

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

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Thursday, October 15, 2020 - 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez 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, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Brandon Bates (NRCS-Stockton), Sarah Lucchetti (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Kamal Bagri (SJ Ag Comm), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), Elisa Noble, Petrea Marchand (Consero)

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the October 15, 2020 meeting including moving to the Paradise Cut agenda item upon the arrival of Ms. Marchand was made by Mr. Balmat, 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 September 17, 2020 meeting was made by Ms. Watkins second by Mr. Herrick. 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. Wilber. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES

A. Ag Commissioner's Report- Ms. Bagri shared that there are 5 CEU's available online. The Ag Commissioner's office will begin scheduling appointments on Oct. 19 for the beginning of the permit process. An email can be submitted through the system to get a copy of the permit. The pesticide safety handbook has been updated and is available online.

B. CRAE Report- The group will be sending a letter to Governor Newsom. Ms. Watkins also briefed the group on a new assembly bill 3030.

C. RCD Administrator- Ms. Lucchetti reviewed the RCD Administrative report that was included in the supplemental packet.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Paradise Cut – Petrea Marchand from Consero presented the Consero/RCD agreement for the Paradise Cut grant. The Board stated that the contract will need to be reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. Herrick will work on the development of the Scope of Work for the engineering.

B. Potential DWR Project- Ms. Noble provided an update, they are close to a final budget. Mr. Rodriguez stated that to move forward the RCD will need a solution to hiring her as an employee. Ms. Noble stated that DWR has already looked at approving a work around.

C. DOC Watershed Grant Coordinator – Ms. Lucchetti stated that the RCD was not able to solidify the partnership with Matt Zidar for the Watershed Coordinator grant from DOC.

NRCS UPDATE

A. EQIP- Mr. Bates stated that the Stockton office had 134 contracts and about \$7 million in funds. They will begin funding again in March

B. Personnel- Most employees are still working from home but are making field visits.

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 financials and file all monthly financials with additional bills presented was made by Mr. Koster and second by Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously

B. Steering Committee-No Steering Committee meeting was held in October

C. Membership Report- Ms. Mulrooney stated that the office is slow but is open. Mr. Wackman informed the Board of the new website.

D. Program Report-No Program Manager's report

F. Regional Monitoring Report-Mr. Wackman stated that the Delta RNP is still moving forward. Grower meetings will be held online.

Communications

All communications were included in the Supplemental Packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of October 15 ,2020 at 1:37 pm was made by Mr. Balmat and second by Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for November 19, 2020 at 12 pm at the Roberts-Union Farm Center, 4925 W Howard Dr Stockton, CA 95206

