

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

Thursday July 25, 2019 at 4:00 pm

The SBRCDD typically meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 at **4:07 by (CW)**
2. Present in alphabetical order: **Camille Abreu-Woida (CAW), James Booth (JB), Paul Hain (PH) call in, John Noble (JN), Kelli Shingai (KS) call in, Tony Stork (TS). Veronica Stork (VS), Cameron Wright (CW)**
3. 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.)* **Guest John Nolan in attendance of board meeting. One of his past interests include coaching for the special Olympics USA games in Seattle. His family is in Hollister and he has worked with the NRCS in the past. He owns 7.5 acres in Hollister and implements conservation projects on his property.**
4. Approval of Minutes: **June 2019: Motion to approve (PH), second (CW) Motion approved 3-0**
5. Treasurer's Report/ Pay Bills (discussion & action)
  - a. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary: **Motion to approve (PH), second (CW) Motion approved 3-0**
  - b. Invoices to be paid: **Motion to approve (PH), second (CW) Motion approved 3-0**
6. New Business (discussion and possible action)
  - a. None
7. Old Business (discussion and possible action)

- a. RCD Board Directors: **John Nolan has requested consideration for his application for an Associate Director's position. The board of directors voted 3-0 approving (JN) application. (CAW) will prepare paperwork to present to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. (TS) has also requested consideration for the position of Board of Director. (CAW) will bring the vote to the August meeting and prepare the paperwork for the Board of Supervisors**
  - b. 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. **The CARCD conference times and dates were discussed. (CAW) and (TS) volunteered to attend the conference in November. It was decided that (TS) will attend the conference and (CAW) will make the hotel reservations and register (TS) for the conference.**
  - c. Grants: (CAW) brought 2 possible grants to the table. **The Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program and the NRCS grant for underprivileged and disadvantaged farmers. (CAW) will forward the information to Kathleen Robbins for evaluation.**
  - d. San Benito Co Fair partnering with NRCS: **(JB) will look into the NRCS partnering with the RCD on a booth. (CAW) will fill out the fair application and send in the fee for the booth.**
- 8. Ongoing Reports**
- a. NRCS District Conservationist Report for Hollister Service Center, James Booth: **USDA closed the job announcement for Soil Conservationist for Hollister Field office. They are currently approving application for the last batch and are setting up a new program. Changing policy allowing RCD's to use NRCS vehicles, making it more difficult to use. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> regional meeting in the Bay Area. (JB) will be out of the office in Clovis Aug. 5-9**
  - b. Director's Report: **(PH) reported that squirrel infestation is rampant in the area. He is working on his irrigation and taking care of his tomatoes. (TS) has been on fire watch with the dry conditions and winds. He is also working on his irrigation. (CW) stated that he too has had problems with squirrels and moths and has also been working on eradicating invasive weeds.**
  - c. RCD Report: **San Benito RCD featured in CARCD Newsletter <https://carcd.org/2019/07/san-benito-rcd/> (CAW) shared that she has been working with the CARCD on a highlight article on the SBRCD. She will forward the newsletter along with the link to the RCD website and the RCD facebook page. She will also order shirts for the new members of the board.**
- 9. Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)**
- a. Ag Alert July 2019

- b. Farm Bureau News July 2019
- c. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Annual Report 2018
- d. National Conservation Foundation Annual Report 2018
- e. Forestland Steward Spring 2019 Newsletter
- f. Special District Board Member Handbook 2018
- g. Forestry Notes Spring 2019 Newsletter

## 10. Upcoming Meetings and workshops

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](mailto: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

10. Adjournment- **at 4:37 pm by (CW)**

Next scheduled meeting **August 22, 2019**