

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

Thursday August 22, 2019 at 4:00 pm

The SBRCDD typically meets the 4th Thursday of the month at the NRCS Field Office at 4:00 pm
2337 Technology Pkwy. Suite C Hollister, CA 95023

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 2019
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 possible action)
 - a. Request from Tony Stork for consideration for RCD Board Director
 - b. Discussion on renewal of membership for San Benito Co Farm Bureau
6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. RCD Board Directors: Welcome Associate Director John Nolan
 - b. Update on reservation for Tony Stork: The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) will continue the tradition of bringing together the conservation community from around the state at the 74th Annual CARCD Conference. This year's theme is "Increasing Pace and Scale: Local Action for Water, Soil, and Forest Resilience" and the conference will be held from November 12-15, 2019 at the [Sheraton Hotel](#) at the Sundial Bridge in Redding, California.
 - c. San Benito Co Fair sign-up sheet
 - d. Review of any Applications for Board of Directors

7. Ongoing Reports

- a. NRCS District Conservationist Report for Hollister Service Center, James Booth
- b. Director's 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 August 2019
- b. Farm Bureau News August 2019
- c. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Annual Report 2018
- d. National Conservation Foundation Annual Report 2018
- e. Forestland Steward 2019 Newsletter
- f. Special District Board Member Handbook 2018
- g. Forestry Notes Spring 2019 Newsletter

9. Upcoming Meetings and workshops

a. **Register for CARCD's Conference**

Registration is open for RCDs for the 74th Annual CARCD Conference, "Increasing Pace and Scale: Local Action for Water, Soil, and Forest Resilience". This year's conference will take place in Redding from November 12-15, and is generously co-hosted by Western Shasta RCD and RCD of Tehama County. The number of registrations will be limited this year. To make sure all interested RCDs have an opportunity to attend we are prioritizing RCD registration from now until July 31. Registration will be available to our partners starting August 1.

Group rates at the Sheraton start at \$128+tax, inclusive of hotel fees. Rates are available for the nights of Monday (Nov. 11), Tuesday (Nov. 12), Wednesday (Nov. 13), and Thursday (Nov. 14). We expect to sell out of our room block, so we highly encourage RCDs to book lodging before registration opens to non-RCDs on August 1. Please contact Kiko at kiko-barr@carcd.org or 916-836-4804 with any questions.

Conference Day-by-Day:

Tuesday, November 12: RCD Capacity Day

Wednesday, November 13: Opening session, awards lunch and breakout sessions

Thursday, November 14: Breakout sessions and speak-off competition

Friday, November 15: CARCD Annual Business Meeting and tour

b. **Rangeland Management and Erosion Prevention Workshop**

Join us to learn about livestock management strategies to prevent erosion; new plants for fire breaks; weed control; and more!

Date: September 5, 2019

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Heritage Ranch at 4870 Heritage Road Paso Robles, CA

Max Participants: 20 – register early because space is limited to 20 people.

Workshop Description: This workshop is for grazing lessees of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, but is also open to the public.

Cost: Free

Light refreshments will be provided in the morning. After the workshop has concluded, Monterey County Water Agency lessees will stay for lunch and everyone else will be excused.

Register here: <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=28154> or contact Hiromi Peck at hpeck@ucanr.edu or 805-781-5940. Registration deadline is August 31.

For more information and for the agenda, [click here](#).

c. **Soil Health Terrace**

Join CARCD, NRCS, and the East Stanislaus RCD at the Soil Health Terrace for a free day of technical trainings, facilitation techniques, small group project discussions, and networking with soil health professionals. This full day training will be on Tuesday, November 12 at the McConnell Foundation's Ross Ranch in Redding (11973 Old Oregon Trail). Find more details and link to register [on our website](#).

d. **RCD Cannabis Sustainability Workshop**

The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD, Coastal San Luis RCD and Cachuma RCD will be hosting an informative workshop discussing the latest developments in cannabis licensing, regulations and sustainability efforts. The workshop will take place on August 27, from 1pm to 3pm at the SLO Botanical Gardens (3450 Dairy Creek Road, San Luis Obispo). Registration is not required; this workshop is free to attend. The RCDs will speak about their services and give an overview of the GRASS-C third party verification program, along with presentations by the SLO County Planning Department and California Growers Association..

e. **Carbon Farm Planning Training**

October 3, 2019 *The Carbon Farming Network is hosting a [Carbon Farm Planning Training](#) on October 3 from 9am to 5pm at Bowles Farm. Learn about the scientific basis for carbon farming, how develop a Carbon Farm Plan, and much more. The event is co-hosted by Fibershed, East Stanislaus RCD, East Merced RCD, Bowles Farming Company, Inc., Carbon Cycle Institute, and CARCD. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch; [please register using this link](#). RCDs can contact Kristen at kristen-murphy@carcd.org or (916) 520-9404 for information on financial assistance for registration and transportation.*

10. Adjournment- Next scheduled meeting **Sept 26 , 2019**