

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

Thursday June 28, 2017 at 4:00 pm

The SBRCDD 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: May 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. SBRCDD Strategic Planning. Discussion on what direction the board would like the RCD to follow.
 - b. Hire experienced grant developer and writer. Camille Abreu-Woida has researched grant writers and has been in contact with Kathleen Robbins. Please see attached for her background and recommendations.
 - c. San Benito Co Fair. Oct. 4-7 Lower fees this year \$285 plus \$75 returnable deposit. The RCD would need volunteers from the board to help man the booth, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. Board of Director's Boot Camp. Information send out as requested and attached here. [Registration is open for the RCD Board Leadership Boot Camp taking place in Oakhurst, CA from September 7-8!](#) Directors from all over the state are encouraged to attend. This is a rare opportunity to participate in a program designed to meet the specific needs of RCD leaders. In this training directors will build the confidence that it takes to be successful in the unique work environment

of an RCD and meet other RCD directors doing the same kinds of work. Please let your colleagues know about this opportunity and help us spread the word!

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. National Association of Conservation Districts 2017
- b. Land Use and Natural Resources Spring 2018
- c. Ag Alert May. 2018
- d. Farm Bureau May 2018
- e. Special District Board Member Handbook 2018
- f. The Resource Spring 2018

9. Upcoming Meetings and workshops

a. **1st Annual Community Power Festival**

The Community Power Festival will be a celebration of CLEAN ENERGY, COMMUNITY, and SUSTAINABILITY presented in a family friendly, educational, festival format in **Santa Cruz's San Lorenzo Park on Saturday, July 14 (10am – 4pm)**

Featuring interactive booths, local vendors, community organizations, food and live music, the Community Power Festival will provide opportunities to share and learn more about clean energy, community, and sustainability. Test Drive an Electric Vehicle • Learn About Solar Power • Learn More About Clean Energy, Meet Your New Electricity Provider – Monterey Bay Community Power: Test Ride an Electric Bike • Explore a Future Without Fossil Fuels • Enjoy Live Music
Support Local Non-Profits Making a Difference in Your Community

b. **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.

c. **[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.

d. **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 July 26, 2018