

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

Stockton Service Center NRCS
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206
Thursday, January 18, 2018, 12:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), John Thoming, Molly Watkins, Diego Olagaray, Ora Van Steyn (NRCS), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS), Shasta Burns (SJCRCD), John Cain (American Rivers), Sat Darshan Kholsa (UC Davis Extension), Kathy Grand (City of Lodi).

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the December 21, 2017, with the change of the next meeting location to the Lockeford Plant Materials Center, February 15, 2018 at 12 noon, and the Agenda for January 18, 2018, made by Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Herrick. 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. Olagaray, second by Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A.** Financial Report – Monthly Financial statements were reviewed from the Board Meeting packet. A motion to approve and file all monthly financials with an explanation of the Comcast Business Bills, and large Presort mailing expenses for Farm Evaluations being mailed this week, made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – No Steering Committee meeting in January. Several grower meetings are happening now. Presentations on how to use the Grower Portal from Michael L Johnson LLC. Benefits of being a delegate and how to log on are appreciated by all attendees. Ms. Mulrooney has been in touch with the Water Board and more enforcement is happening now, sending certified letters for 2014 non-compliance Farm Evaluations.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported that the Regional Board is reaching out to Growers that have not turned in their Nitrogen Management Plans. Non-compliance will result in a monetary fine. The Coalition is still receiving late payments.
- D.** Program Report – HydroFocus update and still under contract with the Coalition. Through finishing the approval of the Trend Monitoring Program. The Coalition would like post a Request for Proposals for monitoring and data collection next fiscal year. General Counsel Spaletta will have CV Salts agenda topic at the March meeting. Nitrogen Management Certifications are going on now and will continue next month. Mr. Wackman attended a meeting in Sacramento for California Land Stewardship Institute,

and the topic with the Delta Conservancy on fish friendly farming.

- E.** Sediment Erosion Control Plan – Ms. Lucchetti is continuing work on SECP with landowners.
- F.** Regional Monitoring Program – No report at this time. Meeting is scheduled for next week. Co-Chair position alternate for the program.
- G.** UC Davis Survey mailing – Presentation from Dat Darshan Khalsa and information in the Supplemental Packet.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Paradise Cut – John Cain from American Rivers explained the difference in the two grants; Planning and Acquisition Grants. Tasks were discussed by each consultant paying close attention to MBK Engineering Firm, and ESA Environmental. Schedules of each task written in the grants for each consultant were reviewed. A motion to have Mr. Cain from American Rivers agreed to send a revised deliverables schedule to include a timeline to the RCD by January 25th, explaining the need for the deliverables schedule from MBK and ESA to be revised, which will then be included in the January 31st report to the Delta Conservancy made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously. The Board will have General Counsel review for legal purposes. Mr. Cain will be attending the Farm Bureau meeting in January on Land Use.
- B.** DWR Grant- Jenna Rodriguez presented an update to the Board. 22 Growers on the grant for 2017. Additional acreage is being added for the flights for 2018. 10 of the 22 Growers have already committed to 2018 contracts. Workshop held at UC Davis last month using GIS tools. A local grower workshop will be held in 2018. Invoices have been collected, and invoicing to DWR will be worked on with Ceres Imaging, and DWR Grant Specialist.

NRCS UPDATE

- A.** Ms. Smither-Kopperl reported that the PMC brought copies of the PMC's annual report. Meeting will be held at the PMC next month. The next PMC open house will be held on April 4, 2018. Watershed Coordinator update will be given at the next Board Meeting. Efforts to contact John Brodie for potential grant writing to help the group will be made.
Ms. Van Steyn reported on EQIP applications received and funding for the next year. Government shut downs on specific offices are happening now for specific amounts of time.

RESOURCES

- A.** Ag Commissioner's Report – No report at this time.
- B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report –No report at this time
- C.** CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reported on last months meeting attended and attending this months meeting on January 31st.
- D.** RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report – Final invoicing will be submitted for reimbursement. Chair for the Partnership Kathy Grant will attend the next meeting at the Lockeford PMC.

COMMUNICATIONS – No communications at this time.

CLOSED SESSION – No closed session at this time.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of January 18, 2018 at 2:08 pm, made by Mr. Olagaray and

second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for February 15, 2018 - 12 noon at the NRCS- Lockeford Plant Material Center, 21001 Elliot Road, Lockeford, CA 95237

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