

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

September 15, 2016

- CALL TO ORDER President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:11 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, John Thoming, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Herrick, Jack Hamm. Staff members and contractors present included Inara Mortalvo (NRCS), Sonja Miller (NRCS), Margaret Smither- Kopperl (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Shasta Burns. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), Petrea Marchand (Consero Solutions), Steve Rothert (American Rivers).
- PUBLIC COMMENTS No Public Comments at this time.
- MEETING AGENDA Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the August 18, 2016 meeting (correct date change for the approval of the Meeting Minutes) with the correction of Mr. John Herrick and Sarah Luccehetti not in attendance at the August Board meeting, made by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Thoming. Also, to accept the written Agenda for the meeting today, August 18, 2016, made by Ms. Watkins, 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. Thoming. Motion approved unanimously.
- NRCS UPDATE Two new employees will start at the Stockton location this month. The 2017 EQIP Program will be worked on in November. This program starts in January 2017. It was announced that the NRCS has obligated \$3.9 million in Funds. The Stockton office is the top obligating office at this time. Ms. Smither-Kopperl gave an update on the PMC positions available at this time. Currently performing soil health projects along with winter kill cover crop studies. They are looking for more drought tolerant cover crops.
- RESOURCES Farm Bureau report- SGMA implementation, still working out the details. Substitute Environmental Report released today, and stated 20% reduction. Land use issues on winery ordinance were passed.
- Ag Commissioner reported that the crop report will be sent out on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month. Recent ACP finds in the area were discussed and quarantines related to these issues. Public Comments are being taken, and will be open for comment for a 45-day period.
- CRAE Report- Summit will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The conversation will be on biomass. Everyone is welcome to attend this Roundtable 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 All grant updates were discussed in New Business below.

## NEW BUSINESS

Petrea Marchand with Consero Solutions and Steve Rotherth from American Rivers were in attendance regarding the Paradise Cut Grant in progress. A memo from our legal counsel Jennifer Spaletta was reviewed with the Board regarding Contracting Requirements for San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District. A motion was made to move forward with the help of legal counsel to update and review the Districts Bylaws, and Procurement Policy made by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously. The Board will review at the October Board Meeting. These issue have been brought to the Boards attention due to the sole sourcing listed in this grant agreement, and a proper RFP will be posted to the Districts Website. A motion to reallocate \$10,000 to administrative funds for staff time from original outreach funds made by Mr. Herrick, second but Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenna Rodriguez with Ceres Imaging gave an update on the DWR Grant submitted in March. It has been successfully funded to the RCD. Official results will be posted in October or November. She gave an explanation of how the grant will be fulfilled (2 years). This information will be reported from a fixed wing aircraft, not a drone.

## 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 membership report was given by Ruth Mulrooney. Program Managers Report was given, and information included in the Board Meeting packet. Trend Monitoring Report Postcards have been sent. Not a good response. Ruth and Wendy will be making follow up phone calls. 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. Nitrogen Management Plan classes will be held again in October. Dates to follow. Mike Wackman attended an Environmental Justice Meeting last week, and sat in on a conference call. At this time everyone is working through the metrics for nitrogen applications and range of targets which growers should be doing at this time. No agreement is in place at this time.

## CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session at this time

## COMMUNICATIONS

No communications at this time.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the NEW NRCS, 7585 S. Longe Street, Stockton, CA. Adjourn meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Hamm. Motion Passed unanimously.