

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

USDA Stockton Service Center  
7585 Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206  
Thursday, May 16, 2019- 12pm – 2pm

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Marden Wilber, John Thoming, John Herrick, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Jack Hamm, Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), Ruth Mulrooney (Water Coalition), Sonya Miller (NRCS), Alma Alvarez, Brenda Phrakonekham (NRCS), Sarah Lucchetti (RCD)

**MEETING AGENDA**

A change was noted for the April 18 meeting minutes to add Mr. Koster to the list of attendees. A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the April 18, 2019 meeting and the agenda for the May 16, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Diego, second by Mr. Wilber. 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. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOURCES**

**A.** Ag Commissioner's Report- Mr. Pelican reported that Nutria was sighted on Rough and Ready Island. Traps will be set. The County passed an ordinance to ban hemp production until a later date. San Joaquin County, in conjunction with Stanislaus, applied for a weed management grant. They did not receive the funding but there will be another weed management meeting in June.

**B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau- No report

**C.** CRAE Report- No Report. Ms. Watkins attended the Bay Delta meeting and announced that the State RCD meeting will be held Nov. 12-13. There are currently 96 RCDs in the State. The next Bay Delta meeting will be in Solano in the fall and hopefully the RCD will have a speaking contestant.

**D.**RCD Administrator- Ms. Lucchetti reminded the Board to submit their AD 700's.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** NACD Grant- Ms. Alvarez presented her status report for the month which was included in the supplemental packet. Ms. Alvarez has been an asset at the NRCS for non-english speaking applicants. A motion was made for a letter to be written in support of Ms. Alvarez and sent to Ms Barry and Mr. Suarez and a letter of support for other non-NRCS positions, if needed, will be

available by Ms. Watkins and second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lucchetti will draft the letter and send it to Board members for review.

**B.** Paradise Cut-Phase 2 has been recommended for funding, allowing for a study on the impact downstream. There will be a meeting at the Delta Conservancy May 22 to be attended by Mr Balmat and Mr Herrick.

**C.** DWR GRANT-CERES IMAGING- Ms Lucchetti presented the quarterly report for DWR included in the supplemental packet. An advertisement for the grant with Ceres Imaging was in the Farm Bureau weekly newsletter.

#### **NRCS UPDATE**

**A.** The Stockton DC position was advertised. Ms Miller discussed the requirements of irrigation systems; all must be installed with an irrigation water management component for funding. Soil sensors can be used as well as gypsum blocks. Last batching period for this fiscal year for the NRCS, there is a possible additional batching period depending on the amount of funds let. Ms. Miller will invite Gayle to the next RCD meeting in June.

#### **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 Mr. Hamm and second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously. The fee for the current checking accounts was discussed. A motion was made to change the checking accounts for the RCD and Water Coalition to a new bank by Mr. Thoming and second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously. Ms Lucchetti will change the accounts to Farmers and Merchants Bank.

**B.** Steering Committee- Steering Committee minutes included and reviewed in packet.

**C.** Membership Report- A staff report was included in the supplemental packet for review.

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

**F.** Regional Monitoring Report- Nothing new to report.

#### **Communications**

All communications were placed on the meeting table.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of May 16, 2019 at 1:13 pm was made by Mr. Herrick and second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for June 20, 2019 at 12 pm at the USDA Service Center 7585 S Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206

