

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

USDA Stockton Service Center
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206
Thursday, July 20, 2017, 12:00 am– 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Thoming, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Diego Olagaray, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Sonya Miller (NRCS), Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Mike Wackman (Coalition), Shasta Burns (SJCRCD).

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the June 15, 2017 Board Meeting, and the Agenda for the July 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, made by Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Hamm. 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 and accept a late bill for reimbursement for Ms. Watkins CRAE meeting made by Mr. Wilber, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A.** Financial Report – A motion to receive and file all invoices for the month, made by Koster, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wackman reviewed Irrigated Lands Financial Statement and income received from Membership income. Reviewed last fiscal year's Budget vs. Actual Statement. Michael L Johnson LLC, forecasted budget for the next fiscal year will be lower for the next fiscal year.
- B.** Steering Committee – Review of the meeting held last week along with the meeting minutes presented by Ms. Mulrooney. Mr. Wackman reviewed the new State Order to comply with the new State Board Order with specific negotiations being done now. State Water Board correspondence in supplemental packet.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported Regional Water Board of a list of growers that have not filled out a Farm Evaluation this year or last year. If Farm Evaluation is not turned in by next week there will be a certified letter sent out by the State Board and fees will apply. Review of memberships that have come in. Looking great at this point.
- D.** Program Report – No huge problems at this time. No exceedances lately. Waiting for the launch of the portal. Changes are being made to make it more grower and user friendly. Will be up and running by the time grower meetings are held.
- E.** Sediment Erosion Control Plan – Sarah L. will be teaching a SECP class next week on July 26th held at the Coalition office.
- F.** Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman reviewed current monitoring. Nothing new at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Paradise Cut – Ms. Burns reviewed an email update from John Cain on the latest agreements and discussions with the landowners on the Borges/Machado property. More information to come after the next Agricultural Technical Advisory Meeting which will take place next month. Planning Grant is officially executed at this time. Board discussions regarding easements and appraisals that can be done.
- B.** DWR Grant- Ceres Imaging invoicing happening within the next month, flights are going well, and more acreage is being contracted for next year as flights happen.
- C.** **SWEEP** - Resolution – A motion to accept presented Resolution for the SWEEP program evaluations made by Mr. Hamm, second by Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

- D.** **SAMS** – SAMS number will be updated by October 2017 for the next fiscal year. Geri at the NRCS will help update this number for free.

NRCS UPDATE

- A.** EQIP – 146 contracts at this point. \$4 million spent so far, this year. 2018 applications being accepted now. Fiscal year 2018 programs being looked at now. Sonya will be the representative for the water conservation funding for next year.
- B.** Personnel – Still on a global hiring freeze and operating on 77%.

RESOURCES

- A.** Ag Commissioner's Report – n/a
- B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report – Following Cannabis Policy. Federal Water Regulations. Ms. Phillips reviewed upcoming meetings that will be held at the Farm Bureau. California Farm Bureau are in support of the Cap and Trade
- C.** CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reported on meeting held in Sacramento. Almond Board sent two representatives to present at this meeting. When asked about what the most trusted occupation was to this group, agriculture and farmers were not even mentioned. Firemen were the number one trusted at this Roundtable Meeting. Roundtable is working with the Ag Committee meeting on August 5th and will be working on a list of things that they would like the Farm Bill to look at and redefine. It does not sound like they will have this opportunity, but will be pushing for it.
- D.** RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report – Ms. Burns reported that there will be a meeting in August. No July meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Currently working on the Watershed Facebook page.

COMMUNICATIONS – Boxes at the Coalition will be going through and archived at the County. Next month the Board would like to see the Twin Tunnels as an Agenda Item.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of July 20, 2017 at 1:38 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, August 17, 2017 at the USDA Stockton Service Center, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206.