

**Meeting Minutes of the
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA 95340
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Roberts Rules of Order, 10th Edition, page 451

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

Directors Absent: Karen Barstow, Tony Azevedo

Others Present: Karen Whipp, EMRCD contract personnel
Cindy Lashbrook, EMRCD contract personnel and associate director (non-voting member)
Gwen Huff, EMRCD contract personnel
Malia Hildebrandt, NRCS staff
Ken Leap, Interested Citizen
Bill Hatch, Interested Citizen

Item #

President Bernie Wade called meeting to order at 1:20 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Done.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the July 18, 2007 EMRCD Board Meeting
- b. Treasury Report June and July
- c. DOC and Prop 13 Updates

Cathy Weber moved to approve the consent agenda.

Bob Bliss seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Letters
 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

- b. Meeting Notices and Reports
 - CSDA e-NEWS July 23, 2007
 - CSDA e-NEWS July 30, 2007
 - California Watershed e-News July 30, 2007
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
 - CSDA Alliance Brochure
 - CSDA Conference October 1-4, 2007
 - NRCS State Technical Advisory Committee Agenda
 - NACD Forestry Notes (June 2007)
 - NACD Forestry Notes (July 2007)
 - MED&R-Merced Developments (Winter 2007)
 - Shell Pipeline Company LP Safety Information
- d. Office Election Resolution Ballet Information for Insurance Board
So noted.

Following the review of the information items, Cathy Weber moved to have the September EMRCD Board meeting on September 26, 2007.

Seconded by Glenn Anderson.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS

Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Malia Hildebrandt (A written report was submitted at meeting and will be attached to agenda packets presented at the EMRCD Board meeting)

Watershed Coordinator--DOC Report, Gwen Huff (A written report was submitted at meeting and will be attached to agenda packets presented at the EMRCD Board meeting)

During the report Gwen Huff stated that Lydia Miller asked her to send a rebuttal letter against the DWR grant proposal to all of the Merced River Stakeholders.

Bob Bliss moved that Gwen Huff contract is with the East Merced Resource Conservation District is not authorized to send the letter.

Seconded by Glenn Anderson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Karen Whipp and Cindy Lashbrook (Written reports were submitted at meeting and will be attached to agenda packets presented at the EMRCD Board meeting.)

7. PLANNING FOR ANNEXATION

An oral report was given.

8. BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION WITH MERCED COUNTY LANDUSE ISSUES AND GENERAL PLAN UPDATES

There was board member discussion.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Board recruitment: There was brief discussion
- b. Other business: no discussion

10. PRIORITY ACTION TOPICS FOR THE NEXT EMRCD AGENDA

The Priority Topic for next month will be to discuss mechanism for immediate calls to action, discussions for funding sources and review the Strategic Plan.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next EMRCD is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 1:00 pm** in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA

12. THE MEETING OF THE EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:00 P. M.

KAREN L. WHIPP
EMRCD BOARD CLERK