

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

April 28, 2016 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 (TT) at 5:17 p.m.

Present in alphabetical order: **Camille Abreu-Woida (CAW), Jeff Dye (JD), Paul Hain (PH), Rob Hillebrecht (RH), Derek Jara (DJ), Ted Thoeny (TT), Cameron Wright (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: April 2016 Motion to approve (PH), second (CW)

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

a. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary. **Motion to approve (PH), second (CW)**

b. Invoices to be Paid **Motion to approve (PH), second (CW)**

5. New Business (discussion and action)

a. SBRCDD Board of Directors signature page for Auditor. **Motion to approve (CW), second (PH)**

b. Request to purchase SBRCDD logo shirts for RCD contractors. **Discussion to purchase SBRCDD shirts for contractors. (PH) suggested that we order locally. (CW) mentioned that Mandego Apparel, across the street from the RCD (CAW) stated she would go the print shop to inquire about shirts. (TT) suggested that he would like to have us order blue t-shirts with the SBRCDD logo. Motion to approve (CW), second (PH)**

c. Request to acquire a SBRCDD credit card. **(CAW) stated that to be timely with payments the RCD should carry a credit card. She also stated that it is difficult for some of the contractors to make out of pocket purchases and have to wait for reimbursement. (PH) suggested that we put a \$1000.00 limit on the card. Motion to approve (CW), second (PH). (CAW) will follow-up on obtaining a credit card for the RCD.**

6. Old Business (discussion and possible action)

a. Strategic Plan- **Discussion on keeping Strategic Plan on the agenda and directors will review it and address any concern that they have at the next board meeting.**

7. Ongoing Reports

a. NRCS Report-**None**

b. Director's Report-**(PH) reported on the San Benito Oak & Riparian Restoration Ranch Tour –**

On April 14th, the Working Landscapes Group hosted more than 25 local ranchers, rural landowners, biologists, agency representatives, and others for a day-long tour of the oak and

streamside restoration projects at the Schmidt Cousins Ranch in Paicines and Hain Ranch Organics in Tres Pinos. Handouts describing the two family ranches and their extensive restoration efforts, including native plant lists and information on protecting oak saplings with simple shelters, are posted on the UCCE Livestock and Range Resources page:

<http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/livestock/LNRResources/>.

c. RCD Report-(DJ) reported that he is working with farmers to close out contracts. (DJ) & (JD) attended an irrigation evaluation with Ben Burgoa (Monterey RCD), April 21 & 22 at a strawberry field in Salinas. (DJ) suggested that we set up a table at the Farmer's Market and give out information on the RCD. (CAW) stated that there is a \$15.00 charge per week, she suggested that the RCD contractors attend the Farmer's Market and hand out business cards and info on the RCD to all the growers. She also mentioned that she would work on a brochure on the RCD for a handout. (JD) shared that he attended Farm Day with Drew Mathers and they had about 300 3rd grade students come through their booth. They had a Pollinator exhibit, played a Bee game with the students and shared pollination and soil conservation information. He also shared that he attended the Plant Expo and Garden Sale with Glenn Wilcox, NRCS. They had about a dozen visitors to their booth and shared information about the RCD & NRCS.

8. Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)

- a. CARCD Central Coast Fall Area Meeting
- b. National Association of Conservation Districts 3rd Quarter Newsletter 2016
- c. Rural Cooperatives March/April 2016

9. Outgoing Correspondence

10. Upcoming Meetings and workshops

- a. Spring Tour: Blossoms, Bees & Barnyard Babies on April 30 and May 1st, 10-4pm, when Sonoma County farmers, vintners and artisan producers will welcome the public onto their sites for tours, tastes, animal cuddling, demonstrations and more
- b. California Farm Demonstration Network Farm Visits: May – June in the San Joaquin Valley Hub - May 4th Firebaugh, May 10th Dixon, and June 15th Madera, and June 24th in Firebaugh.
- c. 2016 Redwood Symposium, September 13-15, 2016. Sequoia Conference Center, Eureka, CA
- d. Stewardship for Small Acreages: A 4 workshop series for Conservation and Sustainable Land Management Practices, Offered by Loma Prieta RCD:
 - 1). Intro to Hedgerows and Pollinators May 3rd 5:30 - 8:30pm at Sobrato High School, Morgan Hill.
 - 2). On site Water Collection and Fire Sage Homes: May 10th 6:00 - 9:00 pm; 10145 Jean Ellen Drive, Gilroy
 - 3). Groundwater Quality: May 17th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Location to be announced.
 - 4). Small Vineyard May 24th 6:00 - 9:00 pm. 4990 Solis Rancho Drive, Gilroy

Cost is \$15.00 per person per session, dinner is included. Space Limited. **(JD) & DJ) stated that they were interested in attending all four workshops. (CAW) said that she would talk to Dina Iden at Loma Prieta RCD and register both contractors to attend.**

11. Adjournment- **By (TT) at 6:00 pm.**
12. Next meeting **May 26th, 2016. 5pm**