

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

USDA Stockton Service Center - NRCS
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206
Thursday, July 19, 2018, 12:07 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

ATTENDANCE

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

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the June 21, 2018, and the Agenda for July 19, 2018, with the corrections that there will not be a Closed Session Regarding Conference with Legal Counsel, made by Mr. Koster, 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 additional late bills for Spaletta Law presented, made by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A.** Financial Report – Monthly Financial statements were reviewed from the Board Meeting packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed the year end financials for the year ending June 30, 2018. A motion to approve and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented at the meeting for HydroFocus and Spaletta Law, MLJ- LLC, made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – Mr. Wackman updated the Board on the Steering Committee Meeting that was held on July 9, 2018, and Minutes attached in the Supplemental Board Meeting packet.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported invoices for 2018 have been mailed out. Deposits for membership are being made daily. Late notices will be mailed in August 1, 2018.
- 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. Well Water Programing has been discussed and details as to what this program will entail are being drafted at this time. Property owners will be responsible for well testing if enrolled in the Irrigated Lands Program. Program does not have to be third party testing and contracting. Lab will develop results and be reported to the Geo Tracker Data basis and public information. Trend Monitoring Program RFP is due at the end of July. A subcommittee will be formed to review and bring back recommendations to the next Board Meeting and reviewed after the next Coalition Meeting. The subcommittee will consist of Mr. Balmat and Mr. Rodriguez.

- 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. Push back will be presented to the Regional Board from Mr. Wackman and has resulted in a fee increase. Well monitoring on ag wells throughout the whole state of California will be tested in the future if enrolled in the Irrigated Lands Program.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.** NACD Grant – Ms. Alvarez presented her status report for the month. Field meetings with coworkers and assisted with conservation planning. New grant opportunities are being researched and ideas will be presented at the next Board Meeting.
- B.** Paradise Cut – Mr. Balmat reviewed recent conference calls held this month and Memo submitted from John Cain. Mr. Balmat briefed Board on July Landowner Meeting that was held at the Robert's Union Farm Center. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. Discussion items on the possibility of forming a Joint Powers Authority was discussed and details on specific landowner agreements and easements were discussed.
- C.** DWR Grant- Ms. Rodriguez reviewed Ceres Imaging Contract that was signed and payment to Ceres for 2017 flight season will be made. Upcoming target and acreage goals were discussed for the 2018 flight season. 32 growers are participating thus far. Quarterly reports will be drafted, revised, and turned in to the DWR this month. End of year workshop will be planned to discuss flights with customers tentatively in November 2018.

NRCS UPDATE

- A.** Ms. Smither- Kopperl was not in attendance but included the Quarterly Review for the PMC Agreement for Shawn Vue.
Ms. Miller reported on batching period. 160 applications were turned in and submitted. 48 of these applications were funded. Waverly Fire Rancher Meeting will be held on July 30, 2018 at the Linden Library.

RESOURCES

- A.** Ag Commissioner's Report – Mr. Pelican reported on Nutria. An updated map of the region and where they are locally located. Traps, bait, and motion cameras are being set out. Surveying is being done at this time and will continue. Wildlife trappers have been hired. New pesticide application rules for paraquat dichloride are being regulated. The County has passed cannabis ordinance on ag land and is in the 30-day comment period at this time.
- B.** San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report – No report at this time
- C.** CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reported on roundabout grant money coming from the state level, a letter to the County Supervisors expressing concerns with roundabout sizing for farm equipment will be mailed. Ed Thompson from the American Farmland Trust is discussing farmland mitigation. Ms. Watkins reported on the Bay Delta meeting attended last month. EQIP funded 1,257 contracts last year. Speech contest this year "How can RCD programs help reduce the threat of fire?" \$300, \$200, \$100 dollars will be given to the Region winners.
- D.** RCD Administrator – No report at this time.

ELECTIONS

A motion to Elect President Richard Rodriguez, Vice President Jack Hamm, Secretary/Treasurer Phil Balmat, and elect an additional associate director Bob Ferguson for the 2018 year made by Ms. Watkins, second

Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS – All communications were placed on the meeting table. Mail communications include Application Referrals, and updated insurance from Ceres Imaging.

CLOSED SESSION – No closed session

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of July 19, 2018 at 2:06 pm, made by Ms. Watkins and second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for August 16, 2018 - 12 noon at the NRCS- USDA, Stockton Service Center, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206

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