

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

May 28, 2015 at 5:00pm

The SBRCD typically meets the 4th 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 at 5:05 pm**
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 April, September, October 2014; Jan, Feb (Special Call in Conference Meeting), Feb, March, April 2015: **Motioned (TT), Second (MH)**
4. Treasurer's Report/Pay Bills (discussion and action)
 - a. Approve of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary: **Motioned (TT), Second (MH)**
5. New Business (discussion and action)
 - a. USDA-NRCS EQIP 16USC3839AA: Contribution Agreement 7 USC 6962a: **Motion (TT), Second (MH)**
 - b. DWR funding: technical assistance to farmers for irrigation water management: **Discussed possibility of money for irrigation workshops and flow meters**
 - c. Elect new Board President: **Michael Halperin voted a new board President, Ted Thoeny voted a new Vice President.**
 - d. Devii Rao, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor: **(DR) discussed that she is working with an assessment survey on livestock needs and interest of rancher's. Surveys are separated by County, San Benito and Santa Clara counties. (TT) suggested it would be best to work with rancher's one on one. (TT) stated that it is important to address the needs of what is relevant to the community. (DR) is working with Central Coast Rangeland Coalition, she would like to work with ranchers, scientists, and agencies. Meeting scheduled for Oct. 15th, still looking for a venue, possible sites: Benguard, Ranch, Hollister Hills, and property next to Hollister Hills (no name for that property).**
6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. CAL WORKS contract: **Motion (TT), Second (MH). (AP) and (CAW) will work on scope of work for contract. (AP) mentioned that we would like to have the CAL WORKS person work on outreach and marketing for the RCD. We would also like to have them participate at the Farmer's Market every Wednesday promoting the RCD and promoting conservation ideas. Possibility of writing grants for the RCD. The RCD would take on the responsibility of the contract, i.e. Internet, paying for Farmer's Market fees.**

