

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206  
**Thursday, May 18, 2017, 12:00 am– 2:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting called to order at 12:03 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, Phil Balmat, John Thoming, and Marden Wilber. Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS), Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Ora Van Steyn (NRCS), Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Jenna Rodriguez (Ceres Imaging), Mike Wackman (Coalition).

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the regular Meeting minutes from the April 20, 2017 Board Meeting, and the Agenda for the May 18, 2017 Board Meeting, made by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments at this time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Income for both the SJCRCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. A wire transfer from the Delta Conservancy was made to the SJCRCD account for the Paradise Cut Grant in the amount of \$15,000 and will show on the June County Financial Statement. A motion to receive and file all monthly bills presented bills, income received, and new budget made by Mr. Koster, second Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

**IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report – Wackman reviewed financials in Supplemental Packet. Error on Croce Sangunietti audit bill, and money was transferred from County in between accounts. This new balance will show on the June statements. A Motion to approve financials presented was made by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – Meeting with Environmental Justice (EJ) Community and will meet again next week. Gathering information needed for. Anonymous parcel numbers, and when submitted to the state will have a code number for confidentiality. Still in the logistics of how this information will be transferred at a state level.
- C. Membership Report - Membership invoices and packets were mailed. Deposits for memberships are being done now. Farm Evaluations are due in June. Sarah Lucchetti has been taking calls for Farm Management Plans. 80% turned in for 2015. Data entry still being collected for 2016 for Farm Management Plans. East San Joaquin is looking for data of crops grown in the area for the Groundwater sustainability plans. Sarah Lucchetti is still working on SECP's, and are almost complete. The portal from Michael L Johnson is still being finalized and will be available soon to growers.
- D. Program Report – No program report at this time.
- E. Sediment Erosion Control Plan- Ms. Lucchetti is working with growers and will be finished shortly.
- F. Regional Monitoring Program – All matters discussed in the above topics.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Directors Terms and Appointments were reviewed.
- B.** Paradise Cut-Insurance, ESA Contract, Wire Transfer, Consero Scope of Work – Review of email send from John Cain given due to his absence. Julianne from Farm Bureau reviewed letter sent on behalf of Farm Bureau and concerns with stacking of habitat easements. John Cain will meet with San Joaquin Agricultural Technical Advisory Subcommittee regarding the Borges/Machado property on May 25. Mr. Cain will simply report on the potential conflict between the existing agricultural easement and the proposed flood easement. Insurance - waiting for the ESA contract from Jennifer to send in with complete grant application. No additional fees will be applied. A motion to accept the Consero Solutions Contract provided in the meeting packet, to allow Consero Solutions to work with the RCD on managing for the Paradise Cut Grant made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously.
- C.** DWR Grant- Ceres Imaging – Update from Jenna, 10,000 acres of the 30,000 total are now in contract. Ms. Burns is currently working out the logistics with Ms. Rodriguez on Quarterly invoicing, reporting, and billing. Ms. Rodriguez reviewed a recent flight.

## **NRCS UPDATE**

- A.** Ms. Van Steyn gave a brief update that the EQIP has received 3.3 million dollars this year.
- B.** Personnel – The hiring freeze for the state is still in effect, and no word of lifting in the near future. The Stockton office is looking forward to having an Intern from New York Summer 2017. NRCS will have a new Under Secretary- not announced at this point. The mission of the NRCS will not change, but the NRCS, FSC, and RMA will become one entity to improve efficiency. Update from Ms. Smither-Kopperl from the Lockeford Plant Materials Center- There was a Good turn-out at the Open House at the PMC last month. Discussion of cover crops and irrigation at the Open House. Seepage at the river into the PMC grounds from the heavy river flows. The levee also needs some repairs and contracts are in place for all repairs. East Stanislaus grant was awarded and Margaret will be assisting with cover crop training.

## **RESOURCES**

- A.** Ag Commissioner's Report – No report at this time.
- B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report - Julianne gave an update on the Ag Mitigation and edits being made. Active on the SGMA Workgroup. They will be meeting the June deadline. All relatively quiet at this point in the year. Biggest issue is the snow melt at this point. Working on Rural Crime Seminar and looking for demonstrations. Coffee talk shop - Instagram being developed.
- C.** CRAE Report - 12 people showed for the meeting and 9 went on the tour of the cherry packing shed that was held at the Farm Bureau with Molly.
- D.** RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report - all reports given above. Working on the Watershed Facebook page.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS – SWEEPS Verifications due end of June**

- 9. CLOSED SESSION 1:15 pm. – 1:25 pm** - Motion to give Shasta Burns a \$5-hour raise made by Koster, second by Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.

- 10. ADJOURN-** A motion to adjourn to the next scheduled Board Meeting on June 15, 2017 made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the USDA Stockton Service Center, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206.