

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

USDA Stockton Service Center
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206
Thursday, June 15, 2017, 12:00 am– 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Thoming, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Jesse Samson (NRCS), Elena Araya (NRCS), Julianne Phillips (SJFB), John Cain (American Rivers), Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioners Office), Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Mike Wackman (Coalition), Shasta Burns (SJCRCD).

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the May 18, 2017 Board Meeting, and the Agenda for the June 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, made by Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A presentation of all bills received for the month. A motion to pay all invoices presented in the meeting packet and supplemental packet made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A.** Financial Report – A motion to receive and file all invoices for the month, and to transfer \$800,000 from the main checking account into the contingency fund for reserves. Made by Koster, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – Review of the meeting held last week. Update on a recent SECP site inspection. Mr. Wackman is looking for another representative from the Board for the MPEP meetings.
- C.** Membership Report – Collected just over \$1.35 million dollars. Post cards were mailed out to any grower that was supposed to turn in a Farm Evaluation or Nitrogen Management plan on April 15th. Possible web based portal to see if bills have been payed, various reports have been turned in, and to make sure all necessary paperwork is filed for the year. A motion to add additional \$15,000 worth of work to have Michael L Johnson create a Delegate Access in addition the portal created by MLJ made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.
- D.** Program Report – No huge problems at this time. No exceedances lately.
- E.** Sediment Erosion Control Plan – Sarah L. has been working diligently with the growers and assisting with all necessary paperwork above and beyond SECP
- F.** Regional Monitoring Program – Nothing new at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- B.** Paradise Cut – John Cain and guest presented a map of the project. Attending the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee to discuss the conservation easement regarding the Paradise Cut. Discussion of the easement stacking continued between habitat and agriculture easements. The appraisals are still on hold. Waiting on maps of legal descriptions now. One appraisal has been completed at this time.
- C.** DWR Grant- Ceres Imaging invoicing happening soon.

NRCS UPDATE

- A.** EQIP - \$3.5 million spent so far, this year. This is not including batch 3. A total of over \$5 million spent over this year. Majority going towards air practices.
- B.** Personnel – Still on a global hiring freeze and operating on 77%.

RESOURCES

- A.** Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri gave an update that cherry season is over and had a great crop this year. Pest find in the area caused a program to be suspended. It is controlled at this time. If you do a "System Approach Plan" you do not have to fumigate with methyl bromide. Pesticides in Schools are coming into play in January. Ag Commissioners office is trying to help growers with the annual notification process, and will help with markings in the quarter marking zone, and timings based on type of applications. Growers keep records for two years and the Ag Commissioners office will hold them for one year. Pesticide Recycling Event will be taking place and encouraging information on helpful ways to dispose of old pesticides.
- B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report – Eastern Groundwater JPA meeting was held yesterday and will meet the June 30th deadline for comments. Michael George will be presenting at the next water meeting at the Farm Bureau. Cannabis Committee will be meeting next Friday for policy revisions for the Board of Supervisors. Rural Crime Seminar at Farm Bureau at the end of the month.
- C.** CRAE Report – No report at this time.
- D.** RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report – Ms. Burns has asked the Board for their permission for the Watershed Chair, Kathy Grant to present and "Abstract" written to present at the CARCD Annual Conference. The Board gives their approval to present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Burns have been on their first SWEEP Evaluation site visit. Two more to come.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of June 15, 2017 at pm, made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, July, 20 2017 at the USDA Stockton Service Center, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206.