

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

USDA Stockton Service Center - NRCS  
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206  
**Thursday, November 15, 2018, 12:08 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, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Jack Hamm, Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Mike Wackman (Coalition), Shasta Burns (SJCRCDD), Alma Alvarez (SJCRCDD), Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioner), Lisa Harper (NRCS), Sarah Lucchetti (Coalition).

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the October 18, 2018, and the Agenda for November 15, 2018, with the grammatical changed and motion to adjourn the Board Meeting, and the date change for the December Board Meeting to December 19, 2018, same time and location, made by Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Balmat. 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, and a warrant written to transfer funds from county to the BAC debit checking account, made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

**IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A.** Financial Report – Monthly Financial statements were reviewed from the Board Meeting packet, including additional late bills for Spaletta law and Presort Center as presented in the supplemental packet. A motion to approve and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented, made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – Mr. Wackman updated the Board on the Steering Committee Meeting that was held on November 12, 2018, and Minutes attached in the Supplemental Board Meeting packet.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported on membership payments and deposits that have been made to date, and her effort to receive payments moving forward. 300 members were mailed reminder letters for not no compliance with NMP or Farm Evaluations. All members with the exception of one, are now in compliance.
- 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. CV Salts conference calls reviewed and updated. No major exceedances throughout the whole year. Delta RMP and MLJ Environmental will be developing pesticide monitoring practices in the main channels of the Delta. The

program will be a long-term monitoring program.

**E.** Sediment Erosion Control Plan – No report at this time

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

#### **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. 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. Reporting tractor hours and EQIP contracts being processed at this time.

**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. A motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 Approving the application for Grant Funds for the Delta Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Olagaray. A motion to have Phil Balmat, and John Herrick review and approve with dual signatures the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program proposal made by Mr. Koster, Second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

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. Harper is the acting District Conservationist for the next sixty days. A new hire will hopefully take place before the end of the year. Sonya is the acting District Conservationist in Concord from the Stockton location. EQIP deadline is tomorrow November 16, 2018 by 4:30 pm. The next deadline for all funding pools is December 7, 2018.

#### **RESOURCES**

**A.** Ag Commissioner's Report – Nutria update Fish and Wildlife 330 Nutria have been taken, and still older Nutria are unaccounted for. New location East of Patterson, majority females and not pregnant. First Continued Education class was held this morning November 15, 2018 and was well attended. Pesticide application updated regulations were discussed. EPA and Environmental Justice is looking at funding for pesticide recycling in San Joaquin County surveys have been sent to landowners. Ag Venture has been funded for the next three years and will have three events per year.

**B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report –No report at this time

**C.** CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reported on the last meeting attended. Ms. Watkin's and Mr. Herrick had a conference call with potential CARCD Bay Delta RCD's regarding potential habitat maintenance funding for contract work.

**D.** RCD Administrator – No report at this time.

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

**CLOSED SESSION** – The Board entered into Closed Session at 1:55 pm on Thursday, November 15, 2018. The meeting session returned to open session at 2:05 pm. There was no reportable action.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of November 15, 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 December 19 2018 - 11 am at Dave Wong's 2828 W. March Lane, Stockton, CA 95219

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