

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

**February 15, 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. January18, 2023 minutes approval and signature Stock
   2. Treasury Report for January 2023 Stock
      1. Income statement and balance sheet
   3. Governor’s Resolution AB361 replaced by AB2449 for in person meeting Stock
2. Written and Oral Updates from Partners and Projects- 3 minute each, except guest speaker
   1. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Wright
   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. General fund expenditures by District Manager
      4. Cam Tredennick, new CARCD director.
   6. Trevor Hutton, Irrigation Specialist Hutton
      1. Grant writing workshop
      2. CD desktop
      3. RCPP on desktop
3. Financial and Project Review **15 min**
   1. Transactions and Invoices for approval of payment **(ACTION)** Stock
      1. Elite Card, prepaid per consent in Jan 2023, $173.90
      2. Choice Administrators, health insurance for March, prepaid per consent Jan 23, $556.70
      3. Reimbursement: Trevor Hutton - grant expenditure, mileage, supplies
   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
   7. WETA (mobile irrigation lab begun in July 2022)
      1. 2022 season final data 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:
   10. Pending Grant Applications **(ACTION)** Walley/Stock
       1. RAC IRWMP outreach $60,000
       2. WCB/CARCD CFP & Habitat Implementation block grant
       3. SWEEP awaiting opening of application window
   11. Pending Contracts with Partners **(ACTION)** Stock
       1. NRCS-EMRCD SOU for vehicle use
       2. County Workforce Grant application, permission to get on their list Okuye
       3. CDFA Block Grant- steps to consider
4. Requirements of the Board 10 min **(ACTION)** Stock
   1. Review and consideration of projects, meetings and webinars
      1. Plan for Hire and Training of FT DM by July 2023 per 5 year plan
         * 1. Job description review
           2. Hiring plan
      2. Plan for hire of bookkeeper
         * 1. Job description
           2. Hiring plan
      3. Plan for hire of summer intern
         * 1. Job description
           2. Hiring plan
      4. Approve up to 30 hour work week for manager in February **(ACTION)**
      5. New board members
         * 1. Ad copy for board member
      6. Kayak loan to East Stansilaus
   2. Review and consideration of correspondence **(ACTION)** Okuye/Patteson
5. Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2023, 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

INWP- Irrigation & nutrient Management program government regulation under irrigated lands program that requires farmers to submit annual report of their irrigation and nutrient management plans

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