

**Draft Meeting Minutes of the  
EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, May 21, 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, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, page 451*

Directors Present: Karen Barstow Bob Bliss, Cathy Weber, Glenn Anderson  
Directors Absent: Tony Azevedo  
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  
Scot Turner, NRCS  
Lydia Miller, SSJRC

Item #

President Karen Barstow called meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

So noted.

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of the April 16, 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.**

- d. Workshop Understanding the State Controller's Report

Item 4d was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be brought back to the board as a separate item at the June EMRCD Board meeting.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ONLY**

- 1 Letters
  - Department of Conservation Grant Denial Letter
- 2 Meeting Notices and Reports

- CSDA e-NEWS April 28, 2008
  - CSDA e-NEWS May 5, 2008
  - CSDA e-NEWS May 12, 2008
  - Proposed Fiscal Year 2008/2009 LAFCO Budget
- 3 Newsletters (available to review at the meeting)
- Forestry News
  - NACD News and Views
  - Conservation Connection
  - Russell Ranch SAFS Project
  - Land and People

So noted.

**6. WRITTEN AND ORAL REPORTS**

Natural Resources Conservation Service Report, Malia Hildebrandt (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. PLANADACOMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PLANADA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRAD AND EXPANSION COMMENTS DUE JUNE 13, 2008**

Bob Bliss moved that a letter of concern regarding potentially significant environmental impacts will be prepared and submitted by the EMRCD Board.

Glenn Anderson seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. NOTICE OF MAY 28 PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY MERCED COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR JAXON ENTERPRISES – CRAVEN PIT MINE EXPANSION**

Previously submitted letters will be resubmitted.

**9. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE EMRCD FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**

Glenn Anderson moved to accept the updated Priority Actions in their five-year Strategic Plan, with the provision that the Board review the Priority Actions and Topics quarterly beginning in September.

Bob Bliss seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. REVIEW DOUBLE T ACRES WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE EMRCD EVENT**

So noted.

**11. LANDOWNER WORKGROUP ON WATERSHEDS**

So noted.

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

So noted.

**13. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Review Progress of Annexation: So noted.
- b. Letter Regarding the Closures of Local State Parks
- c. Other Business: So noted

**14. PRIORITY ACTION TOPIC FOR THE NEXT EMRCD AGENDA**

Report on Meeting with Public Works and Supervisor Kelsey

**15. NEXT MEETING**

The next EMRCD is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 1:00 pm** in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA.

**16. THE MEETING OF THE EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:02 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: May 21 2008

/s/

KAREN L. WHIPP  
EMRCD BOARD CLERK