

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

March 26, 2015 at 5:00pm

The SBRCDC 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 5:45p.m.**
Present (alphabetical order): **Camille Abreu-Woida, (CAW), Paul Hain, (PH), Athena Pratt, (AP)**
2. Orders of the Day-**None taken**
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.)-**None**
4. Approval of Minutes April, September, October 2014; Jan, Feb (Special Call in Conference Meeting), Feb 2015-**None taken**
5. Treasurer's Report/Pay Bills (discussion and action)
 - a. Approve of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary-**None taken**
6. New Business (discussion and action)
 - a. Elect new Board President-**Not discussed**
 - b. SWEEP - **State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program – California Department of Food and Agriculture. SWEEP program is to evaluate and verify work done on the property. It was discussed that CAW can perform work on SWEEP projects in partnership with NRCS engineer Juan S. Each project will pay the RCD \$2000. CAW's work on each project can't exceed 25% or \$500 of the \$2000.**
 - c. PIR Stacie Ruffoni Salary – **N/A**
 - d. CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts Membership Application - -**Not discussed**
 - e. Plant Sale & Garden Expo – **CAW will represent the RCD with a table at the event.**
7. Old Business (discussion and possible action)
 - a. Gifts for John Gregg, Rani Douglas, Stacie Ruffoni (Rochelle Fisher, Vista Notes donation) **Rochelle Fisher has offered to donate scenic photos as gifts, CAW will get frames for photos and cards.**
 - b. CAL WORKS contract, assisting with Water Quality plans? Grant Writing? RCD Outreach? **AP discussed partnering with Slo Foods and/or Pinnacles to share hours for contracted employee.**
 - c. SAM – **SBRCDC now has an active SAM (System for Award Management account) With the SAM account SBRCDC is now able to receive federal grants (NRCS Agreements).**
 - d. Area RCD meeting April 22nd, Monterey County – **Meeting changed to May 7th Lawrence Restaurant, King City.**
 - e. San Benito County Weed Management Area MOU – **Not discussed**
 - f. Drought tolerant landscaping at Brigantino Irrigation. **AP talked to Chris from Brigantino's about planting in their garden boxes, she has plants to give him and discussed having school students come and plant them.**
8. Ongoing Reports (discussion. Limit 10 minutes per partner.)
 - a. NRCS
 - b. Pajaro Watershed Coordinator

- c. Projects and Program Updates
 - d. Director's Reports
- 9. Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)
 - a. San Benito co Water District's Final annual Groundwater Report for Water Year 2014
 - b. Special District Board Member/ Trustee Handbook
 - c. Community Foundation Newsletter
 - d. Open Space Authority Outlook
- 10. Outgoing Correspondence
 - a. Upcoming Meetings and workshops
 - b. Plant Sale & Garden Expo April 18th
 - c. Hummingbird Workshop (Earth Day) April 22nd
 - d. Area RCD Meeting April 22nd
 - e. CARCD 70th Annual Conference Nov. 18-21 2015
 - f. Palm Ave, Morgan Hill planting workshop Feb 7th & 14th (postponed)
- 11. Adjournment- **by Paul Hain 6:35 pm.**

