

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, July 23, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

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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 unanimous 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

GUEST PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- 4. Merced River Alliance Project Presentation** Terry McLaughlin

Terry McLaughlin, Education Coordinator for the Merced River Alliance Project, *made possible by a CALFED grant and administered by the State Water Resources Control Board*, will give a presentation and demonstrate the Watershed Model.

- 5. Written and Oral Updates**

- # a. NRCS Update Malia Hildebrandt
b. Merced River Alliance (Prop 13) Update Nancy McConnell

EMRCD ADMINSTRATIVE ITEMS

- * **6. Consent Agenda** Karen Whipp

- # a. Minutes of the June 18, 2008 EMRCD Board Meeting
b. Treasury Report
c. Merced River Alliance Project Financial Update

- *# **7. Professional Services Agreement Between EMRCD and the River Partners for a Weed Eradication Grant through the California Department of Food and Agriculture** Karen Whipp

Recommend the EMRCD Board approve an agreement with River Partners and authorize the EMRCD Board President to sign the agreement.

- *# **8. Possible Meeting Time Change of EMRCD Board Meeting** Karen Whipp

Discuss options of different meeting times to be more accessible to the public and potential board members and make recommendations.

- *# **9. EMRCD Agenda Format Options** Karen Whipp

In an effort to conserve resources discuss options to present the monthly agenda to the EMRCD Board members and the public.

- *# **10. The Next EMRCD Fundraising Event** Karen Whipp/
Tony Azevedo

For discussion and possible action.

EMRCD ISSUES AND PRIORITY TOPICS

- * **11. Current and Future Local Water Issues** Cindy Lashbrook/
Cathy Weber
- Discuss MAGPI, the Merced Water Management Plan and recommend the EMRCD Board write a letter of support to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).
- 12. EMRCD President's Report** Karen Barstow
- The EMRCD Board President will report on her meeting with Merced County Public Works.
- 13. Landowner Workgroup**
- As the watersheds within the East Merced Resource Conservation District and their challenges are identified, ways to resolve those challenges, including, collaborations and potential funding sources will also be identified.
- 14. Board Member Participation With Merced County Landuse Issues and General Plan Updates**
- The EMRCD Board members come prepared to discuss current land use issues and ways to be involved.
- * **15. Closed Session**
- It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) concerning exposure to possible litigation: one case.
- 16. Old Business**
- a. Progress of Annexation
 - b. Other Old Business
- 17. Correspondence/Information Only**
- a. Letters
 1. NRCS Letter Regarding the 2008 Farm Bill
 - # b. Meeting Notices and Reports
 1. Statewide Watershed Program Announces Summary of Initial Public Outreach Efforts
 2. CSDA e-NEWS June 23, 2008
 3. CSDA e-NEWS July 14, 2008
 4. Public Meeting Regarding Status of Long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
 - c. Newsletters and Flyers (available to review at meeting)
 1. Forestry Notes
 2. San Joaquin River Restoration Program Update
 3. Resources Update Riverside-Corona RCD
- For information only.

* **18. Priority Action Topic for Next EMRCD Agenda**

Presentation from Merced Irrigation District

19. Next EMRCD Board Meeting

The next EMRCD Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 20, 2008** in the USDA Office Conference Room, 2135 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA.

* **20. Adjournment of the Regular EMRCD Board Meeting, July 23, 2008.**

* **Action** # **Attachment** + **Enclosure**

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Date Agenda Posted July 18, 2008
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