



EAST MERCED
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

East Merced Resource Conservation District (RCD)

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15th, 2026

In-person/Online(Virtual Join: Google Meet)

East Merced RCD / manager@eastmercedrkd.org

RCD Board Meeting 2:00 PM - Called to order at 2:04 PM

In Person: Zachary Wells, Emily Neapolitan, Paramjeet Singh, Joy Baccei, John Magneson, Cathryn Mong, Lynn Sullivan, Jennifer Alvarez-Sagrero

In Person Guest Attendees: Carolina - NRCS

Online Attendees: Alexandria Miranda ESRCD ED **Absent:** Brian MacInnes

Oral communications: Executive Director and Board President welcomed new Board Member Paramjeet.

Public Comments: East Stanislaus RCD Executive Director Alexandria Miranda addressed the board request East Merced RCD join a grant proposal.

Testimony Corrections and/or additions to Agenda - Acceptance of East Stanislaus proposal to include EMRCD into Grant application- Add to Item 4A6.

RCD Board Meeting

1. Written and Oral Updates from Public and/or Partners - 5 minutes each, except guest speaker(s)
 - A. Public
 - i. Alexandria of EMRCD Presented opportunity to the board for EMRCD to be added to grant opportunity
 - B. USDA - NRCS
 - i. Carolina gave update and overview of work and updates form NRCS
 - C. Staff & Executive Director Report
 - i. Each staff reported on what they accomplished and have worked on since last meeting
2. Consent Agenda (ACTION) 5 min

- A. Minutes approval and signature: Board Meetings(ACTION) Magneson
 - i. Regular Board Meeting February 18th, 2026 *Paramjeet*
ACTION: APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES SESSIONS (05/20/26) ;
MOTION 1 Catie / 2nd: Joy.
VOTE: 4 YES 1 ABSTENTION ; MOTION PASSES? YES ☒ No ☐

- B. Financial Report(ACTION) Wells
 - i. Finance Report: May 2026
ACTION: APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT ; MOTION 1st: Lynn / 2nd: Joy
VOTE: 4 YES 1 ABSTENTION ; MOTION PASSES? YES ☒ No ☐

3. Bookkeeping and Audit Updates Wells
 - A. Pending and Upcoming Contracts with Partners
 - i. Healthy Soils Program(HSP-CDFA) (DISCUSSION)
 - ii. State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program(SWEEP-CDFA)(DISCUSSION)
 - iii. Conservation Partners Program(CPP-NFWF) (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DIRECTION)

4. Requirements of the Board 10 min Wells
 - A. Review and consideration of correspondence (ACTION)
 - i. Discussion and authorization for the Executive Director to prepare and submit a full State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) and Healthy Soils Block Grant application(s), including preparation and submission of supporting documents Board letters of support, budgets, work plans and execution of application documents required for the application process.
 - a. **ACTION: APPROVE ZACH to be able to prepare and submit documents for the above mentioned grants.**
MOTION 1st: Lynn/ 2nd: Catie.
VOTE: 4 YES 1 ABSTENTION ; MOTION PASSES? YES ☒ NO ☐
 - ii. Board approves staff milage
 - a. **ACTION: Board APPROVE Zach Milage Reimbursement**
 - b. **MOTION 1st: Lynn 2nd: Joy;**
VOTE: 4 YES 1 ABSTENTION ; MOTION PASSES? YES ☒ NO ☐
 - iii. Board Approval of staff Reimbursement
 - a. **ACTION: Board APPROVE Invoice for Curt Metcalf**
 - b. **MOTION 1st: Catie 2nd: Joy;**
VOTE: 4 YES 1 ABSTENTION ; MOTION PASSES? YES ☒ NO ☐
 - iv. Board Approval of Audit Engagement & invoice Approval(\$5950)
 - a. **ACTION: Board APPROVE Invoice for Audit Services**
 - b. **MOTION 1st: Lynn 2nd: Catie;**

VOTE: 4 YES 1 ABSTENTION ; MOTION PASSES? YES ☒ NO ☐
v. Consideration and acceptance of Secretary/Treasurer Cathryn Mong's resignation

a. **ACTION: Acceptance of secretary/Treasurer Cathryn Mong's Resignation as of August 31st, 2026.**

b. **MOTION 1st: Joy 2nd: Lynn.**

VOTE: 4 YES 1 ABSTENTION ; MOTION PASSES? YES ☒ NO ☐

vi. Acceptance of East Stanislaus proposal to include EMRCD into Grant application

i. **ACTION: Approve proposal from East Stanislaus to include EMRCD in Conservation Innovation Grant proposal**

MOTION 1st: Joy 2nd: Lynn.

VOTE: 4 YES 1 ABSTENTION ; MOTION PASSES? YES ☒ NO ☐

ii. Board reports - NO REPORTS GIVEN

5. Closed Session - None

Magneson

6. Adjournment **MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:11 pm NEXT MEETING: August 19th, 2026, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

SIGNATURE: John Magneson

DATE: 8/19/26