

**Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the San Benito Resource Conservation District**

Thursday August 23, 2018 at 4:00 pm

The SBRCD typically meets the 4th Thursday of the month at the NRCS Field Office at
2337 Technology Parkway, Suite C in Hollister, CA at 5pm.
Conference Dial-In-Number: 1(302) 202-1114
Conference Code: 207951

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Public Comments *(The public may comment on any item not on the agenda. The law does not permit Board action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Board action is requested, the matter may be placed on a future agenda. Speakers comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.)*
3. Approval of Minutes: July 2018
4. Treasurer's Report/ Pay Bills (discussion & action)
 - a. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary
 - b. Invoices to be paid
5. New Business (discussion and action)
 - a. Candidates for Associate Director.
 - b. San Benito Co Olive Festival Booth
6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. Kathleen Robbins: Grant Writer
 - b. San Benito Co Fair sign-up
 - c. SBRCD Strategic Planning
7. Ongoing Reports
 - a. NRCS District Conservationist Report for Hollister Service Center, Erika Boyland
 - b. Director's Report
 - c. RCD District Manager Report
8. Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)

- a. Ag Alert Aug. 2018
- b. Farm Bureau News June 2018
- c. Special District Board Member Handbook 2018
- d. Sustainable AG Expo Nov. 12-14, 2018. San Luis Obispo, CA
www.sustainableagexpo.org
- e. 2018 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase Sept. 24-27, 2018
- f. Forestland Steward Spring 2018
- g. Forestry Notes Summer 2018 Issue 3

9. Upcoming Meetings and workshops

- a. **Ground squirrels and Gopher Workshop** Tuesday Sept. 11, 2018. 10am-3pm. Emma Prusch Farm Park, Multicultural Center - 647 King Rd. San Jose. Come learn how integrated pest management practices can be applied to help control these common pests, with a special focus on organic methods. Lunch provided, RSVP <http://ucanr.edu/groundsquirrelwshp>
- b. **Sheep & Goat Workshop** offered in Royal Oaks, Thursday Sept 27th. 9am – 12:30. RSVP to Pam Krone pam.kron@noaa.gov or 831- 647-4238. Sheep and goat nutritional needs; veterinary advice and suggestions for health care and treatment, targeted grazing, brush control, poisonous plants and what to do if ingested; organic methods for sheep health care and organic sheep products; selling at farmers markets and to CSAs; soil improvement and carbon sequestration on working lands through conservation practices.
- c. **Pajaro Compass Network Stakeholder Meeting Wednesday, October 24th** -- The [Pajaro Compass](#) is a partnership among conservation, agriculture, transportation, government, and community representatives who champion the many values of the Pajaro River Watershed for people and nature.
- d. **Livestock & Land Grants Available to Improve Drainage on Livestock Properties**

The Loma Prieta and San Benito Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) are offering \$175,000 in grants to local livestock owners in southern Santa Clara and San Benito Counties located within the Pajaro River Watershed. Funds from the Livestock and Land Program can help pay for improvements to livestock and horse properties for managing drainage, erosion, stormwater

runoff and manure. [More information here](#) or contact Dina Iden at 408-847-4171.

e. **[Registration is now open](#) for the 27th Annual Cal-IPC Symposium!**

The Symposium will take place in Monterey, CA from Nov. 7-10. The focus will be on land management to learn about the latest findings in invasive plant biology and management and celebrate another year of weed work across the state. They will have a special training on preventing Phytophthora from ruining your restoration, and field trips to Big Sur, Elkhorn Slough (including kayaking), Fort Ord, and the Salinas River.

f. **Sustainable Agricultural Research & Education (SARE)** has released a new publication, [Cultivating Climate Resilience on Farms and Ranches](#), to provide producers with an overview of strategies to manage the climate risk their operations face. This free publication is also available to educators in quantity for use in educational workshops, classes or tours.

10. Adjournment- Next scheduled meeting Sept 27, 2018