

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

USDA Stockton Service Center
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206
Thursday, September 21, 2017, 12:00 am– 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:07 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 (SJCRCDD), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS), Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioner office).

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the August 19, 2017 Board Meeting, and the Agenda for the September 21, 2017 with the correction in Closed Session, noting the “Board came out of Closed Session and made a motion. “Motion for the rate of pay increase for Sarah Lucchetti, made by Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Thoming. 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. Herrick, second by Mr. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A.** Financial Report – Mr. Wackman reviewed annual administrative fee being transferred to the RCD account. Reviewed membership dues received and late notices will be mailed this week. Sarah Lucchetti’s retainer fee for insurance will be paid out of the RCD General Account. Questions from the Board regarding Annual Farm Evaluations, and budgeted items. A motion to receive and file all invoices for the month of September, made by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wackman reviewed Irrigated Lands Financial Statement and income received from Membership income including the BAC Debit Account.
- B.** Steering Committee – No Steering Committee meeting for the month of September.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported on non-paying memberships for 2017. Following up with Regional Water Board Noncompliance Farm Evaluations. Mr. Wachman addressed the Board about Sarah Lucchetti possibly helping other RCS’s in Northern California with their Sediment Erosion Control Plans. Mr. Wachman will draft an MOU for the October Board Meeting for review. Member portal is live and available to growers. Access information will be directly mailed to the grower. Hours for continuing education classes for the Nitrogen Management classes will be available to attend next year.
- D.** Program Report – No huge problems at this time. No exceedances lately. Waiting for the launch of the

portal. Changes are being made to make it more grower and user friendly. Will be up and running by the time grower meetings are held. New water testing will start in the coming months.

- E.** Sediment Erosion Control Plan – Sarah Lucchetti is finished with growers in the Coalitions jurisdiction, and Mr. Wackman will be talking with other Northern California RCD's to help with landowners with overlapping boundaries.
- F.** Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman reported no update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Paradise Cut – Mr. Balmat reviewed an email update from John Cain on the latest agreements and discussions with the landowners on the Borges/Machado property.
- C** DWR Grant- Official grant has been signed and a physical copy has been sent to the Department of Water Resources for final execution. A final copy has been accepted. Moving forward after executed, invoicing to growers will be sent this month.
- 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. Smither-Kopperl reported on recent repairs done at the PMC. Recent trials at the PMC have had great success. Invitation to visit and see the progress that has been made in cover crop trials. Planting different cover crops for this coming Fall season. New topics for Open House discussions are welcomed.
Ms. Van Steyn reported on EQIP – Good EQIP year. Getting ready for the next EQIP year.
- B.** Personnel – Farm Bill Agreement is coming to an end, and closing the agreement next month. Four positions vacant at the Stockton office. Hiring freeze is starting to lift.

RESOURCES

- A.** Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri reported on regulation changes on 2017 Worker Health Regulations. Field worker training regulations will be annual instead of five-year plans. Pesticides in school's restriction reporting starts January 1, 2018.
- B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report – Cannabis report from Ms. Phillips, along with water issues in Southern California.
- C.** CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reported there will be a meeting held next week.
- D.** RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report – Ms. Burns reported Beeler Award recipient and the EBMUD BBQ this month.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mr. Thoming would like to make arrangements for the Christmas meeting that will be held at Dave Wong's.

CLOSED SESSION – No closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of September 21, 2017 at 1:33 pm, made by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the USDA Stockton Service Center, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206.