

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

USDA Service Center
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206
Thursday, October 17, 2019- 12pm – 2pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Marden Wilber, Bill Koster, John Thoming, Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS-PMC), Brandon Bates (NRCS- Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (Water Coalition), Kamaljit Bagri (Ag. Comm.), Sarah Lucchetti (RCD)

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the October 17, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Wilber, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments at this time.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Wilber. 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. Koster and second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES

A. Ag Commissioner's Report- EPA released a statement cancelling the registration of chlyporifos February 6, 2020. Public workshops are being held on the use of Telone. The Hemp ordinance goes into effect Oct 25, the county can now start receiving applications to plant. Pesticide permit applications start mid-November. Two Oriental Fruit Fly have been found in Tracy.

B. CRAE Report- No Report

C. RCD Administrator- Ms. Lucchetti stated that Mr Herrick had sent information in regards to applying for the Delta Leadership Program, the Board and Ms Lucchetti decided not to move forward with an application at this time. Chairs have been ordered for the conference room.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – The next teleconference will be held November 8, 2019.
- B. DWR Grant- Ceres will hold a grower workshop Nov. 14 in Stockton.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP- Mr. Bates stated that the office is not currently processing contracts at this time. There are 164 active contracts in the office. AgVenture is next Tuesday. The NRCS chief, Matt Loehr, will be in California November 18-20. Mr. Bates discussed setting up a local workgroup meeting with the Board.
- B. Personnel- Ms Smither-Kopperl stated that the grant funding was not renewed for Sean Vue to remain at the PMC. The State Office is working on a solution to keep Mr Vue at the PMC. Seed has been ordered for the filter strip trial.

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 has updated the membership dues. A motion to approve and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented was made by Mr. Koster and second by Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee- Minutes included in the packet. The Steering Committee has made a recommendation to the RCD Board that pesticide monitoring results are integrated into a notification program for growers and information made available on the member portal. A motion was made that MLJ move forward with the development of the Pesticide monitoring notification program and the development of the member portal software to provide exceedance data to growers, provided that the RCD owns the software, by Mr Balmat and second by Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.
The Steering committee has made a recommendation to the RCD Board that the MedCouple IQR theory be used to identify outliers for nitrogen management reporting. A motion was made to use the MedCouple IQR theory for the identification of Nitrogen Management Summary Report outliers by Mr. Koster and second by Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Membership Report- 854 postcards are being sent to growers who are missing the required annual meeting. Growers will need to view the course on the website to become compliant.
- E. Program Report- Program Managers Report included in the packet.
- F. Regional Monitoring Report- No Report

CLOSED SESSION

No decision made

Communications

All communications were placed on the meeting table.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of October 17, 2019 at 2:10 pm was made by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for November 21, 2019 at 12 am at USDA NRCS Service Center 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206

