

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

USDA Stockton Service Center - NRCS
7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206
Thursday, August 16, 2018, 12:07 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Diego Olagaray, Marden Wilber, Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), Sonya Miller (NRCS), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS, Mike Wackman (Coalition), Shasta Burns (SJCRCD), Alma Alvarez (SJCRCD), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), Bob Ferguson.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the July 19, 2018, and the Agenda for August 16, 2018, with the corrections that there will not be a Closed Session Regarding Conference with Legal Counsel, made by Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margo Roen expressed interest in potential grant writing opportunities.

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. Wilber, second by Mr. Herrick. 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. Balmat, second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Steering Committee – Mr. Wackman updated the Board on the Steering Committee Meeting that was held on August 13, 2018, and Minutes attached in the Supplemental Board Meeting packet.
- C.** Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported invoices for 2018 have been mailed out. All memberships have been submitted. The current Membership list has been turned into the State Board. 35 members have been dropped for non-payment and will be receiving a certified letter this month.
- 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 Meeting and increase of agriculture acre increase of \$.09-.10 per acre on top of annual salinity fee. Mandated program with the Basin Plan Amendment from the State Board. Water Quality testing's have been good. One small exceedance hit at Temple Creek has been detected. Only exceedance documented this year so far.
- 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. Approval of the Request for Proposal that were received were reviewed, and the subcommittee reviewed. A motion to approve contract Michael L Johnson for the Trend Monitoring Program starting Fall 2018, made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion Passed unanimously.

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. Status Report attached in the Supplemental Packet. Ms. Alvarez will mail Speak Off applications to local schools around the community. A motion to pay \$250, \$100, and \$50 for the local cash prize winners made by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Paradise Cut** – Mr. Cain reported on planning grant and meetings, acquisition grant, and potential to apply for an additional planning grant pre-proposal to maintain this option for future funding. Existing standings of easements were discussed and options to move forward with landowners were reviewed. Current Planning Grant funds will run out in June. Pre-Proposal due August 31st, and structure around local engagement for planning on the project, and then put the RCD in the running for a full proposal in the December timeframe. A motion to proceed with a pre-proposal with the help of American Rivers for the August 31st deadline to the Delta Conservancy, made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. DWR Grant- Quarterly Reports** are being worked on for the second flying season for reimbursements.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. Ms. Smither- Kopperl** - Warm season cover crop seminar will be held next week at the PMC. Currently one position available at the Plant Materials Center and looking to hire within the program.

Ms. Van Steyn reported on the years EQIP funding, 6.8 million dollars have been obligated. 2019 Program will be delayed, from the headquarters level. A local workgroup meeting has been set up for the October scheduled Board Meeting. Personnel changes in the office are occurring. Vehicle surveys for the local NRCS are being done at this time, looking at mileage, and overall vehicle usage. Ms. Van Steyn reviewed Mutual Agreement between United States Department of Agriculture and the State of California and the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District, handout given and available upon request.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report** – Mr. Pelican reported on DPR regarding well testing and looking for volunteers. Mr. Pelican applied for West Side Drought about 45% loss, and it was approved. Nutria Board update to ask for Legislative Platform and funding for the program and lobbying spending bills for spending support on Federal and State level. Surveying being done at this time.
- B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report** –No report at this time
- C. CRAE Report** – No report at this time.
- 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 August 16, 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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