

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

January 22, 2015 at 5:00pm

The SBRCDD 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 by Paul Hain at 5:15pm
Present (alphabetical order): Camille Abreu-Woida (CAW), Jae Eade (JE), Paul Hain (PH), Athena Pratt (AP), Ted Thoeny (TT) Ken Griffin (KG)
2. Orders of the Day - None taken
3. Public Comments - None made
4. Treasurer's Report/Pay Bills (discussion and action) None taken
5. New Business (discussion and action)
 - a. CalWorks fulltime position, some discussion was made to create a position for someone to write grants for the RCD and build capacity. (AP) stated that they have someone qualified in mind for the job and the RCD will need to follow through on the position to hire applicant.
 - b. Request to BOS to change the number of voting Directors. Some discussion was made to change the number of directors to 5 instead of the 7 due to the lack of quorum. Vote is needed to send request to the BOS.
 - c. Dept. of Conservation-Division of Land Resource Protection (Not discussed)
 - d. Stream, riverbank restoration money \$20,000 held by RCDSCC. The SBRCDD received a share of mitigation money to be spent in canal/stream restoration. This money is currently being held at the SCCRCD. (AP) suggested that we request the money from SCCRCD and keep the money in the SBRCDD account. All board directors present asked (CAW) to draft a letter to SCCRCD requesting the money.
6. GRAP, Grazing Regulatory Action Program. Ken Griffin spoke in detail about GRAP a statewide effort to develop a regulatory strategy for addressing water quality impacts related to livestock grazing in California. He discussed the impracticality of developing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for each impaired water body, i.e. regulating fencing, what and when to graze, solving sediment and runoff issues. (AP) stated that the Water Board sends letters to landowners to comply whenever there is a complaint against the landowner.
7. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. Re-appointment of Board of Director – Ted Thoeny – No quorum for a vote
 - b. Contract for Camille Abreu-Woida – No quorum for a vote
8. Ongoing Reports (discussion. Limit 10 minutes per partner.)
 - a. NRCS – None discussed

- b. Pajaro Watershed Coordinator – None discussed
 - c. Projects and Program Updates –None discussed
 - d. Director’s Reports – None discussed
9. Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)
- a. Dissolution of the Central Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council (CCRC&D) results in distribution of funds to the SBRC&D in the amount of \$2,225.99. The Salinas RCD sent an email to all fund recipients asking us to consider pooling the dispersed funds to work on a collaborative project. (AP) suggested that we keep the money in the SBRC&D account and use for expenses as they occur. (PH) (JE) and (TT) all agreed.
10. Outgoing Correspondence
11. Upcoming Meetings and workshops
- a. Palm Ave, Morgan Hill planting workshop Feb. 7 & 14th
 - b. Hummingbird Workshop Feb/March 2015
12. Adjournment- 6:45pm by Paul Hain