

Meeting Minutes
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Tuesday, March 20 2007, 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, Cathy Weber, Glenn Anderson, Bernard Wade, Tony Azevedo

Directors Absent: Karen Barstow

Others Present: Karen Whipp, EMRCD personnel
Cindy, EMRCD personnel and associate director
Gwen Huff, EMRCD personnel
Sharon Boyce, NRCS

Item #

Bob Bliss called meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Done.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Glenn, Cindy and Tony went to Washington, DC to talk to about Conservation Sustainability and met with the local elected officials and their aides. Cindy, Glenn and Tony shared what their objectives were for the trip.

3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the February 21,2007 EMRCD Board Meeting
- b. Treasury Report
- c. DOC and Prop 13 Updates

Robert Bliss moved to approve the consent agenda.

Glenn Anderson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Letters
 - None
- b. Meeting Notices and Reports
 - CSDA e-NEWS March 5, 2007
 - CSDA e-NEWS March 12, 2007
 - From CARCD-Current and Proposed Budget Scenarios
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
 - Sustainable Agriculture Farming Systems Project
 - CSDA Board Leadership Training
 - CSDA January –February Magazine
 - BioCycle West Coast Conference April 16-18, 2007

- National Woodlands Magazine
 - CSDA Strategic Planning Workshop May 9, 2007
 - NACD News and Views
 - Water Conservation News
 - Great Valley Center Annual Conference May 9-10, 2007
- For information only.

6. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS

Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Sharon Boyce

- Sharon talked had a holdup EQIP funds. Funds were freed for the dairymen today.

Watershed Coordinator--DOC Report, Gwen Huff and Cindy Lashbrook

- Gwen talked about the March Stakeholders meeting and the presentation on the endangered species.
- Gwen talked about the Concept Proposal for the DWR grant for \$400,000.
- Cindy talked about the last of her official field day.
- Karen shared information about the NFWF proposal that is due March 23.

Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Karen Whipp

- Nancy submitted her written report which is included in the packet
- The CEQA documents have been prepared.
- Terry is working with Snelling and Yosemite Valley Schools students.
- Cindy has been working on the River Fair.

Tony Azevedo moved that board members would contribute personal funds to purchase 100 hats to sell at the River Fair.

Glenn Anderson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. RESOLUTION OF THE EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT DETERMINING THAT THE MERCED RIVER ALLIANCE PROJECT IS QUALIFIED FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Tony Azevedo moved to adopt resolution 2007-01 determining Merced River Alliance Project is qualified for an exemption, per the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Robert Bliss seconded motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. FORM 700 – STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

The board completed the 700 – Statement Of Economic Interests Form.

9. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION WITH MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE ISSUES

Glenn and Cathy discussed participating in a focus group with the County General Plan.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Board discussed the need to recruit new board members.
- b. No other business was discussed

11. PRIORITY ACTION TOPIC FOR THE NEXT EMRC D AGENDA

The Priority Topic for next month will be the 2007-2008 Budget and future funding sources.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** The next EMRCD is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 1:00 pm** in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA
13. **ADJOURNMENT 3:35 pm.**

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