

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

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Thursday, February 18, 2021 - 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Krista McCoon with Ag Venture, Petrea Marchand with Consero Solutions, Elisa Noble with Noble Common Ground Solutions.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, Phil Balmat, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Marden Wilber. Brandon Bates (NRCS-Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Mike Wackman (SCJDWQC), Kamal Bagri (SJC Asst. Ag Commissioner), along with the above guests.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the February 18, 2021 and to move the new business item to the top of the agenda was made by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the January 21, 2021 was made by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Koster. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Grant Writing Proposal – Ms. Marchand with Consero Solutions presented an overview of the services offered by her company. They keep track of all the grants at the state level, identify projects and which grants that may be a good fit with their clients. She suggested that the RCD begin by finding funding to pay for our day to day operations.
- B. DWR Grant Update – Ms. Noble with Noble Common Ground Solutions presented information on the DWR Restoration Project at Terminous and Pace Reserves. Discussion occurred. Ms. Noble will email a contract for our legal counsel to review.
- C. Paradise Cut Update – Mr. Herrick reported that the next step in the grant is to develop an outreach letter to mail to individuals that will benefit from the project i.e. reclamation districts, large landowners in the area, etc.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri reported that 80% of pesticide permits have been issued. Online C.E. classes had over 3,000 attendees. The Simms Station satellite office will be closing by summer. Their staff will move to the Stockton office. Covid 19 vaccinations will be available this month for essential agricultural works over 50 years of age, information will be available on the Ag Commissioners website.

- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reported that the roundtable will be composing a letter offering to assist the Governor’s office with the 30/30 plan.
- C. RCD Administrator - Ms. Mulrooney asked for a committee to be formed to hire a new SJCRCD Board Secretary. Ms. Watkins, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Balmat volunteered to form the committee. Ms. Watkins agreed to post a job listing with the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

RESOURCES

- A. EQIP Update – Mr. Bates reported that the tractor replacement program will have 64 applications approved. A new NRCS program may begin by Summer 2021 that will include Conservation Incentive Contracts.

TREASURERS REPORT

All bills for the month were presented. A motion to pay all invoices presented in the meeting packet and the supplemental packet was made by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Herrick, Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – Monthly financial statements were reviewed. A motion to approve the financial report and pay all of the invoices including the additional bills presented in the supplemental packet was made by Mr. Koster, second by Ms. Watkins. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee Report – The Program Managers Report was included in the Supplemental Packet.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney reported that members continue to request assistance in completing their membership packets and require help in accessing the online meeting video.
- D. Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman reported that our Coalition will pay \$5,000.00 to Jill England this month to begin the non profit application for the RMP. This payment will be credited towards our annual invoice.
- E. Program Director Report – Mr. Wackman reported that the State Board acreage fee will increase by 8% to approx. \$1.16/acre. It is currently \$1.08/ acre.

COMMUNICATIONS

All Communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting of February 18, 2021 was made by Mr. Wilbur, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 pm, Thursday, March 18, 2021 at the Roberts Union Farm Center 4925 Howard Rd., Stockton, CA and via Go to Meeting.