

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

USDA Service Center  
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206  
Thursday, February 20, 2020 12pm -2 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, Jack Hamm, Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Brandon Bates (NRCS-Stockton), Sarah Lucchetti (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Kamaljit Bagri (SJ Ag Comm), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC)

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the February 20, 2020 meeting agenda, amended to allow for the NRCS to present upon the arrival of Mr. Bates, was made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments at this time.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the January 16, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously

**NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP- Mr. Bates presented the MOA. He stated that changes will be occurring within the NRCS, primarily with software. The Local Workgroup Meeting is to be held on March 19, 2020 prior the RCD meeting at the SJ Farm Bureau. The focus will be on partnership and collaboration, The Board recommended changing the time from 9:30 to 10 am. Mr. Bates asked that the RCD provide refreshments for the meeting.
- B. Personnel- The Stockton FO will be advertising for a new Soil Conservationist position.

**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 Mr. Koster and second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOURCES**

A. Ag Commissioner's Report- Ms. Baghri stated that 92 nutria have been captured within the county. A proposal has been made to allow hemp production on parcels down to AL-5; generally, these small parcels would be for nursery production. The Ag Commissioner's office has not heard back in regards to the Noxious Weed grant. There has been an increase in drift cases being reported.

**B. CRAE Report- No Report**

**C. RCD Administrator-** Ms. Lucchetti recommended the RCD look into the potential development of the Watershed Coordinator grant being developed by the Department of Conservation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Paradise Cut –** Ms Lucchetti informed the Board that the Delta Conservancy announced a change in their billing policy: contractors would need to be paid before reimbursement by the Conservancy would be made. The DC will be reviewing and seeing if a waiver could be developed for this billing procedure to allow the RCD to receive funds prior to contractor payment.

**B. Potential DWR Project-** Elisa Noble was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update with potential dates she would be meeting DWR.

#### **IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM**

**A. Financial Report-** Monthly financial statements were reviewed from the Board Meeting packet and additional statements included in the supplemental packet. A motion to approve and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented was made by Ms. Watkins and second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Steering Committee-** Minutes in packet.

**C. Membership Report-** Ms Mulrooney reported that everything is running as normal. There have been requests from growers for more INMP CE classes, Ms. Lucchetti will set dates.

**E. Program Report-**Program Managers report was included in the supplemental packet.

**F. Regional Monitoring Report-** Mr Wackman reported that the report is still being developed.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **Communications**

All communications were placed on the meeting table.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of February 20, 2020 at 1:36 pm was made by Mr. Koster and second by Mr. Hamm . Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for March 19, 2020 at 12 pm at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau, 3295 Ad Art Rd Stockton, CA 95215