

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

USDA Stockton Service Center
7585 Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206
Thursday, January 17, 2019- 12pm – 2pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, John Thoming, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, Marden Wilbur, Bill Koster, Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Mike Wackman(Coalition), Sarah Lucchetti (Coalition), Alma Alvarez (SJCRCD), Shasta Burns (SJCRCD), Lisa Harper (NRCS), Jesse Samson (NRCS), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS-PMC), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner)

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the December 19, 2018 meeting and the agenda for the January 17, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Wilbur.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments at this time.

TREASURERS REPORT

All bills for the month were presented. A motion to pay all invoices presented in the meeting packet and the supplemental packet excel spreadsheet was made by Ms. Watkins and second by Mr. Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Burns stated that quarterly invoicing is occurring but is delayed due to the government shutdown.

IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM

A. Financial Report- Monthly financial statements were reviewed from the Board Meeting packet, including an additional invoice from HydroFocus included in the supplemental packet. A motion to approve and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented was made by Mr. Koster and second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously. Page D of the supplemental packet is to be changed to January 15, 2019.

B. Steering Committee- Mr. Wackman reported that trend monitoring results should be in next week. Review of Steering Committee meeting minutes included in the Supplemental packet.

C. Membership Report- Ms. Mulrooney reported there are still many unpaid invoices. Participants have been contacted 3 to 4 times and a letter will be sent to the unpaid members warning that memberships will be dropped if dues are not paid.

D. Program Report- Program Managers report is included in the Supplemental packet for Directors to review. Grower self certification classes for Nitrogen are scheduled for January and February as well as Continuing Education for Nitrogen plans. Mr. Wackman reported that one of the Nitrogen Certification classes was cancelled due to low enrollment.

E. Sediment Erosion Control Plan – A Self Certification class for SECPs is to be held February 14, 2019. Ms. Lucchetti reported that there are not many new requests for SECP development.

F. Regional Monitoring Report- Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

A.NACD Grant- Ms. Alvarez presented her status report for the month which was included in the supplemental packet. She reported she has been working on HEL determinations and NAQI. The second round for the NACD grant funding is March 1, 2019. A motion was made to ask for three years worth of grant funding; if after one year no additional funding has been found then the original grant may be ended. Motion made by Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.

B.Paradise Cut- Mr. Balmat stated that phase 1 is almost complete. Meetings for agencies and the public are to be held January 29 in Stockton. Mr. Balmat would like Ms. Lucchetti to be involved in the Paradise Cut process. Ms. Burns stated that there is \$1,062 worth of funding left.

C.DWR GRANT-CERES IMAGING- Paper was passed out in regards to the flyover.

D. Nutria: Mr. Pelican stated that 4.6 million has been received for the Nutria project. A motion was made to contact CARCD to see if a letter of support for USFW was still needed, if so a letter should be sent. Motion made by Ms. Watkins, Second Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

A.Ms. Harper's last day as acting DC is January 18, 2019. Mr. Samson is the next acting DC. The DC position should be advertised within the month. All contracts are stopped due to the new Farm Bill. Ms. Smither-Kopperl passed around a progress report on the PMC. A workshop focused on the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed is scheduled for April 4, 2019 at the PMC.Ms. Alvarez will be working with the PMC staff to organize the lunch and agenda for the workshop.

RESOURCES

A.Ag Commissioner's Report- Mr. Pelican stated that there have been new appointments made at DPR. There has been no new Nutria since December.

B.San Joaquin Farm Bureau- No report

C. CRAE Report-No report

D.RCD Administrator- Ms Burns last day as RCD administrator will be January 31, 2019. A motion was made for Ms Lucchetti to assume RCD duties effective February 1, 2019 and for her contract to be amended to reflect the addition of duties by Mr. Hamm and second by Mr Balmat. Motion passed unanimously. The amended contract is to be included in the February meeting packet for Board approval. A motion was made to switch the RCD debit card from Ms Burns to Ms Lucchetti effective immediately by Mr Koster and second by Ms Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications

All communications were placed on the meeting table.

CLOSED SESSION- no closed session

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of January 17, 2019 at 1:50 pm was made by Mr. Balmat and second by Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for March 21, 2019 at 12 pm at the USDA Service Center 7585 S Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206