

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

USDA Service Center

Dave Wong's, 2828 W. March Lane, Stockton, CA 95219

Thursday, December 19, 2019- 11am – 2pm

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:07 am

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Jack Hamm, Molly Watkins, Diego Olagaray, John Thoming, Phil Balmat, Bill Koster, Elisa Noble, Brandon Bates (NRCS-Stockton), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS-PMC), Sarah Lucchetti (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC)

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the December 19, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments at this time.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the November 21, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously

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

**RESOURCES**

**A.** Ag Commissioner's Report- No Report

**B.** CRAE Report- No Report

**C.** RCD Administrator- Ms. Lucchetti informed the Board she had contacted the past recipient of the Scholarship, the Board agreed to wait until 2020 to make a decision as to the fund. Ms. Lucchetti will apply for the NACD Urban Agriculture grant to assist with the School garden project with Farm Bureau. Ms Lucchetti gave an update from the LMRWSSC; the group discussed creating a farmer's market in Lodi and additional public outreach for residents in Lodi in regards to water quality.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Paradise Cut – Mr Balmat informed the group that the roll out of the grant from Delta Conservancy has been postponed. The PC conference call addressed a different grant opportunity for the development of green levees.

**B.** DWR Grant- Ceres Imaging is in the process of performing outreach to participants.

- C. Potential DWR Project- Elisa Noble introduced herself to the group and discussed her resume and fees. A motion to proceed with Ms. Noble and have her ask questions in regards to the DWR grant and report back in January to the RCD Board was made by Mr. Hamm and second Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP- Mr Bates reported that there will be Policy Changes with the new Farm Bill. He would like to discuss a local workgroup meeting at the next meeting. Ms Kopperl stated that the filter strip demo has sprouted.
- B. Personnel- No Report.

#### **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. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee- Minutes in packet. MLJ created a diagram for the website and cost which was included in the packet
- C. Membership Report- Ms Mulrooney reported that everything is running as normal.
- E. Program Report- Ms. Lucchetti updated the group on focused outreach and discussed issues with pyrethroids.
- F. Regional Monitoring Report- No Report

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **Communications**

All communications were placed on the meeting table.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of December 19, 2019 at 12 pm was made by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for February 20, 2020 at 12 pm at 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206