

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**EAST MERCED RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

USDA Office  
Conference Room  
2135 W. Wardrobe Avenue  
Merced, CA 95340

Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 1:00 p.m.

Call EMRCD for more information 209-722-4119 extension 3

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1. INTRODUCTION

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA  
BEFORE AND DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

AT THIS TIME, ANY PERSON MAY COMMENT ON ANY ITEM THAT IS NOT ON  
THE AGENDA. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS MAY BE LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES  
EACH BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT.  
PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.

3. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

THE EMRCD BOARD MAY TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS NOT  
APPEARING ON THE POSTED AGENDA UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
CONDITIONS:

1. Upon determination by a majority vote that an emergency situation exists;
2. Upon determination by an anonymous vote that the need to take action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted; and
3. The item was posted for a prior meeting of the EMRCD Board occurring not more than 5 days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.

ITEM #

PRESENTER

4. Endangered Species Act

Claudia Eycaguirre

Ms. Eycaguirre is with the Defenders of Wildlife and will give a 20 minute presentation on the possible changes being implemented in the Endangered Species Act.

\* 5. Minutes of the February 16, 2005 EMRCD Board Meeting

Recommend EMRCD Board review, recommend revisions, if necessary, and approve minutes.

6. Correspondence/Information Only

a. Letters

1. None to review at this time

b. Meeting Notices and Reports

1. Farm Bill Forum Invitation
2. San Joaquin Area RCD Spring Meeting
3. Quarterly Report of the CARCD Executive Director
4. NRCS Listening Session on the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm Bill Programs March 17, 2005, Fresno County Fairgrounds

c. Newsletters (available to review at meeting)

1. Forestry Notes
2. Buffer Notes
3. Adopt-A-Watershed
4. Linkages
5. USDA Small-Diameter Success Stories
6. Wildland Waters
7. Forestland Steward
8. Water Conservation News
9. NACD News and Views
10. Stainable Agriculture Farming Systems Project

For information only.

\*+ 7. Treasury Report

Karen Whipp

Recommend EMRCD Board review and approve the Treasury Report, which includes:

- a. General Ledger
- b. Account Balance

8. Written and Oral Updates

- # a. NRCS Update Malia Ortiz  
b. Watershed Coordinator Update Teri Murrison

For information only.

- \*# c. Merced River Alliance (Prop 13) Update Teri Murrison

Recommend the EMRCD Board approve the

1. Draft funding agreement between EMRCD and the SWRCB;
2. Draft job descriptions; and
3. Direct President to negotiate and sign the funding agreement with the State Water Resource Control Board and negotiate and sign contracts with the above listed independent contractors and Stillwater Sciences to perform the Prop 13 grant requirements.

- \* 9. Transfer of EPA III Grant Funds Karen Whipp

Request the EMRCD Board approve transferring the remaining \$795.66 in the EPA III account into the General Fund account.

- # 10. EMRCD 5-Year Plan Jon Kelsey

Review and discuss the EMRCD 5-year Plan Worksheet.

11. Merced County Landuse Planning Actions

No new landuse planning actions to review or prepare for EMRCD Board comment.

- \*# 12. Merced Water Supply Plan Jon Kelsey

Request the EMRCD Board approve sending a letter to invite Ted Selb, Chief Engineer, Merced Irrigation District to come to the April EMRCD Board meeting and give an update on the Merced Water Supply Plan.

13. Future Planning

- a. Plan Visioning session to revise EMRCD Work Plan
- b. Annexation

For discussion only.

14. Old Business

- a. Board Member Recruitment Status
- b. Other Old Business

Jon Kelsey

\* 15. Closed Session

No items to be considered in closed session regarding real property, litigations, liability claims or personnel issues have been submitted to staff. If a board member desires to have an issue discussed in closed session, please submit your item to staff so that it will be described properly in any upcoming agendas.

16. Next EMRCD Board Meeting

The next EMRCD Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA.

\* 17. Adjournment of the regular EMRCD Board meeting, March 16, 2005

- \* Action
- # Attachment
- + Enclosure

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT STAFF AT 209-723-6755. NOTIFICATION OF 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE STAFF TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

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