

East Merced Resource Conservation District (RCD) <manager@eastmercedrcd.org>

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING: AGENDA (ZOOM only)**

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:00PM

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Welcome and Introductions:**

Public’s speak, limited to 6 min./ person. Public may address any item on Agenda before and during consideration of that item.

**Oral Communications:**

At this time any person may comment on any item that is not on the Agenda. Individual comments are limited to 6 minutes per person. Please state your name and address for the record.

**Testimony 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. 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
3. Upon determination by a unanimous vote that the need to take action arose subsequent to the Agenda being posted

**REGULAR RCD Board Meeting 3:00 PM**

1. Consent Agenda **(ACTION) 5 min**
   1. October 19, 2022 minutes approval and signature Stock
   2. October 31, 2022 special meeting minutes approval
   3. Treasury Report for October 2022 Stock
   4. Governor’s Resolution AB 361, allowing for hybrid/virtual meeting
   5. Request to move December Board Meeting from Dec 21 to Dec 14
2. Written and Oral Updates from Partners and Projects- 3 minute each, except guest speaker
   1. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Representative
   2. Sustainable Groundwater Agencies (SGA) Okuye/Stock
   3. East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District (ESRCD) Walley
   4. John Vollmar, Vernal Pools project update Vollmar
   5. Manager’s Report Stock
   6. Trevor Hutton, Irrigation Specialist Hutton
3. Financial and Project Review **15 min**
   1. Transactions and Invoices for approval of payment **(ACTION)** Stock
      1. Elite Card
      2. Refund Trevor Hutton for WETA expenditure, mileages and supplies
      3. Trevor, cell Phone stipend
      4. Choice Administrators, health insurance for Dec and Jan
      5. Choice administrators, approval for monthly bill payment
   2. EPA Invoice for submission for payment **(ACTION)** Vollmar/Stock
   3. WCB Invoice for submission for payment **(ACTION)** Vollmar/Stock
   4. CARCD loan status
   5. CDFA SWEEP grant- update Stock
   6. USDA-NRCS RCPP grant Stock
   7. WETA (mobile irrigation lab begun in July 2022) Stock
   8. MID Water Trailor Okuye/Stock
   9. Bookkeeping and Audit Updates **(ACTION)**  Walley/Stock
      1. QB review of FY 2021-22 with Accruals (end of year corrections)
      2. Grant Tracking spreadsheet review
      3. Status 20-21 Audit
   10. Pending Grant Applications **(ACTION)** Walley/Stock
       1. IRWMP outreach $60,000
       2. WCB/CARCD CFP & Habitat Implementation block grant
       3. SWEEP request to use funding for new cycle of application TA
   11. Pending Contracts with Partners **(ACTION)** Stock
       1. CARCD dues are due, 2% of unrestricted funds
4. Requirements of the Board 10 min Stock
   1. Review and consideration of projects, meetings and webinars **(ACTION)** Stock/Walley
      * 1. Trevor- Quick books training options Trevor Hutton
        2. Sierra Nevada conservancy/CARCD grant writing workshop, Jan. Stock
      1. Planning for Hire and Training of FT DM by July 2023 per 5 year plan
         * 1. Job description review
           2. Hiring plan
      2. CARCD conference email dated 8/10/2022 and 8/11, In person Nov 30th-Dec 2,
         * 1. All board members and staff welcome to attend
      3. Policy Manual Update
      4. Manager hour currently 20/week, increase to 30 per week through December.
   2. Review and consideration of correspondence **(ACTION)** Okuye/Patteson
      1. In person meeting requirement will resume in March 2023 per Governor
5. Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2022, 3:00pm-5:00pm**

List of Acronyms:

AFT- American Farmland Trust

CARCD- California Association of RCD’s

CDFA- California Department of Food and Agriculture

CFP- Carbon Farm Plan

EPA- Environmental Protection Agency, Fed funding. EMRCD has grant for vernal pools survey

CDFA- California Department of Food and Agriculture

FEMA- Federal Emergency Management Agency

IRWMP- Integrated Regional Water Management Group (5 governing entities)

MID- Merced Irrigation District

NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation District, EMRCD is affiliate, shared office space

OEFI- CDAF Office of Environmental Farming, SWEEP is through this office

SALC- Sustainable Ag Land Conservation, a California program

SWEEP- State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program- funding to assist farmers in replacing systems for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and water consumption

RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program- an AFT grant for farm conservation practices with goal of locating easements to preserve ag land from development

USDA- U.S. Dept of Agriculture- oversees many agencies, including NRCS and Forest Service

WCB- Wildlife Conservation Board, California- State funding for EMRCD vernal pools survey

WETA- Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program. Funds EMRCD’s Mobile Irrigation Lab currently offering free irrigation evaluations.