

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

San Joaquin County Farm Bureau
3290 North Ad Art Rd, Stockton CA 95215
Thursday, June 20, 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, Marden Wilber, John Herrick, Jack Hamm, Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioner), Ruth Mulrooney (Water Coalition), Sonya Miller (NRCS), Alma Alvarez, Sarah Lucchetti (RCD), Dominick Gulli (GME)

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the May 16, 2019 meeting and the agenda for the June 20, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Hamm, 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 Mr. Herrick and second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES

A. Ag Commissioner's Report- Ms. Bagri reported that there was \$6 million in loss from the 2019 cherry crop with 51% damage. The last four years have been considered disasters. The Ag Commissioners office will have CE classes July 12, 18 and 29 that the Water Coalition will participate with.

B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau- No report

C. CRAE Report- No Report.

D.RCD Administrator- Ms. Lucchetti briefed the group on the last LMRWSC and the groups request for the RCD's involvement. The board agreed that the RCD can attend meetings and add information from the LMRWS to the RCD website. Ms. Lucchetti informed the Board that the NACD is promoting a "Grassroots Advocacy" program that encourages RCD to contact their representatives. A motion was made by Mr. Hamm and second by Mr Herrick to contact the representative to request a visit. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Herrick and second Mr. Hamm to continue with Croce Sanguinetti and Vander Veen for the 2019 financial audit. Motion passed unanimously and Mr Rodriguez signed the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NACD Grant- Ms. Alvarez presented her status report for the month which was included in the supplemental packet. Ms. Alvarez presented the filter strip brochure to the board. Monday

will be Ms. Alvarez's last day with the RCD. Mr. Rodriguez thanked Ms. Alvarez for her work while with the RCD.

B. Paradise Cut-Mr. Herrick informed the group of the SJAFCA meeting in regards to Paradise Cut. The hope is that SJAFCA will take the lead on the project. Mr Herrick will compose a letter to SJAFCA asking for time for a presentation to the SJAFCA Board, motion made by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously. Mr Balmat briefed the group on the Paradise Cut Public Outreach meeting. Locals still have concerns on the project. Mr. Gulli voiced concerns and stated there are better ideas.

C.DWR GRANT-CERES IMAGING- Ms. Lucchetti stated that the report was sent up to DWR.

NRCS UPDATE

A. The Stockton DC position has been filled by Brandon Bates who will be starting the position in August. Ms. Miller informed the Board that there may be the development of a groundwater recharge practice code for EQIP. A motion was made for a letter to be developed and sent to Mr. Suarez and Ms. Barry to ask that the RCD be involved with the development of the groundwater recharge program by Mr. Hamm and second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously. Local irrigation districts are to be contacted for possible collaboration on the letter.

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. Herrick and second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

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

C. Membership Report- Ms. Mulrooney stated that bills were due June 15. A directive was sent to landowners that should be enrolled by the RWB.

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.

Closed Session- A motion was made to agree to the Common Interest Agreement as long as the RCD's attorney approves of the substance of the agreement and all information developed pursuant to an agreement is kept confidential. Motion made by Mr. Herrick and second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of June 20, 2019 at 1:50 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 July 18, 2019 at 12 pm at the USDA Service Center 7585 S Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206

