

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

Jan 28,, 2016 at 5:00pm

The SBRCDC 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 **Ted Thoeny at 5:03 pm.**  
Present in alphabetical order: **Camille Abreu-Woida (CAW), Erika Boyland (EB), Jeff Dye (JD), Paul Hain (PH), Michael Halperin (MH) (call in), Derek Jara (DJ), Drew Mather (DM), 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.) **Jeff Dye is a candidate for Water Irrigation Management contractor position. He stated that he was excited to participate in a conservation program. He attends Gavilan College and is in their Water Resources program. He is interested in water quality conservation and anxious to learn more and hopefully being a valuable resource to the RCD. (TT) stated that it is great that he has found his niche and to be more successful you need to like what you do. (CW) asked (JD) if he was going to stay in the area and he said yes, his family is in the area and he went to Live Oak High School.**
3. Approval of Minutes: Jan. special meeting: Motion to approve (PH), Second by (MH). Minutes Approved
4. Treasurer's Report/Pay Bills (discussion and action)
  - a. Approve of Revenue and Expenditure Transaction Detail Summary. Approved at Special Meeting Jan. 14, 2016
  - b. No Invoices to be paid
5. New Business (discussion and action)
  - a. Approve request for Camille Abreu-Woida to apply for Community Foundation Grant (approximately 10-15 hours) to continue outreach and technical assistance and to continue holding annual Garden Tour for RCD. **(CAW) explained that her grant money for grant 235 is running out and that the NRCS has no funds at this time to add to the grant. She would like to apply for the Community Foundation Grant to ask for funds to continue her work. To do so the board would need to approve her spending 10-15 hours on the grant. Motion to approve (MH), Second by (PH). Request Approved.**
  - b. Approve and pay for background check for Derek Jara. **(DJ) explained that to do his work more efficiently he should get a background check. At this time he can't access hard copy files or computer files and relies on everyone in the office to help him get the information he needs. A background check for (DJ) would save him and everyone else in the office valuable time. (CAW)**

**stated the cost for the background check is \$20.00. Motion to approve (PH), seconded by (MH). Motion approved.**

- c. **Approve and pay for Derek Jara to attend Cal Poly Irrigation workshop. Discussion for (DJ) to attend Cal Poly Irrigation workshop on March 2 & 3 2016. It is a workshop for Irrigation Scheduling, Salinity, & Drainage held at Cal Poly. (CAW) asked how his hotel costs will be covered and (PH) said that once he pays for it the RCD can reimburse him. Motion to approve (PH), second by (MH). Motion approved. It was suggested that if we hire (JD) as a contractor he should attend the workshop with (DJ) and that they could share a room. Motion to approve (PH), second by (MH). Motion approved.**
6. **Old Business (discussion and possible action)**
  - a. **Strategic Plan Discussion of Strategic plan will be put off until Feb. meeting.**
  - b. **New laptop computers for RCD (CAW) stated that the RCD needs 2-3 need computers for contractors. The old laptops are outdated and there are numerous things that can't be done on them. She also stated that they would run about \$400.00 each costing the RCD approximately \$1200.00. Motion to approve (PH), second (MH). Motion approved.**
  - c. **Report on meetings with candidates for IWM/NM position. (EB) stated that she and (DM) interviewed 2 candidates for the IWM position (JD) and Brandon Cegelske. She felt that (JD) showed that he had the skill set and schooling to handle the job. (BC) skill set was not as strong, but he had some outreach skills and could possibly handle that aspect of the job. (BC) stated at his interview that he would attend the board meeting but did not attend. The board decided not to pursue him at this time. The Board asked (JD) if he would step out of the meeting so they could discuss his application. Motion to approve (PH), second by (MH). Motion approved. (JD) was called back into meeting and told that he was hired.**
7. **Ongoing Reports (discussion. Limit 10 minutes per partner.)**
  - a. **NRCS (EB) reported that she has been working on EQIP contracts and catching up on closing out 2014 contracts. She also stated that she has been out meeting with clients and following up on contracts.**
  - b. **Director's Reports (PH) mentioned the Tulare Farm Show will be held Feb. 9-11, 2016.**
  - c. **IWM Report- Derek Jara (DJ) reported on his IWM EQIP contracts. Please see attached.**
8. **Incoming Correspondence (Correspondence folder is available for review at each board meeting, but is not included in the formalized agenda)**
  - a. **LAFCO Commissioner Handbook**
  - b. **Land and Water 2016 guide**
  - c. **2016 Professional development catalog**
  - d. **San Benito County Water District Final Annual Groundwater Report for Water year 2015 (DVD)**
9. **Outgoing Correspondence**
10. **Upcoming Meetings and workshops**
11. **Adjournment- Next meeting Feb. 25, 2016; 5pm Meeting adjourned by (TT).**