

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

October 20, 2016

- CALL TO ORDER** President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Meeting held at the USDA Stockton Service Center- 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA 95206
- ATTENDANCE** Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Bill Koster, Jack Hamm, Diego Olagaray. Staff members and contractors present included Inara Mortalvo (NRCS), Sonja Miller (NRCS), Jessie (NRCS) Margaret Smither- Kopperl (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Shasta Burns, Jennifer Spaletta (Legal). Guests present included Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), John Cain (American Rivers).
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** No Public Comments at this time.
- MEETING AGENDA** Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the September 15, 2016 meeting, made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Koster. Also, to accept the written Agenda for the meeting today, and to discuss New Business items before the Irrigated Lands Portion of the provided Agenda for October 20, 2016, made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.
- DISCUSSION ITEMS** No items at this time.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** Income and bills to be paid for both the RCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay all late bills presented at meeting, made by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray. Motion approved unanimously.
- NRCS UPDATE** Two new employees will start at the Stockton location this month. The 2017 EQIP Program will have its first Batching period starting on December 2. Sonya Miller will be stepping in as the Acting District Conservationist November 7, 2016 until Ora's return. Ms. Smither-Kopperl gave an update on the PMC. She has also been contacted by the East Stanislaus RCD for a Soil Health Network Proposal for a grant that would need her assistance. She asked the Boards blessing to work with an RCD out of her District. The Board was happy for her to help ESRCD.
- RESOURCES** Farm Bureau report- SJCFB will be holding a Pesticide Handler Training and CPR training. Supplemental Environmental Document on Tributaries was released. Phase One is out, and Phase Two is being released tomorrow October 21, 2016.
- Ag Commissioner reported on a Budget Analyst meeting attended for the year. More communication about pesticide use around schools were discussed. Comment period for this will go until December 9, 2016. Recent ACP finds in the area were discussed and quarantines related to these issues.
- The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator reported that she has been working on monthly duties. An Excel spreadsheet of available funds for all NRCS Agreements and monthly standings are attached in the meeting packet for monthly review. Watershed Agreement with EBMUD will be coming to an end December 31, 2016. All invoices are being prepared for reimbursement, and possible extension.
- GRANT UPDATES** All grant updates were discussed in New Business below.
- NEW BUSINESS** Amended By-Laws were presented to the Board for review. No action taken today. The Board would like to further review and discuss again with Board Action at the November meeting. This

will need a 2/3rds Board Vote to adopt the amended By-Laws resented. A "Draft" form of the Conflict of Interest Code was presented to the Board of Directors by Jennifer Spaletta. The Board would like to further review and discuss at the November Board Meeting, and discuss who will be the signee (Board members, Jennifer Spaletta, or Shasta Burns). A review of the Districts Procurement Policy. District will review at the November Board Meeting with a dollar amount appropriate for the District's Budget.

Presentation from John Cain from American Rivers regarding the Paradise Cut Grant. A motion approving the Request for Qualifications for technical work provided at the meeting to be posted to the District's website for two weeks, made by Mr. Balmat, and second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously. The Request for Qualifications will be posted to the District's Website tomorrow October 21, 2016 for the Paradise Cut Grant. Jennifer will be reviewing the Memo requested for the Delta Conservancy and will be discussed at the November Board Meeting. A motion to have Board President and Legal Counsel review and work together to come up with an appropriate document for the Paradise Cut Flood and Conservation Easement Acquisition not covered action and exempt from the Delta Plan Consistency requirements made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Olgaray. Motion passed unanimously.

- IRRIGATED LANDS Coalition financials were reviewed. A motion to approve monthly financials from the Supplemental packet provided at the meeting made by Mr. Koster second Mr. Olgaray, and approved unanimously. A membership report was given by Ruth Mulrooney. Farm Evaluation returns are at 25%, Nitrogen Management Plans are at 33% return, and phone calls are being made to improve return. Further action will be taken for those who have not submitted plans. Program Managers Report was given, and information included in the Board Meeting packet. Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed with the Program Managers Report. It has been reviewed again that all landowners must have Sediment Erosion Control Plans on file. The state is cracking down on growers and issuing substantial fines for not complying. Sarah Lucchetti is currently working with growers on their Sediment Erosion Control Plans for upcoming inspections. A review of the Conductance Management Plan was provided. A **motion** to join **Central Valley Salts (CVS)** with an effort to receive a discounted rate, made by Mr. Koster, and second Mr. Hamm. If the discount cannot be given, the Board would like to discuss again at the November Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- CLOSED SESSION Entered Closed Session after the meeting Agenda and Minutes were approved at 12:07 pm, No Reportable Action at this time. Opened back into Public Discussion at 1:04 pm.
- COMMUNICATIONS Discussion of the December Board Meeting held at Dave Wongs in Stockton for a Holiday Lunch. More information to come.
- ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the NEW NRCS, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA. Adjourn meeting at 2:10 p.m. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion Passed unanimously.