

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

USDA Stockton Service Center - NRCS
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206
Thursday, April 19, 2018, 12:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, John Thoming, Mike Wackman (Coalition), Shasta Burns (SJCRCD), Sarah Lucchetti (Coalition), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), Sonya Miller (NRCS).

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the March 18, 2018, and the Agenda for April 19, 2018, made by Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Hamm. 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, made by Mr. Koster, second by Mrs. Watkins. 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 at the meeting, made by Ms. Koster, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wackman reviewed upcoming budget and increased costs and proposed 2018/2019 Coalition Budget. A motion to approve 2018/2019 proposed budget as presented and drop the Annual Membership Fee to \$3.50 made by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – Minutes from the last meeting are attached in the Supplemental Meeting packet. Mr. Wackman reported on the low and recent toxicity hits. Clarifications given by Mr. Wackman on what the well testing would entitle. Sarah Lucchetti will go out and meet with growers and discuss local toxicity hits and best management practices.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported that the Regional Board will fine one grower for not turning in their Nitrogen Management Plan. Multiple efforts to contact landowner and grower to help with the necessary paperwork to be in compliance have been made.
- D.** Program Report – Ms. Lucchetti has been working on a spreadsheet for best management practices for toxicity and alternative products, and what the outcome can be using these products. Data will come from many different sources and be compiled into a one-page toxicity handout.
- E.** Sediment Erosion Control Plan – Ms. Lucchetti is continuing to work with landowners.
- F.** Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman reported on the last meeting attended, and program

monitoring.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.** NACD Grant – Job description details in the supplemental packet were reviewed. A motion to have a NACD Grant subcommittee containing Directors Watkins, Rodriguez, and an alternate of Thoming to review and post a Request for Qualifications on the Districts website and local newspapers for 10 days, conduct interviews and have the authority to hire for the Grant funded position before the next scheduled Board Meeting on May 17, 2018, made by Mr. Hamm, second by Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Paradise Cut –Mr. Balmat reviewed recent conference calls held this month and Memo submitted from John Cain. Mr. Balmat briefed Board on restrictions and habitat easement conditions and where the Paradise Cut project stands to date. Efforts being made for a plan to exchange beneficial properties for fair market value for the flood easement. Public Agency Outreach meeting is scheduled for mid to late May. Existing conditions report and modeling plans continued to be worked on.
- C.** DWR Grant- Ms. Burns reported that all paper invoices and reports have been mailed to the Department of Water Resources Grant Specialist for the first quarter payment. DWR will be withholding 10% of quarterly payments until the grant is finalized. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Balmat will review contract after legal counsel review and move forward with proper signatures and payment details.
- D.** Range and Natural Resources Camp - Location is in Half Moon Bay. Recipients have to turn their application by April 27, 2018. Board Directors will spread the word. A motion to fund one recipient for the 2018 Range and Natural Resources Camp made by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously

NRCS UPDATE

- A.** Ms. Miller reported on contracts that are moving forward and being funded. New Soil Conservationist from Cal Poly is visiting on an intern program. Ms. Miller explained “SHIPO” (State Historic Preservation Office) agreement is being worked on and new funding opportunities. Contracts and projects are being developed with local NRCS.

RESOURCES

- A.** Ag Commissioner’s Report – Mr. Pelican reported on June Environmental Justice Workshop which will involve educating farm labor groups. Rules on Paraquat will change and new regulations on labels and will change by the end of this year’s growing season. Nutria has been spotted in San Joaquin County. Burrowing animal, and becoming an issue with levees, and disturbing the banks. Traps, bait, and motion cameras are being set out. Surveying is being done at this time and will continue.
- B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report –No report at this time
- C.** CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reported on last month’s meeting.
- D.** RCD Administrator – Ms. Burns reported on form 700’s due no later than April 1, 2018. All forms have been mailed to each Directors home via USPS. Ms. Burns reported that she will be working and posting the District’s open Grant Writer position availability and will report any inquiries as necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS – All communications were placed on the meeting table. Mail communications include Application Referrals and BAC communications for cash management purposes.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board entered into Closed Session at 12:10 pm. The Board came out of Closed Session at 1:05 pm. No reportable action taken at this time.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of April 19, 2018 at 2:20 pm, made by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for May 17, 2018 - 12 noon at the NRCS- USDA, Stockton Service Center, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206

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