



East Merced Resource Conservation District (RCD)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Call in and/zoom meeting

East Merced RCD – admin@eastmercedrccd.org

Regular RCD Board Meeting (Called to Order at 3:00pm)

Welcome and Introductions:

In Attendance: Jean Okuye, Bob Bliss, Joe Mello, Lynn Sullivan, Jennifer Foster, Cindy Lashbrook, and Trina Walley

Oral Communications:

At this time any person may comment on any item that is not on the Agenda. Individual comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Please state your name and address for the record.

Testimony Corrections and/or additions to the Agenda: None at this time.

1. Consent Agenda (**ACTION**) **MSC** approved minutes for July 15, 2020. MSC (Bob/Joe). Passes unanimously.
 - a. June 17, 2020 minutes approval and signature – spelling corrections
 - b. Treasury Report for July 2020 not available as county transitions to new fiscal year Walley
2. Written and Oral Updates from Partners and Projects
 - a. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Representative
 - i. 198 active applications with 47 selected for funding. Johnnie's reassigned as acting DC.
 - b. Sustainable Groundwater Agencies (SGA) Representative
 - i. Not in attendance. Statewide updates online.
 - c. East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District (ESRCD) Walley
 - i. Submitted grant for regional proposal. Still have limited office access so staff still at part time with Jeff and Trina returning to full time for grant reporting. In planning process for On Farm CIG soil health for 4 properties, one of which is in Merced County.
 - d. NACD Project with Coarsegold RCD Okuye
 - i. Julie has requested an extension on the grant. ESRCD has not used all the funding contracted since work has been delayed due to COVID. Evaluate renewing contract or training new employee on the project.
3. Financial and Project Review
 - a. Transactions and Invoices for approval of payment (**ACTION**) Wentzel
 - i. \$106.00 to Wells Fargo for June and July office monthly charges plus interest and fees
 - ii. \$446.44 to Golden State Risk Management Authority for two payments
 - iii. \$10 to California DMV for trailer registration renewal
 - iv. \$16,520.00 to Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting
 - v. **MSC** to approve submitted invoices for payment and deposits. MSC (Bob/Joe). Passes unanimously.
 - b. EPA Invoice for submission for payment (**ACTION**) Vollmar/Walley
 - i. **MSC** to approve \$18,020.00 submission for payment to EPA. MSC (Bob/Joe). Passes unanimously.
 - c. Bookkeeping and Audit Updates Walley
 - i. Scheduled for August 28, 2020
 - d. Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Update Okuye
 - i. No updates at this time

- e. Pending Grant Applications **(ACTION)** Walley
 - i. No new grants to consider at this time
 - **MSC** to submit joint applications for both DOC grants and provide \$20,000 cash match to the **Riparian Restoration and Conservation Grant**. MSC (Bob/ Shirish). Passes unanimously.
 - f. Pending Contracts with Partners **(ACTION)**
 - Contract with East Stanislaus RCD to hire a shared employee with 50% Stanislaus and 50% Merced County conservation planning and technical assistance.
 - **MSC** to ESRCD at cost of 50% shared employee. MSC (Bob/ Joe). Passes unanimously.
4. Requirements of the Board
- a. Conflict of Interest
 - i. Notify that there have been no changes as of September 2020
 - **MSC** to approve notice as presented. MSC (Bob/Joe). Passes unanimously.
 - b. Tier 1 Requirements Walley
 - i. Policy updates will be needed by October for new employees and District Manager.
 - c. Review and consideration of correspondence **(ACTION)** Walley
 - None at this time
5. Adjournment at 3:50 pm

NEXT MEETING September 16, 2020 AT 3:00pm

Minutes approved:

Board Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____