

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

May 19, 2016

- CALL TO ORDER** President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, Phil Balmat, and Bill Koster, John Thoming, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, and Maren Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Shasta Burns. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioner), Jennifer Spaletta (Spaletta Law).
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** No public comments at this time.
- MEETING AGENDA** Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the April 21, 2016 meeting with a correction to the next meeting date listed in the Minutes. The next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be held on June 9, 2016 from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Robert Cabral Ag Center in Stockton, The Ag Commissioners office will be supplying this complementary meeting room. motion made by Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Hamm. Approved unanimously.
- DISCUSSION ITEMS** No Discussion 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, including new web hosting from Go Daddy for our new revamped website by Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Koster. Motion approved unanimously.
- NRCS UPDATE** New office location will be 7585 S. Longe Street Suite 100, Stockton, CA 95206 beginning June 2, 2016. EQIP last batching period is June 17th. Soil Conservationist (shared position with Stanislaus) will be closing soon. Looking for a new Farm Bill Assistant, and recommendation from the board to ask for an extension on the agreement for another year. Motion to extend this agreement made by Mr. Hamm, second Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.
- RESOURCES** Farm Bureau attended East San Joaquin meeting and the comments for the MPEP are due June 1st, 2016
- Ag Commissioner reported another finding of Asian Citrus Psyllid and Light Brown Apple Moth. No quarantine at this time. The finding was in the Escalon area. New Federal Order handed down by the state regarding traps in commercial use in nurseries. All traps will be pulled as of July. State reporting that there will be other compliance agreements. Quarantine compliance on the farmer's end will continue.
- Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE Roundtable meeting update. Ms. Watkins handed out spreadsheet on dead forest trees in California. New conversations of Bio-char and the science behind it coming soon.
- 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.
- GRANT UPDATES** No Grant updates at this time
- NEW BUSINESS** Pombo Scholarship review and finalist chosen by Wednesday, May 25, 2016. Pombo Scholarship dinner will be held on July 15, 2016.

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. Hamm, and approved unanimously. A request for Michael L Johnson LLC to attend the next monthly board meeting because of current errors in the membership invoice reporting. Amendment to financials report. A motion to transfer \$10,000 from the Main Coalition bank account to the Debit account for upcoming mailings was made by Mr. Wilber, second by Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously. Sediment Erosion Control Plans-Mr. Wackman attended an inspection yesterday with the Regional Board for a better understanding of what the Regional Board is expecting. Discussion of Mr. Brett LaSorella an email regarding funds Mr. LaSorella thinks he is owed for "over payment" Mr. La Sorella is asking the Coalition for a refund in the amount of \$1,455.02. A motion to deny appeal for refund made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Mulrooney reported that there will be a Sediment Erosion Control Plan workshop held for RCD Personnel only on May 26-27. Sarah Luccehetti from the Coalition will be representing.

CLOSED SESSION Board entered into closed session at 1:12 p.m. The Board Opened Closed Session at 1:57 p.m. A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-03 For Public Rights Act. Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Koster, motion massed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS SWEEPS Evaluations being performed at this time and will be finished by the end of June.

ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Robert Cabral Ag Center, 2101 E. Earhart Ave, Stockton, CA. Adjourn meeting at 2:08 p.m. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Balmat. Motion Passed unanimously.