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

MEETING TIME: Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 9:00-11:00 AM
LOCATION: BLM large conference room, 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, Regular Meeting, November 1, 2017
- Correspondence Logs

Financial Reports:

Approve:

- Financial reports-account balances, spending reports, Petroglyph Festival report

ACTION ITEMS:

- Vote on Resolution 2017-06 to adopt Mitigation Program Report and Conservation Easements (emailed to the Board and available in office) policies.
- Review and approve new timeline for CIMIS projects. Vote as necessary.

- Decide on date and venue for poster contest awards ceremony. Vote as necessary. (Winter break for students is 12/22/17-1/8/17. Ruby Raindrop would prefer to appear in January.)
- Vote on whether to pay 2018 dues/amount to National Association of Resource Conservation Districts (NACD).
- Vote on whether to pay dues through 12/31/18 in the amount of \$83.50 to California Special Districts Association (CSDA). Dues is paid up until 7/11/18.
- Vote on whether to join Sierra Coordinated Resources Management Council (a Joint Powers Authority, emailed to the Board and available in office) or decide on another course of action.
- Discuss possible updates to website. (Current contract covers 10 hours of refreshing site with a new template and mores images, 10 hours of content updates. The EKCRCD must provide content.) Vote as necessary.
- Review and approve meeting schedule for 2018. Vote as necessary. (The July 4 meeting must be rescheduled.)

REGULAR REPORTS:

Agency Reports:

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**-update on NRCS workshop.
- **CARCD/HDR**-Report on 11/18/17 meeting.
- **IWVGSA**-Report on meeting(s). See written report attached in packet and available in office. The Dept. of Water Resources' Best Management Practices publication, "Sustainable Management Criteria," is available. Three public meetings (the nearest is in Visalia on 12/12/17) have been scheduled to introduce the publication and give the public opportunity to comment. Comment period closes 1/8/18. This item is on the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) agenda for 12/6/17.
 - **Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)**- See written report attached in packet and available in office.
 - **Technical Advisory Committee (TA/C)**

EKCRCD Committee Reports:

- **Water Resources** (Thomas/Decker/Powell)- Report on Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group meeting.
- **Administrative** (Thomas/Decker/Rajtora)
- **Xeriscape** (Thomas, Buckreis, Sanders)- Discuss horticulture class offered by IWVWD in spring of 2018.
- **Wildlife** (Buckreis, Sanders, Merk)
- **Wastewater** (Rajtora, Decker, Merk)

- **Education/Information** (Merk, Buckreis, Rajtora; includes former Air Quality committee)- Discuss public scoping meeting for Draft Environmental Assessment for new activities at Cuddeback Range, NAWS.
- **Agriculture** (Thomas, Merk, Rajtora)-Discuss January NRCS workshop, including advertising.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hard copies of the 2016-17 audit report will be passed out to board members. Please read it; any questions or comments you might have will be discussed at the January 3 regular meeting.

A scoping meeting for the Edwards AFB solar project will be held 12/12/17 from 5:30-8:30 PM in the Mojave Veterans Hall, Room 1, 15580 O Street, Mojave.

Sexual harassment training is due **12/31/17**. Administrative Assistant Gooch will send another invitation from Open Sesame.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 9:00-11:00 AM, BLM large conference room, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest.

ADJOURNMENT

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