

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

July 21, 2016

- CALL TO ORDER** President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Meeting held at the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau, 3290 Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA
- ATTENDANCE** Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Thoming, Marden Wilber, Moly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Herrick, Diego Olagaray, Jack Hamm. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Shasta Burns, Sarah Luccehetti. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Kamal Bagri (Asst. Ag Commissioner), Karl Kraft (NRCS Modesto), Steve Faughn (Empire Island Farming Co).
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** No public comments at this time.
- MEETING AGENDA** Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the June 9, 2016 meeting made by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Wilber. Also, to accept the written Agenda for the meeting today, July 21, 2016, with the correction of the meeting location for the August 18th Board meeting at the NEW NRCS Building at 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA, made by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.
- DISCUSSION ITEMS** Laura Jensen from the Delta Conservancy will be attending our August meeting and presenting potential grant opportunities for the 2016-2017 Grant cycle.
- Presentation from Modesto NRCS- Karl Kraft from the Wetland Reserve Program and Steve Faughn from Empire Island Farming Co. A motion for the RCD to write a Letter of Support for the easement modification presented made by Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.
- Paradise Cut Grant presentation. A motion to accept Attachment 13- Plan for Monitoring and Assessment provided to the board for just the planning portion of this project made by Mr. Olagaray, and second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Balmat will be touring the site with Susan Dellosso on Monday following the meeting. The board would like to have all information regarding this project no later than the 10th of each month prior to the monthly board meeting for proper review 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 Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Herrick. Motion approved unanimously.
- NRCS UPDATE** New office location will be 7585 S. Longe Street Suite 100, Stockton, CA 95206. EQIP application process is done for this year. Sarah Luccehetti will keep her Linc pass for access to the NRCS database. A review of all open positions were announced. A motion to write an extension letter for the Lockeford PMC Agreement for Shawn Vue, and to add an additional \$25,000 in NRCS funds made by Mr. Hamm, and second by Mr. Olagaray. A letter is available for review upon request.
- RESOURCES** Farm Bureau report- No report at this time.
- Assistant Ag Commissioner reported that a Cherry Disaster Letter has been sent out, and reviewed new quarantines around the county.

CRAE Report- Meeting Next Thursday in Davis, a report will be given at the August Board Meeting.

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 See Discussion items above

NEW BUSINESS Pombo Scholarship dinner held on July 15' 2016. The recipient for the 2016 award, Kenneth Watkins from Linden High School will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$3000.

IRRIGATED LANDS Coalition financials were reviewed. A motion to approve monthly financials from the Supplemental packet provided at the meeting, including the last minute Spaletta Law bill that came in the day of the meeting. A copy of this bill was passed out to all board members, this motion was made by Mr. Koster second Mr. Hamm, and approved unanimously. A review of financial standing from the fiscal year closing. A little over budget due to the East San Joaquin New Member Expenses. Also, the Data Management for MLJ-LLC was over budget, and all explanations on financials were reviewed for 2015-2016 audit purposes. A membership report was given by Ruth Mulrooney on current standings of the percentage of members that have paid and that are compliant with nitrogen and sediment erosion reports. Program Managers Report was given, and information included in the Board Meeting packet. Sediment Erosion Control plan logistics are still being worked out. A motion for revisions for the contract of Sarah Luccehetti that states: new hourly wage of \$45 per hour, plus federal/state mileage rate, add compensation for Liability Insurance reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$1600. The amount that the RCD will charge for Sarah Luccehetti's visit will be \$50/hour, in which \$5/hour will go directly to the RCD for administrative purposes, motion made by Mr. Herrick, and second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS A motion to keep President and all officers in place for another year, made by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION No Closed Session at this time

COMMUNICATIONS Hydrofocus Grant with DWR will be canceled. A letter will be written on behalf of the board with the help of Mr. John Brodie to cancel this funding. Letter will be attached to the August Board Meeting Packet.

ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the NEW NRCS, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA. Adjourn meeting at 2:55 p.m. Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Koster. Motion Passed unanimously.