

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

USDA Stockton Service Center
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206
Thursday, October 19, 2017, 12:00 am– 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include John Herrick, John Thoming, Phil Balmat, Richard Rodriguez, Jack Hamm, Molly Watkins, Marden Wilber, Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Ora Van Steyn (NRCS), Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Mike Wackman (Coalition), Shasta Burns (SJCRC), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS), Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioner office).

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting Minutes from the September 21, 2017 Board Meeting, and the Agenda for the October 19, 2017 A motion to accept the Minutes and Agenda as presented made by Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Balmat. 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. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A.** Financial Report – Mr. Wackman reviewed financial statement, and line items for Michael L. Johnson Portal. Correction to portal costs and data entry items will be addressed at the November Board Meeting. A motion to receive and file all invoices for the month of October, made by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – Coalition Deposits were discussed; late post cards were mailed to landowners who have not paid. The water has been pretty clear this year so far. Recent activity in the water were discussed. The Coalition will now be testing for new protocols for pesticides. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported late payment postcards that have been coming in. The next letter on Nitrogen Management Reports going out at the end of the month. 2017 Reports have been completed and are in 100% compliance.
- C.** Program Report – Discussion from General Counsel Spaletta on the new State Water Resources Control Board Order. Summary report handed out on what the SWRCB is proposing. All Coalition conference call will be held on Friday. Schedule Discussion – December 6th at 9:30 am will be a Public Workshop held in Sacramento. Written comments are due on December 15th. Specific details and reporting plans were discussed with changes that will be added. A subcommittee meeting will be held on December 12th with Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, and Diego Olagaray will form the Subcommittee at

1:00 pm at Farm Bureau.

- D.** Sediment Erosion Control Plan – No update at this time
- E.** Regional Monitoring Program – Groundwater Trend Monitoring Program is looking to collaborate a valley wide effort with checking well water for nitrates. Discussions with the Board about joining a Regional Monitoring type program were discussed and will table until the November Board Meeting.
- F.** UC Davis Collaboration – Sat Darshin from UC Extension gave a brief presentation. FREP Grant details discussed and data that they would like to be able to collect to help our Coalition, and to help the extension for educational purposes. Mail survey is being asked to send out to our growers. The Board will discuss at the November Board Meeting. A motion to deny request for grower address list made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Paradise Cut – Ms. Burns reported on Kick Off Meeting Conference call and reviewed the memo sent out by John Cain from American Rivers.
- C.** DWR Grant- A Workshop will be held on November 1st at UC Davis.
- D.** SWEEP – Two evaluations have been completed and turned in to CDFA for final payments.
- E.** Small Farm Conference – Ms. Watkins asked the Board if the RCD can donate a basket to the conference. Donations will be collected at the October Board Meeting.

NRCS UPDATE

- A.** Ms. Van Steyn reported on EQIP – Getting ready for the next EQIP year. Low staffing and temporary budgets were discussed.
- B.** Personnel – Farm Bill Agreement ended and final invoicing has been sent.

RESOURCES

- A.** Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri reported renewing permits and will be issued on December 1st. New pesticide application regulations are being discussed and new laws are being developed. Private applicator workshop meetings are scheduled to be held at the Ag Commissioners office. Hemp ordinance went to the Board on September 26th and passed. Notices have been sent to growers for abatement.
- B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report – No report at this time.
- C.** CRAE Report – No report at this time.
- D.** RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report – No report at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS – December Board Meeting will be held at Dave Wong's on December 20th - 11:00 am

CLOSED SESSION – No closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of October 19, 2017 at 1:33 pm, made by Mr. Hamm and second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the USDA Stockton Service Center, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206.