

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

Thursday June 27, 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 at **4:07 pm by (CW)**
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.*) **None**
3. Approval of Minutes: May 2019: **Motion to approve (PH), second (KS)**
Motion approved 3-0
4. Treasurer's Report/ Pay Bills (discussion & action)
 - a. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary: **Motion to approve (PH), second (KS). Motion approved 3-0**
 - b. Invoices to be paid: **Motion to approve (PH), second (KS). Motion to approve 3-0**
5. New Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. CARCD Dues for fiscal year July 2019 – June 2020: **Membership fees are 2% of the SBRCDD restricted budget which was \$17859.84. The membership for July 2019-July 2020 would be \$357.20 (CAW) has scripted a letter to the CARCD asking for a reduced membership fee.**
 - 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. **Discussion on the annual CARCD conference being held in Redding CA. The board will continue discussion at the July meeting.**

6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. RCD Board Directors: **John Nolan has turned in an application for Associate Board Director but was unable to attend the meeting. Shawn Novak has shown interest for board director but was on vacation and unable to attend the meeting.**
 - b. Grant Writer – Kathleen Robbins: **(CAW) stated that she has been in contact with Kathleen Robbins about writing grants for the RCD. Kathleen suggested that Board and staff search out grants that they find of interest and present them to her. She can then review the grant and either recommend applying for the grant or not. The Board discussed finding grants that they were interested in pursuing and bringing them to the July meeting. Some ideas brought to the table were organic farming Inspections, owl box grants, wildflower grants, pollinator grants, and monarch butterfly grants.**
7. Ongoing Reports
 - a. NRCS District Conservationist Report for Hollister Service Center, James Booth: **N/A**
 - b. Director's Report: **(CW) reported that he has owl boxes on his property and it is occupied by 2 owls, one smaller one and a larger one. (KS) suggested finding grants on building owl boxes. (PH) suggested looking for Bat box grants. He also stated that there has been talks to open San Justo Reservoir but it would cost approximately 3 million dollars to remove the mussels and that there is no money available for the project at this time. (TS) stated that the Burn workshop held at the Vets Building was very informative and attended mostly by different agencies.**
8. Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)
 - a. Ag Alert June. 2019
 - b. Farm Bureau News June. 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

9. Upcoming Meetings and workshops

- a. **San Benito Working Landscapes Group round-table meeting** to update each other on the work we are all doing, and to meet some of the new representatives of our long-standing partner agencies and organizations. Please save the date and time: Tuesday, July 2nd 1:00-3:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial Building, 649 San Benito Street, Hollister, Room 218.

b. **July 18th -- Western Burrowing Owl 2019 Workshop – San Jose, CA**

8:00 am – 3:00 pm (classroom portion) @San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Administration Building, Conference Room A, 700 Los Esteros Road. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the natural history, habitat needs, effective management, and implementation of agency requirements for burrowing owl conservation. Both classroom and the field components take place at the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility. Cost \$300. Registration deadline June 20th. [Click here for more info and registration.](#)

10. Adjournment- at 4:54 pm by (CW)

Next scheduled meeting **July 25, 2019**