

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

November 17, 2016

- CALL TO ORDER** President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:10 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, Marden Wilber, Molly Watkins. Staff members and contractors present included, Sonya Miller (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 October 20, 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 the November 17, 2016 meeting, made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Marden. 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. Wilber. 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 9th. Ora Van Steyn will be returning December 9th, 2016. 186 contracts and 35 applications have been turned in for the EQIP program. All programs applications are down in applicants. Tractor Replacement Program will be in place again and receiving more money. Money from last year will go towards other air quality programs in the area.
- RESOURCES** Farm Bureau report-A review of the current standings of the Substitute Environmental Document. Julianne will be sitting on a panel for SGMA tomorrow.
- Ag Commissioner reported on pesticide use one quarter of a mile around schools. Continued conversation of the adoption of this policy are being reviewed at this time.
- 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 sent via email for reimbursement, and possible extension.
- CRAE- Summit topic of discussion will be on Bio Mass. Ms. Watkins will be donating apples, walnuts, and persimmons.
- GRANT UPDATES** All grant updates were discussed in New Business below.

NEW BUSINESS

Amended By-Laws were presented to the Board for review. A motion to approve Amendment to By-Laws as presented made by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously. Procurement Policy provided was reviewed and a motion to adopt Procurement Policy as amended for \$50,000 in annual expenditures. A motion to adopt Procurement Policy as amended for \$50,000 in annual expenditures made by Mr. Wilber, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously. Conflict of Interest Code was reviewed again. A motion to adopt Conflict of Interest Code as presented including Form 700's from All Directors, General Counsel Spaletta, RCD Administrator Shasta burns, was made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from John Cain from American Rivers regarding the Paradise Cut Grant. No action to take place today. An email will be drafted asking ESA for a contract for work. When the proper Delta Conservancy contracts are in place then the Board will have the go ahead to move forward. The contract will be signed when contracts are in place. A recommendation from General Counsel to have a face to face meeting in December with including the Districts Subcommittee with all entities including other Districts with involvement and landowners.

IRRIGATED LANDS

Coalition financials were reviewed. A motion to approve monthly financials from the Supplemental packet provided, and also brought to the Boards attention that the CURES bill was paid (not reflected on last month's financials sheet in packet) the meeting made by Mr. Koster second Mr. Olagaray, and approved unanimously. A membership report was given by Ruth Mulrooney. Program Managers Report was given, and information included in the Board Meeting packet. Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed with the Program Managers Report. It has been reviewed again that all landowners must have Sediment Erosion Control Plans on file. A **motion** to join **Central Valley Salts (CVS)** in the amount of \$45,000, made by Mr. Koster, and second Mr. Hamm. Ms. Watkins opposed. All others in favor. Three checks were presented to the Board for reimbursements from memberships not necessary due to cannabis growing. Steering committee will be reaching out to landowners who have not turned in their Focus Outreach Surveys. If landowners do not comply further action will take place by Coalition.

CLOSED SESSION

Entered Closed Session after the meeting Agenda and Minutes were approved at 12:16 pm, No Reportable Action at this time. Opened back into Public Discussion at 12:51 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion of the December Board Meeting held at Dave Wong's in Stockton for a Holiday Lunch. More information to come. 11:00 am meeting followed by Holiday Lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Dave Wong's Restaurant, Stockton, CA. 11:00 am. Adjourn meeting at 2:33 p.m. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion Passed unanimously.