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AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING EASTERN KERN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (EKCRCD)

MEETING TIME: Wednesday August 2, 2017, 9:00-11:00 AM
LOCATION: Large conference room, BLM, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter that is not on the agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Also, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. However, no action may be taken by the Board at this time. [Gov. code 54954.3 (a)]

CONSENT ITEMS: Consent items are considered to be routine and non-controversial. They will be considered first and may be approved by on motion if no member of the Board or audience wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent list and will be considered in listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

Minutes/Correspondence:

Approve:

- Minutes, Special Meeting, July 5, 2017
- Minutes, Regular Meeting, July 5, 2017
- Correspondence Logs and email re: Petroglyph Festival bids from website designers

Financial Reports:

Approve:

- Financial reports-account balances, spending reports

ACTION ITEMS:

- Update on CIMIS project from Stephan Bork. Vote on changes as necessary.

- Discuss meeting of Administration (Admin.) committee with the Inyokern Community Service District (ICSD). Vote on recommendations as necessary. (See Water Resources committee written report, attached in packet and available in office, that recaps this meeting).
- Discuss proposed solar project for Inyokern. Authorize comment letter (due August 11).
- Discuss and vote on participation in the 2017 Petroglyph Festival.
- Discuss bids from website designers. Decide on next steps and/or vote as necessary.
- Choose and approve alternate venue for November 1, 2017, meeting; City Council Chambers in California City not available.
- Vote on Resolution 2017-04 (attached in packet and available in office), which appoints Donna Thomas as Grantee's Authorized Designee (GAD) with respect to the Dept. of Conservation grant. The GAD is authorized to sign in place of the President if she is not available.
- Complete/authorize response to California Special District Association survey re: CSDA working to lower the required threshold to pass special taxes from two-thirds to 55%.

REGULAR REPORTS:

Agency Reports:

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
- **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) /High Desert Region (HDR)**
- **Indian Wells Valley Ground-Water Authority (IWVGWA)**

EKCRCD Committee Reports:

- **Water Resources** (Thomas/Decker/Powell)-
See written report attached in packet and available in office, which contains reports on Admin. committee meeting with ICSD, in-kind contributions to the Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Ground-Water Management Group (IWVCGWMG), and ideas for Proposition 1 funding proposals for disadvantaged communities and Category 2, Tier 1 IWVGWA funding for critically over-drafted basins.
Discuss/approve in-kind commitments from EKCRCD to IWVCGWMG/IWVGWA.
Discuss/approve recommendations for state water funding.
- **Administrative** (Thomas/Decker/Rajtora)-Meeting with ICSD discussed previously.
- **Xeriscape** (Thomas, Buckreis, Sanders)-
Update on upcoming projects. See forwarded letter from Ann Richardson re: plant sale and workshop (attached in packet and available in office). Vote on recommendations as necessary.

- **Wildlife** (Buckreis, Sanders, Merk)
- **Wastewater** (Rajtora, Decker, Merk)
- **Education/Information** (Merk, Buckreis, Rajtora)
Update on Jawbone Station public meeting.
- **Agriculture** (Thomas, Merk, Rajtora)

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 9:00-11:00 AM, BLM large conference room, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest.

ADJOURNMENT

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