

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

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

Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 3:00PM 2926 G Street, Room 205, Merced CA 95340

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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. August 20, 2022 minutes approval and signature Stock
   2. Treasury Report for August 2022 Stock
   3. CARCD Loan status
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 Stock/Hutton
3. Financial and Project Review **15 min**
   1. Transactions and Invoices for approval of payment **(ACTION)** Stock
      1. Elite Card
      2. AFT invoice, sub award to CDFA SWEEP
   2. EPA Invoice for submission for payment **(ACTION)** Vollmar/Stock
   3. WCB Invoice for submission for payment **(ACTION)** Vollmar/Stock
   4. CDFA SWEEP grant- update Stock
   5. USDA-NRCS RCPP grant Stock
   6. WETA (mobile irrigation lab begun in July 2022) Stock
   7. MID Water Trailor Okuye/Stock
   8. Bookkeeping and Audit Updates **(ACTION)**  Walley/Stock
      1. QB review
      2. Status 20-21 Audit
   9. Pending Grant Applications **(ACTION)** Walley/Stock
      1. IRWMP outreach $60,000
      2. WCB/CARCD CFP & Habitat Implementation block grant
   10. Pending Contracts with Partners **(ACTION)** Stock
       1. CARCD loan status
4. Requirements of the Board 10 min
   1. Review and consideration of projects, meetings and webinars **(ACTION)** Stock/Walley
      1. Community Garden Shah/ Okuye
   2. Review and consideration of correspondence **(ACTION)** Okuye/Patteson
      1. 700 Forms; Merced County review of Conflict-of-Interest Code- due October
      2. Policy manual updates
         1. 2080.2  Quorum change from 3 to 4 as we are officially a 7 member board
         2. 2080.2.1   7 directors
         3. 2100.1.2.   Tape recording  Omit?2110.1.1.
         4. Rosenberg's Rules of Order
         5. 2170.3      omit "San Bernardino County Special District"
         6. 3010.4.7  Part time and temporary employees not eligible for compensatory time?
         7. 3260.4     Credit Cards:   change to EMRCD (not ESRCD)
         8. Definitions  p. 70.  District:  EMRCD not ESRCD
      3. Any new correctional items found between today and the meeting
5. Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING: October 19, 2022, 3:00pm-5:00pm**

List of Acronyms:

CARCD- California Association of RCD’s

CDFA- California Department of Food and Agriculture

CFP- Carbon Farm Plan

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

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- Used for some 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 vernal pools survey

WETA- Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program. Funds free irrigation evaluations.