

**NOTICE OF EMRCD Board MEETING: AGENDA (Hybrid: ZOOM or in person)**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 3:00pm-5:00pm**

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

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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. December 14, 2022 minutes approval and signature Stock
   2. Treasury Report for December 2022 Stock
      1. Income statement and balance sheet
   3. Governor’s Resolution AB 361, allowing for hybrid/virtual meeting Stock
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
      1. 2022 in review,
      2. Annual and 5 yr. plan status
      3. List of Trainings requested last month
   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, prepaid per consent in Nov 2022, $173.90
      2. Choice Administrators, health insurance for February, prepaid per consent, $556.70
      3. Reimbursement: Trevor Hutton - grant expenditure, mileage, supplies- none
      4. Consent to prepay WF elite card and Choice Admin (health ins) monthly through 2023
   2. EPA Invoice for submission for payment **(ACTION)** Vollmar/Stock
   3. WCB Invoice for submission for payment **(ACTION)** Vollmar/Stock
   4. CARCD loan status Stock
   5. CDFA SWEEP grant- update **(ACTION)** Stock
   6. USDA-NRCS RCPP grant **(ACTION)** Stock
      1. Hedge row farm day Jan 25th in Livingston
   7. WETA (mobile irrigation lab begun in July 2022)
      1. SWEEP & WETA Workshop review, Thur. Jan 12 Hutton
   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. Auditor: letters of commitment, 20 and 21 for approval
   10. Pending Grant Applications **(ACTION)** Walley/Stock
       1. RAC 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. NRCS-EMRCD MOU review
4. Requirements of the Board 10 min **(ACTION)** Stock
   1. Review and consideration of projects, meetings and webinars
      * 1. Next steps for Trevor, scheduled trainings within budget of FY ending July
           1. Sierra Nevada Conservancy/CARCD grant writing workshop

Jan 18, 19, 20. (16 hrs )

* + - * 1. Conservation Desktop NRCS software for RCPP Stock Walley

Jan 31-Feb 2. ( 24 hrs )

RCPP application process on CD Jan 18th, 1:30 (1 hr. )

* + 1. Planning for Hire and Training of FT DM by July 2023 per 5 year plan
       - 1. Job description review
         2. Hiring plan
    2. Planning for hire of bookkeeper
       - 1. Job description
         2. Hiring plan
    3. Approve up to 30 hour work week for manager in February **(ACTION)**
    4. New board members
  1. Review and consideration of correspondence **(ACTION)** Okuye/Patteson
     1. In person meeting requirement will resume in March 2023, per Governor
        + 1. AB2449 new remote meeting regulations.

1. Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING: February 15, 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

CEU- Continuing Education Units (required for

CIG Conservation innovation grant

CFP- Carbon Farm Plan

DWR- Department of Water Resources

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

EQIP- Environmental quality incentives program

FEMA- Federal Emergency Management Agency

HSP- CDFA Healthy Soils Program

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

FSA Farm Services Agency

LAFCO- Local Agency Formation Commission (responsible for local district boundary)

MID- Merced Irrigation District

NACD- National Association of Conservation Districts

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- CDFA program funding replacement systems for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and water consumption

RAC- Regional Advisory Committee, serves IRWMP

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, a CDFA program. Funds EMRCD’s Mobile Irrigation Lab currently offering free irrigation evaluations.

WMA- Weed Management Area