

**Meeting Minutes of the
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

U C Cooperative Extension Classroom, 2145 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, Karen Barstow

Directors Absent: 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
Lydia Miller, SJRRC
Bill Hatch
Pat Ferrigno
Dhyana Levey, Merced Sun-Star

Item #

President Bernard Wade called meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Done.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Written communications were received and filed.

3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the August 15, 2007 EMRCD Board Meeting
- b. Treasury Report
- c. DOC and Prop 13 Updates

Bob Bliss moved to approve the consent agenda.

Cathy Weber seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Letters
 - No letters were presented at the meeting
- b. Meeting Notices and Reports
 - CSDA e-NEWS September 4, 2007
 - CSDA e-NEWS September 10, 2007
 - CSDA e-NEWS September 17, 2007
 - US Department of the Interior Submittal of Fiscal Year 2008 Program Proposals
 - California Association of Resource Conservation Districts – San Joaquin Valley Agenda for the Fall Area Meeting
 - Understanding the Ralph M. Brown Act
- c. Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
 - CSDA July – August 2007 Magazine
 - National Woodlands Magazine
 - Noxious Times
 - Forestry Notes
 - Great Valley News
 - Conservation Connection
 - EcoAnalysts
 - NACD News and Views
 - Forestland Steward
 - Water Conservation News

So noted.

6. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS

Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Malia Hildebrandt (A written report was submitted at the meeting and will be attached to agenda packets presented at the EMRCD Board meeting)
Watershed Coordinator--DOC Report, Gwen Huff and Cindy Lashbrook (A written report was submitted at the meeting and will be attached to agenda packets presented at the EMRCD Board meeting)
Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Karen Whipp (A written report was submitted at the meeting and will be attached to agenda packets presented at the EMRCD Board meeting.)

7. RECORDING EMRCD BOARD MEETINGS

Item tabled.

8. PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING PUBLIC INFORMATION

Bob Bliss moved to adopt the draft form presented to the board for requesting public information documents and to use Merced County Administration guidelines if requests to copy documents are made of charging 50 cents per page for each document copied.

Cathy Weber seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CAL-CARD CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Bob Bliss moved to authorize the EMRCD Board President to sign the contract addendum and resolution.

Glenn Anderson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. RESPONSE LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN RE GARD TO LETTERS OF OPPOSITION OF GRANT PROPOSAL

Item tabled.

11. FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMRCD AND MERCED RIVER STAKEHOLDERS

Item tabled.

12. MECHANISM FOR IMMEDIATE CALLS TO ACTION

Item tabled.

13. POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Item tabled.

14. OLD BUSINESS

a. Planning of Annexation –no discussion

b. Board recruitment: no discussion

c. Other business: no discussion

15. PRIORITY ACTION TOPICS FOR THE NEXT EMRCD AGENDA

The Priority Topic for next month will be to review the Strategic Plan.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next EMRCD is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 1:00 pm** in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA

17. THE MEETING OF THE EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:57 P. M.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the East Merced Resource Conservation District of Merced County, California.

Date: September 26, 2007

KAREN L. WHIPP
EMRCD BOARD CLERK