

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

USDA Stockton Service Center - NRCS
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206

Thursday, October 18, 2018, 12:07 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Molly Watkins, Diego Olagaray, Marden Wilber, Bill Koster, John Thoming, Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Sonya Miller (NRCS), Ora Van Steyn (NRCS), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS), Mike Wackman (Coalition), Shasta Burns (SJCRCD), Alma Alvarez (SJCRCD), Kamal (Ag Commissioner), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS), Sarah Lucchetti (Coalition).

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the September 20, 2018, and the Agenda for October 18, 2018, with the corrections that there will not be a Closed Session Regarding Conference with Legal Counsel, made by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray. 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 with an updated excel financial sheet handed out with current debit and checks for payment this month including a late bill for National Association of Conservation Districts for \$300 and a \$500 donation to the Arianna Koster Memorial Scholarship fund, made by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Wilber. 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 additional bills presented, made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – Mr. Wackman updated the Board on the Steering Committee Meeting that was held on October 8, 2018, and Minutes attached in the Supplemental Board Meeting packet.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported September 12th the Regional Board send our letters of violation for Farm evaluations and nitrogen management reports. May and August received post card reminders. Regional Board will act to those not in compliance. Ms. Mulrooney has contacted the majority of the list to remind them via email or phone. Grower meetings will soon start.
- D.** Program Report – Program Managers report is attached in the Supplemental Packet for Directors review. Mr. Wackman reviewed recent meetings attended, and monitoring discussed below.
- E.** Sediment Erosion Control Plan – Continued efforts to contact landowners for Sediment Erosion Control Plans along final vernal pools and streams for, and most waterways have been planned at this point.

- F. Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman reported on the last meeting attended, and program monitoring. Recent findings pesticide findings in the area were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. NACD Grant – Ms. Alvarez presented her status report for the month. Listed active programs working on and current contracts going through the NRCS at this time. Workshop assistance in the Modesto RCD. Presentation will be given October 23, 2018. Status report attached in the supplemental packet for review. Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Steering Committee secretary to help facilitate the monthly meeting. Updated the Board on new grant opportunities available for the board. Reviewed last month's Speak off contestant and her winnings.
- B. Paradise Cut – Mr. Balmat and Ms. Burns met with American Rivers and the Delta Conservancy for the upcoming pre-proposal for the next round of Proposition 1 funding. Open conversation and preparation for the submittal was discussed and will move forward. Additional comments and details of what will be submitted for public outreach efforts with local engagement and possible steering committee creation in the next grant funding. Additional studies will be done to focus on downstream landowners and future risks with hope to gain support. Mr. Balmat reviewed specific budget items listed in the preproposal and where funding will go.
- DWR Grant- Quarterly Reports are being worked on for the second flying season for reimbursements and working on a new Quarterly report to turn in.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. Ms. Smither- Kopperl – Updated the Board on Lower Mokelumne grant opportunities, and input from Kathy Grant with the City of Lodi using groundwater studies and storm drain detectives. Starting fall plantings and cover crops. Different drought tolerant studies will be done along with a Monarch Butterfly study for habitat studies.

Ms. Miller reported trials sprays on producers in the Fresno and Madera area.

Ms. Van Steyn reported on EQIP and tractor replacement programs and dollar amounts not funded this year. Ms. Van Steyn has accepted a new position and will be working in the Stockton Office. Ms. Van Steyn will help the acting the District Conservationist, and still report with San Joaquin County. Farm Bill budget questions were answered and will be briefed as more information is released. Job opening position for the Stockton District Conservationist will be announced and the Board will write a letter stating the needs and characteristics of the person the SJCRCD would like to hire.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Nutria update and detections in the area were discussed and geographical camera findings. 14 captures have been made at this time. Continued Education classes will start in November and one evening class will be held. Efforts to have more hours available are being made by adding classes. Six classes total. A drift prevention class will be added to February 1, 2019. Beware Program and app for registering bee colonies locations for pesticide spraying and bee registration is being developed and implemented. State permit conditions for Chlorpyrifos and will be taken off of growers permits and will be given new conditions January 1, 2019 for crop specific spraying conditions to satisfy state requirements (crops, dosage, and buffer zones).
- B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report – No report at this time
- C. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reported on the last meeting attended. Production agriculture conversations and follow up conference call will be held on water issues in the Delta. Ms. Watkins met with Department of Conservation contact for maintenance grant project and will participate in a phone call to move forward for a grant through the CARCD. More details at the November Board Meeting.
- D. RCD Administrator – No report at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS – All communications were placed on the meeting table. Mail communications include Application Referrals.

CLOSED SESSION – No closed session

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of October 18, 2018 at 2:06 pm, made by Ms. Watkins and second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for September 20, 2018 - 12 noon at the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau 3290 Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA 95215

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