

**Draft Meeting Minutes of the
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 2135 Wardrobe Ave., Merced, CA 95341
Call EMRCD for more information (209-723-6755)**

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Roberts Rules of Order, 10th Edition, page 451

Directors Present: Karen Barstow, Bob Bliss, Cathy Weber Tony Azevedo
Directors Absent: Glenn Anderson
Others Present: Karen Whipp, EMRCD contract personnel
Fred Whipp, KL Whipp and Co, Inc
Cindy Lashbrook, contract personnel and associate director
Bill Hatch, Badlands Journal
Malia Hildebrandt, NRCS
Lydia Miller, SSJRC

Item #

President Karen Barstow called meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

So noted.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

So noted.

3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Bob Bliss moved to add a Personnel Committee Report to Item 14 d.
Seconded by Tony Azevedo.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the February 20, 2008 EMRCD Board Meeting
- b. Treasury Report
- 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

1 Letters

- MID Hydroelectric Re-licensing Application
- Form 700 State of Economic Interests
- Letter to Merced County Board of Supervisors Regarding the EIR and Conditional Use Permit for the Jaxon Enterprises, Inc. Mine Expansion and Reclamation Plan Project

- Letter to Merced County Planning Commission Regarding the EIR and Conditional Use Permit for the Jaxon Enterprises, Inc. Mine Expansion and Reclamation Plan Project
- 2 Meeting Notices and Reports
- CSDA e-NEWS March 3, 2008
 - CSDA e-NEWS March 10, 2008
 - California Watershed Network E-News
 - CSDA Education Alert
 - San Joaquin Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area Council March 27, 2008 Meeting Agenda
 - Invasive Species Management Symposium
- 3 Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
- Great Valley Center 11th Annual Conference May 7-8, 2008
 - UCD – Sustainable Agriculture Framing Systems Project
 - CSDA AB 1234 Open Ethical Leadership Training
 - DSDA Staying in Compliance Training
 - State Watershed Program Public Advisory Committee Meeting Agendas and Meeting Summaries for November 2, 2007, December 7, 2007, January 25, 2008

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, Karen Whipp (A written report was submitted at the meeting and was attached to agenda packets presented at the EMRCD Board meeting)

Merced River Alliance--Prop 13 Report, Karen Whipp for Nancy McConnell (A written report was submitted at the meeting and was attached to agenda packets presented at the EMRCD Board meeting.)

7. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST FROM SAN JOAQUIN RAPTOR/WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER AND PROTECT OUR WATER (POW)

For information only.

8. WEED MANAGEMENT AREA PROGRAM GRANT CONTRACT

Tony Azevedo moved to authorize the EMRCD Board President to sign the Weed Management Area Program Grant Administration Contract for fiscal years 2007/2008, 2008/2009, and 2009/2010.

Bob Bliss seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REVIEW THE EMRCD FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Review and continue to the April EMRCD Board meeting.

10. REVIEW DOUBLE T ACRES WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE EMRCD EVENT

Bob Bliss moved to have a Dinner Train fundraising event at Double T Acres on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at a donation of \$100.00 per ticket.

Cathy Weber seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED. Vice-President Azevedo Abstained.

