

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Teleconference

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**Thursday, August 20, 2020 - 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Treasurer Phil Balmat called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, Phil Balmat, John Thoming, Bill Koster, Brandon Bates (NRCS-Stockton), Sarah Lucchetti (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Tim Pelican (SJ Ag Comm), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), Elisa Noble, Jenna Rodriguez (Ceres Imaging), Matt Zidar (SJC Public Works)

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the Aug 20, 2020 meeting agenda was made by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments at this time.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Herrick second by Mr. Wilber. 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 Mr. Herrick and second by Mr. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOURCES**

**A.** Ag Commissioner's Report- Mr. Pelican reported that mobile testing for COVID is working from the office. 500,000 masks have been distributed and they will begin handing them out due to the smoke. CE classes will move to an online format. Permits will also be online and potentially hand delivered.

**B.** CRAE Report- No Report

**C.** RCD Administrator- Ms. Lucchetti reviewed the RCD Administrative report that was included in the supplemental packet. A motion was made to pay \$1619.00 to continue insurance coverage with Glatfelter Public Practice by Mr. Herrick, and second by Mr. Thoming. Motion

passed unanimously. Ms. Lucchetti suggested that the RCD have an Instagram page to increase awareness and also asked for access to the RCD Facebook page. A motion was made to allow posting to Facebook by Ms. Lucchetti and the creation of a RCD Instagram page by Mr. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Paradise Cut – No update, waiting on the Delta Conservancy to move forward with the grant.
- B. 1. Potential DWR Project- Ms. Elisa Noble discussed the potential DWR grant opportunities. Ms. Noble did not have an alternative to avoid hiring her as an employee, Mr. Rodriguez stated that a solution would be required prior to any commitment since the RCD will not be hiring employees.  
2. Ceres Imaging Grant Closeout- Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the grant closeout and progress report (included in the supplemental packet)

C. DOC Watershed Grant Coordinator – Mr. Zidar presented the DOC Watershed Coordinator Grant and the potential of a SJCRCD partnership. Mr. Zidar stated that the RCD would handle the outreach component of the grant focused on growers. A motion was made for a letter of partnership to be drafted by Mr. Herrick and Mr. Zidar with final approval by the SJCRCD President was made by Mr. Thoming and second Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP- Mr. Bates has 113 contracts and \$6.43 million in funds. They have an additional 13 to complete by Sept. 13. A Local Workgroup questionnaire has been developed and will be sent to stakeholders.
- B. Personnel- Mr. Bates stated that the Agriculture Engineer position is posted.

#### **IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report- Monthly financial statements were reviewed from the Board Meeting packet and additional statements included in the supplemental packet. A motion to approve the corrected financials and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented was made by Mr. Herrick and second by Mr. Balmat. Motion passed unanimously
- B. Steering Committee-Minutes from the August Steering Committee meeting are included in the supplemental packet as well as a printout of the presentation given by Mr. Newens for updates.
- C. Membership Report- Outreach is being conducted for remaining NMPSR.
- D. Program Report-Program Managers report was included in the supplemental packet.
- F. Regional Monitoring Report-Mr. Wackman stated tat the Delta RMP had no updates currently.

#### **Communications**

All communications were included in the Supplemental Packet.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of Aug 20,2020 at 1:44 pm was made by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for September 17, 2020 at 12 pm via teleconference.