

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

USDA Stockton Service Center - NRCS  
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206  
**Thursday, May 17, 2018, 12:07 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), Ora Van Steyn (NRCS), Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Jack Hamm, Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS), Mike Wackman (Coalition), Shasta Burns (SJCRCD), Bob Ferguson (Grower).

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the April 19, 2018, and the Agenda for May 17, 2018, with the corrections to the Closed Session time starting at 2:00 pm, the Board came out of Closed Session at 2:15pm, made by Ms. Watkins, 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, and adopt the 2018-2019 Draft Budget as presented, made by Mr. Hamm, 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 at the meeting for HydroFocus and Spaletta Law, made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – Mr. Wackman updated the Board on the Steering Committee Meeting that was held on Monday. UC Davis extension has asked for Mr. Wackman to inform growers by email of survey they will be mailing out with efforts to receive more.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported invoices for 2018 have been mailed out. Deposits for membership are being made daily. Revising invoices at members request. The Regional Board mailed Notice of Violation for Nitrogen Management Plans. Completion of paperwork for necessary members are contacted and completed at this time. Member Portal is in use and reported at 16% usage for growers, and 76% reports turned in at this time.
- D.** Program Report – Ms. Luccehetti 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 – Continued efforts to make contact with 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. Email from the Regional Board regarding a potential fee increase of 3%. Push back will be presented to the Regional Board from Mr. Wackman. Report will be given at the June Board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. NACD Grant – Job description details passed out and discussion regarding hours work and NRCS training. Additions and deletions for deliverables. The subcommittee reviewed top three candidates to invite for interviews will be scheduled for Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. A motion to delegate the committee to interview, select, and contract with an independent contractor to perform 40 hours per week of service both grant and RCD task, provided the total compensation and expenses in the amount that does not exceed \$6,800 per month with necessary provisions per legal counsel made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Hamm. 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 June 5<sup>th</sup> Public Outreach Meeting that will be held at the Robert Cabral Ag Center, 9:00 am.
- C. DWR Grant- General Counsel Spaletta reviewed grant application and related questions. General Counsel will review with Ceres Imaging.
- D. Range and Natural Resources Camp - No report at this time.

## **NRCS UPDATE**

- A. Ms. Smither- Kopperl updated open house, and levee repairs that have been done on the river. Recent employee retired and hopes to have a new hire soon.  
Mr. Van Steyn reported on CDFA will tour PMC in June for soil health opportunities during their tour of Northern California. New positions will open and hiring freeze will eventually lift. Most positions advertised will be field positions. New employee will start in June. Bay Delta annual meeting will be held on June 27, 2018.

## **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 – No report at this time.
- D. RCD Administrator – Ms. Burns reported on Letter of support written for a CARCD application for a PGE Better Together Resilient Communities Grant. Contact from Karen Burh at CARCD regarding Lower Mokelumne Safe Harbor Cooperative Agreement annual statements need to be turned in.7

**COMMUNICATIONS** – All communications were placed on the meeting table. Mail communications include Application Referrals and BAC communications for cash management purposes. Proposition 1 grant cycle opportunities, and Ms. Burns met with Spaletta Law, EBMUD, Lodi District Grape Growers Association, and Delta Conservancy regarding applications and money available. Concept proposal from Consero Solutions to possibly help write a Prop 1 grant application, this will be brought back to the June Board Meeting to move forward.

**CLOSED SESSION** – The Board entered into Closed Session at 1:56 pm. The Board came out of Closed Session at 2:20 pm. No reportable action taken at this time.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of May 17, 2018 at 2:23 pm, made by Mr. Balmat and second by Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for June 21, 2018 - 12 noon at the NRCS- USDA, Stockton Service Center, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206

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