

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
December 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Meeting held at Dave Wong's Restaurant, Stockton, CA 95204

ATTENDANCE: Ruth Mulrooney, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, John Thoming, Phil Balmat, Richard Rodriguez, Mike Wackman, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, Diego Olagaray, Ora Van Steyn

Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the November 17, 2016 meeting with the correction (in the 3rd line of the Irrigated Lands paragraph change the "the meeting made by Mr. Koster", to read "the MOTION made by Mr. Koster"). Also, to accept the written agenda for the meeting today. Motion made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kenneth Watkins IV personally thanked the Board members present for receiving the Pombo Scholarship award.

TREASURERS REPORT: Motion made by Mr. Koster to accept treasures report and pay all the bills as presented in the regular and supplemental packets, second by Mrs. Watkins, Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Mr. Koster to honor the \$3,000.00 Pombo Scholarship awarded to Francesca Arnaudo. Due to family hardship, the Board will hold the monies until Francesca Arnaudo returns to school. Second Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herrick reported that a meeting will take place today at the Roberts Union Farm Center, regarding the Paradise Cut Grant. The landowners have been invited to attend a presentation by John Cain of American Rivers. The purpose of the meeting is to begin a dialog with the landowners regarding purchasing easements on their properties.

IRRIGATED LANDS: Motion by Mr. Koster to approve monthly financial from the RCD pact and the Supplemental packet provide, second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously. Program managers Report was given, no meeting minutes from the December Steering Committee meeting as it was cancelled. Discussion occurred of the Sediment Erosion Control Plans. Motion made by Mr. Olagaray, The SECP will cost a minimum of \$200.00 and shall include up to four hours of consulting time, (travel time, mileage may be included in this fee), mileage may be charged at the current IRS rate. Additional consulting hours may be billed at a rate of \$50.00. hour. The recipient will not receive the SECP until their invoice has been paid in full. Second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE: Ora Van Steyn reported on her time spent in Hawaii and described the farming practices in place. She stated that the EQIP irrigation rules have changed. Growers who want to install irrigation systems should contact her office for the new rules. She has personnel changes occurring in her office with people leaving NRCS, she will be interviewing for a summer position to be filled by a college student engineer.

No Farm Bureau Report  
No Ag Commissioners Report

CRAE – Ms. Watkins reported that she attended the Climate Change Summit. Two speakers discussed the top "Bio Fuels". The purpose of the summit was to invoke new ideas in how to deal with bio mass waste.

11:55 a.m. Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Balmat. Motion unanimously approved.

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. The next meeting will be held at the Stockton Service Center- NRCS on January 19, 2017 from 12 noon-2 p.m.