

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

June 25, 2015 at 5:00pm

The SBRCD typically meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the NRCS Field Office at 2337 Technology Parkway, Suite C in Hollister, CA at 5pm.

**1. Meeting Called to Order by Michael Halperin at 5:12pm**

Present (alphabetical order): **Camille Abreu-Woida (CAW), Jess Delgadillo (JD), Paul Hain (PH), Michael Halperin (MH), Derek Jara (DJ), and Ted Thoeny (TT).** Drew Mather present at 6:20pm and Athena Pratt (AP) present at 6:45

**2. Public Comments: None made**

**3. Approval of Minutes May 2015: None taken**

**4. Treasurer's Report/Pay Bills (discussion and action)**

- a. Approve of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary: **Approved revenue and expenditure report 07/01/2014-06/30/2015. Motioned (PH), Second (TT)**

**5. New Business (discussion and action)**

- a. RCD Standards & Legal Requirements: **Discussed legal requirements for the functioning of the RCD as set forth in "The Planning for the Future" from the CARCD. Basic functioning legal requirements need to be in place by Nov. 2015. Discussed that board members would examine legal requirements and follow up on some of the requirements. Bidding policy reference supplied by GCRCD, discussion on cap for posting available positions for bidding. It was discussed that the cap for not posting jobs be set at 15K and under and jobs between 15K and 50K be posted for bidding. Also discussed that jobs 15k and under can still be posted if desired. Motioned (PH) Second (TT) Further discussions required for other legal requirements.**
- b. Grant 68-9104-4-272 (amendment to agenda): **Introduced two candidates for job positions of Irrigation Water Management (DJ) and Nutrient Management (JD). Candidate for IWM (DJ) is in his second semester at Gavilan College working towards obtaining his Water Resources Management AA degree. Candidate (JD) is working on obtaining his Water Resources Management Certificate from Gavilan College. Each candidate spoke briefly about their interest and education in the irrigation water and nutrient field.**

**6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)**

- a. CAL WORKS contract, approved at May meeting, new contract with minor changes needs signature **Motioned (PH) Second (TT)**
- b. Glatfelter Insurance Group: Renewal of Insurance, approved at May meeting contract needs signature. **(MH) signed renewal of insurance for a current quote for the RCD.**
- c. State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) **(CAW) discussed that the project for SWEEPS is now completed.**

7. Ongoing Reports (discussion. Limit 10 minutes per partner.)
    - a. NRCS: **(AP) discussed the Pajaro Compass meeting held June 12<sup>th</sup> in Campbell. Meeting was for all agencies involved in conservation and consistency between different agencies. It spanned over three counties; San Benito, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz. (PH) and (CAW) were also in attendance representing the RCD.**
    - b. Projects and Program Updates: **(CAW) discussed the Garden Tour being held Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. She discussed the tour sites and what each site has to offer. Details of each site included in the Bi- annual report included in July's meeting.**
    - c. Director's Reports **(PH) stated that he is applying for SWEEP program and will be putting in nozzles and pipes. He also stated that he will be attending Bio Char meeting, which is part of the Sonoma Project in Petaluma. (MH) spoke about the tropics and the use of charcoal after a burn. (PH) would like to try an open burn. (MH) asked about a sign outside the building with the RCD name on it. (AP) produced a sign that was located on the front desk in the entry office. (CAW) will work on getting sign up in the window and altering it to state San Benito RCD. (MH), (PH) & (TT) discussed sending LAFCO current information about the RCD. Information to include changes in board membership from 7-5, new president elect. Discussed the possibility of asking the Board of Supervisors to each send a potential qualified candidate to the board meeting to help fill the RCD open director's positions.**
  8. Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)
    - a. Forestland Steward Spring 2015
    - b. Irrrometer Watermark Soil Moisture Sensor Model 200SS. **It was discussed that the RCD would purchase flow meters for farmers and hold a workshop on how to install and use them. Specific flow meters to purchase not discussed.**
    - c. *cdfa Fertilizer Research and Education Program*
  9. Outgoing Correspondence
  11. Upcoming Meetings and workshops
    - a. Garden Tour June 27<sup>th</sup>
    - b. CARCD 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Nov. 18-21 2015
  11. **Adjournment at 5:58pm by Michael Halperin.**
- Next meeting July 23, 2015, 5pm