

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

USDA Stockton Service Center
7585 Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206
Thursday, March 21, 2019- 12pm – 2pm

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, Jack Hamm, Marden Wilber, John Herrick, John Thoming, Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Mike Wackman(Coalition), Sarah Lucchetti (Coalition), Alma Alvarez (SJCRCD), Jesse Samson (NRCS), Lisa Harper (NRCD), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), Dirk Venn (Ceres Imaging), Jenna Rodriguez (Ceres Imaging)

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting and the agenda for the March 21, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Balmat. 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 Mr. Herrick and second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM

- A.** Financial Report- Monthly financial statements were reviewed from the Board Meeting packet and additional statements included in the supplemental packet. Mr. Wackman stated that the cost of analyticals from MLJ has decreased due to a lack of exceedances that trigger more testing. A motion to approve and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented was made by Mr. Koster and second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** 2019-2020 Budget- Mr. Wackman stated there will be an increase in the budget for MLJ for groundwater monitoring and an increase due to the change in the Nitrogen Management Plans. The database will need to be redone because of the new forms. CV Salts is expected to increase due to the Prioritization and Optimization study. The acreage fee for members of the Coalition was discussed. Motion made to set the Coalition fee at \$3.75/acre by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Hamm for discussion. Mr. Hamm recommended raising the fee to \$4.00 to avoid having it raised again. Vote made to set the fee at \$3.75, 1 yes, all others opposed. Motion made by Mr. Thoming to set the Coalition acreage fee to \$4.00, second made by Mr. Hamm. 5 yes, 1 opposed, motion passed. 2019-2020 Budget to be voted on in the April RCD meeting.

B. Steering Committee- The Groundwater trend monitoring results have come back. Wells sampled ranged from .51 ml/L Nitrate to 24 mg/L. Compared to other Coalitions San Joaquin county has low levels.

C. Membership Report- Ms. Mulrooney reported that workshops to assist growers with paperwork were completed. Members who have not paid will receive one more invoice with back dues included with current fees, they will have 45 days to pay or be dropped from the Coalition membership.

D. Program Report- Program Managers report is included in the Supplemental packet for Directors to review.

E. Sediment Erosion Control Plan – Nothing to report

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. Ms. Alvarez worked with Ms. Smither- Kopperl at the PMC on the filter strip grant through CDFA.

B. Paradise Cut- Ms. Lucchetti reported that there was a monthly teleconference.

C. DWR GRANT-CERES IMAGING- Ms. Rodriguez explained the program and that flights are conducted weekly in San Joaquin County, depending on the number of farms and acreage requiring flights. A workshop will be held at the SJFB on Thursday March 29.

NRCS UPDATE

A. Ms. Miller will be the next acting DC. Ms. Harper stated that a Cooperative Agreement may be an option to keep Ms. Alvarez at the Stockton Service Center.

RESOURCES

A. Ag Commissioner's Report- Mr. Pelican reported that Virulent Newcastle disease was found in San Bruno. SJC Fair has cancelled all bird shows.

B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau- No report

C. CRAE Report- No Report.

D. RCD Administrator- Ms. Lucchetti reported that work is being done on the Annual reports for the Elderberry Safe Harbor Agreement.

Communications

All communications were placed on the meeting table.

CLOSED SESSION- Motion made to raise Ms. Grupe's hourly wage from \$30 to \$35 effective 3/25/2019 by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of March 21, 2019 at 2:05 pm was made by Mr. Hamm and second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for April 18, 2019 at 12 pm at the USDA Service Center 7585 S Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206

