring can begin.
 - Fish monitoring will begin in July. Stillwater is discussing having informal Open Houses for fish monitoring.
 - Bird monitoring has begun.
 - Terry is working hard on the education component.
 - Nancy reported on the science van and the MOU that will need to be put in place between the Merced and Mariposa County School Districts.
 - Nancy also reported on the Exchequer Dam field trip.

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

Bob Bliss moved to adopt the EMRCD 5-year plan.

Glenn Anderson seconded the motion.

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9. EMRCD WEBSITE AND BROCHURE
Gwen Huff gave a brief presentation on the EMRCD's current website and brochure; both items are outdated. There was discussion for the need to update the brochure and consolidate the three websites.
10. EMRCD BOARD MEMBERSHIP
Tabled for next meeting.
11. ENDANGERED SPECIES POSTER
Tabled for next meeting.
12. MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE PLANNING ACTIONS
Nothing new to discuss.
13. PRIORITY ACTION TOPIC FOR THE NEXT EMRCD AGENDA
Next month's topics of discussion will be Board of Supervisor presentation, Endangered Species presentation and consolidating EMRCD's three websites.
14. OLD BUSINESS
No old business.
15. NEXT MEETING: The next EMRCD is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2006, 1:00 pm in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA
16. ADJOURNMENT 3:18 pm

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