

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

Thursday September 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm

The SBRCD 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: August 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. Discussion of dates for November and December board meetings.
 - b. San Benito Conservation Resource District Tee shirts
6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. RCD Board Directors: Welcome Director Tony Stork
 - b. **Conference Sold Out:** 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: Saturday Oct 5 - 10 am – 4 pm still available
Tickets and parking passes will be available Oct 1st at the RCD Office

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 September 2019
- b. Farm Bureau News September 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. **Soil Health Terrace: November 12th**

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](#).

b. **Carbon Farm Planning Training**

The Carbon Farming Network is hosting [a Carbon Farm Planning Training](#) on **October 3 from 9am to 5pm at Bowles Farm 11609 Hereford Rd. Los Banos**. 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.

d. Beef, Bees, Trees and Gelato: Doing & Earning More from a Ranch – Tomales, CA

October 17th, 9am – 4:30 pm @ Stemple Creek Ranch, 900 Burbank Lane. This joint meeting of the Central Coast Rangeland Coalition (CCRC) and Society for Range Management (SRM) will focus on ranch diversification to promote sustainable working rangelands. We will hear from ranchers and landowners who have reconfigured their ranches to generate additional income and from land managers who have worked with ranchers to diversify enterprises that promote land management goals and rancher sustainability. Cost \$40 for early registration by October 9, includes lunch. [Register here.](#)

e. Sustainable Ag Expo/Int'l Sustainable Wine-Growing Summit--San Luis Obispo

November 11-13

The Ag Expo and Winegrowing Summit offers the latest scientific and technical information to growers, pest control advisors, and other agricultural professionals, with continuing education for pest control advisors and certified crop advisors. [More info here.](#)

f. California Farm Bureau 101st Annual Meeting December 8-11 Monterey, CA

Registration is now available to attend in Monterey. Visit www.cfbf.com/am2019 to register.

g. Continuing Education Seminar for Ranchers December 4th Hollister

Brought to you by the San Benito County Weed Management Area, the 18th Annual Ranchers Seminar will cover invasive weed topics and more.

10. Adjournment- Next scheduled meeting **October 24, 2019**