**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

San Joaquin County Farm Bureau

3290 North Ad Art Rd, Stockton CA 95215

Call-in: 1(571)317-3122

Access Code: 635-383-061

June 18, 2020 12:00 pm- 2:00pm

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Ms. Rivera (USDA-NRCS) was introduced as the new Soil Conservationist at the Stockton Field Office.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, Phil Balmat, Diego Olagaray, John Thoming, Brandon Bates (NRCS-Stockton), Veronica Rivera (USDA-NRCS), Sarah Lucchetti (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Tim Pelican (SJ Ag Comm), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC)

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the June 18, 2020 meeting agenda was made by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments at this time.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes with a correction on the attendance from the May 21, 2020 meeting was made by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously

**TREASURERS REPORT**

All bills for the month were presented. A motion to pay all invoices presented in the meeting packet and the supplemental packet excel spreadsheet was made by Ms. Watkins and second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lucchetti stated that she will have a budget prepared for the July meeting.

**RESOURCES**

**A**. Ag Commissioner’s Report- Mr. Pelican reported that the Noxious Weed MOU has been signed and is ready to go. Two weeks ago, the Ag Commissioner’s office had dispersed 225,000 surgical masks. COVID planning has impacted the office and changed protocols as they handle the growing season. It was reported that Telone pilot projects are starting in the Southern San Joaquin Valley.

**B.** CRAE Report- Ms. Watkins reported that she participated via teleconference.

**C.** RCD Administrator- Ms. Lucchetti informed the Board of the RCD FAP Grant from CA Department of Conservation. A motion to apply for the CA Department of Conservation’s 2020 Financial Assistance Program Grant for the continued development of the website and outreach materials was made by Mr. Olagaray and second by Mr. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lucchetti will create a monthly admin report for the packet documenting the work completed for the month. Ms. Lucchetti reminded the Board that those who have not completed the AD 700 need to do so. She also will be sending out a link for Ethics training. Elections for the Board will be held in July.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Paradise Cut – No Report
2. Potential DWR Project- Ms. Elisa Noble sent the Board a project budget and description for the potential DWR projects which was included in the handouts. After review, the Board requested that Ms. Lucchetti ask Ms. Noble to rework the proposal and that they are not interested in bringing her on as an employee.

**NRCS UPDATE**

1. EQIP- All batch 1 were NAQI, a total of 37 contracts. CSP has been slow to gain traction in San Joaquin County. Refer to handout for stats and information on Farmers.gov.
2. Personnel- Mr. Bates stated that they will be reducing the hours for the Farm Bill assistant secretary.

**IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM**

1. Financial Report- Monthly financial statements were reviewed from the Board Meeting packet and additional statements included in the supplemental packet. A motion to approve and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented was made by Mr. Herrick and second by Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wackman stated that the Coalition will not run into a deficit. Ms. Lucchetti stated that the RCD pays for the Accountant for the audit that covers the RCD and Coalition. The Board asked that a possible increase in the Admin Fee paid to the RCD by the Coalition be on the Agenda for the July meeting.
2. Steering Committee- No meeting held in June.

**C.** Membership Report- Dues are still being returned. A postcard will be sent in August to members with outstanding balances.

**D.** Program Report-Program Managers report was included in the supplemental packet. Exceedances in pyrethroids and algae.

**F**. Regional Monitoring Report- CV Salts will send out a Notice to Comply to Coalitions in August.

**Communications**

All communications were included in the Supplemental Packet.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of June 18, 2020 at 1:19 pm was made by Mr. Herrick and second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for July 16, 2020 at 12 pm via teleconference.