

**Draft Meeting Minutes of the
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 16, 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: Bob Bliss, Cathy Weber, Tony Azevedo, Glenn Anderson

Directors Absent: Karen Barstow

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
Claudine Sherron, Interested Citizen

Item #

Vice-President Tony Azevedo called meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

So noted.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Lydia Miller resubmitted a public records request regarding the Watershed Coordinator Grant Proposal.

3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the March 19, 2008 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

1 Letters

- No letters were submitted this month

2 Meeting Notices and Reports

- CSDA e-NEWS March 31, 2008
- CSDA e-NEWS April 7, 2008
- 2008 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards Application

- Advertisement of the Watershed Coordinator Position
 - Memorandum from CARCD Regarding Legal Representation
- 3 Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
- Forestry News
 - 2008 Special Districts Legislative Day
 - San Joaquin River Restoration Program
 - California Trees
 - Resources Update
 - CSDA 2007 Annual Report

So noted.

6. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS

Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Malia Hildebrandt (An oral report was given at the 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 (An oral report was given at the meeting.)

7. MID HYDROELECTRIC RELICENSING APPLICATION

So noted.

8. UC MERCED NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT DUE MAY 7, 2008

Glenn Anderson will attend the April 23, 2008 UC Merced EIS/EIR scoping meeting.

9. REVIEW THE EMRCD FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Reviewed and continued to the May EMRCD Board meeting.

10. REVIEW DOUBLE T ACRES WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE EMRCD EVENT

So noted.

11. PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION STATEWIDE WATERSHED PROGRAM ONLINE SURVEY

So noted.

12. LOCAL STATE PARK CLOSURES

Bob Bliss moved to sign and submit letters to the Governor's Office, State of California Parks, and our State representatives requesting the State parks located within Merced County not be closed.

Glenn Anderson seconded the motion.

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

So noted.

