

**San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting of
January 19, 2017
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NRCS 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton CA 95206**

Meeting Called to order 12:06 pm

Meeting attendance includes; Richard Rodrigues, John Thoming, Phil Balmat, Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), Mike Wackman (Coalition), Jack Hamm, Diego Olagaray, Marden Wilber, David Termondt (Ceres Imaging), Ora Van Steyn (NRCS), Ruth Mulrooney (Coalition), and Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS)

Acceptance of agenda with a motion made by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Olagaray. With the exception to correct the next meeting date which states 1/19/17 and needs to be corrected to 2/16/17. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda accepted, a motion made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Hamm. The motion passed unanimously.

No closed session.

Presentation from David Turmondt, of Ceres Imaging went over the overall goal of the project, grower privacy, cost, and how to participate in the project. More information is available upon request. A motion to accept **Resolution 2017-01**, Accepting California Department of Water Resources Proposition 1 Water Use Efficiency Grant Funds, made by Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Koster all in favor, the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call, Thoming; Aye, Balmat; Aye, Hamm; Aye, Olagaray; Aye, Wilber; Aye, Rodriguez; Aye.

Irrigated Lands

Coalition financials were reviewed. Approve financials, and late bills included in the supplemental packet. A motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. A review of the Budget to Actuals for the year were reviewed.

Mike W. reported that the Coalition budget is on track, MLJ, LLC is currently under budget because they have not had to retest sites. NMP Self Certification meetings & Annual Grower meetings are ongoing. Reviewed outstanding accounts on SECP spreadsheet. Sarah L will mail past due notices to two growers.

Motion made by Mr. Hamm to transfer \$10,000.00 from Coalition checking at SJC to Credit Card checking account, second Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS update – Ora reported that the first EQIP batching deadline was last Friday, applications for 25Hp tractors are being accepted in their tractor replacement program. A new engineer has been hired and will begin 1/23/17. The Farm Bill Assistance agreement with the SJCRD has an additional \$31,000.00 available. Ora is looking to hire someone with ag experience for this position.

PMC Update – Margaret S. reported that the Plant Materials Center will be holding an open house at the end of March. She requested that the SJCRD sponsor lunch for up to 100 guests. A motion to pay for

lunch for the PMC open house, up to \$1,000.00 made by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion occurred regarding Margaret holding a “riparian buffer zone workshop”. The Water Board is requiring parcels along waterways to have a 35’ buffer zone between the crop and the waterway. Shasta B is to contact Margaret and set up a date and time, relay info to Mike who will send a mailing to Coalition members to attend the workshop.

Ag Commissioner Report – Tim P reported on 2/14/17 a Bee Aware symposium will be held at the Cabral Center. It will cover how to apply pesticides as to not harm bees. Speakers will include the largest beekeeper in CA and apiary experts from UCD.

SJFB report – Julianne reported they will be hosting a CPR class on 2/2/17 in both English & Spanish. A Heat Illness workshop is upcoming, the date is pending.

RCD Admin report – Ruth read Shasta’s notes. The 1099s have been mailed, a reminder to Hamm, Olagaray, Rodriguez, Thoming that their terms expire in February 2017, they need to complete their director applications. The Mokelumne River Watershed Coordinator with EBMUD has been extended to 12/31/17. Shasta will email Form 700 to all the directors along with a reminder of the due date. Shasta will complete the Resolution and mail it to the correct parties, she has requested 3 years of audited financial records from our accountant as required by DWR.

A motion to adjourn meeting at 1:45 pm to the next scheduled Board Meeting on February 16, 2017 made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Olagaray all in favor. Meeting adjourned.