

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

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Thursday, January 21, 2020 - 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present include Richard Rodriguez, John Herrick, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, John Thoming, Brandon Bates (NRCS-Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Tim Pelican (SJ Ag Comm), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC),

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the January 21, 2021 meeting was made by Ms. Watkins second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments at this time.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the December 17, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Koster second by Mr. Hamm. 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. Koster and second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES

A. Ag Commissioner's Report- Mr. Pelican reported that they currently do not have a time line for administering ag employee Covid-19 vaccinations. Mr. Pelican asked that the MOU for the weed grant be extended. Discussion occurred and the RCD will contact Mr. Pelican by 2/1/21 with a work plan.

B. CRAE Report- Ms. Watkins reported that she attended the 12/15/20 meeting where they discuss reducing dust by not shaking almonds. They also agreed to write a letter to the Governor offering their assistance in finding farming and environmental solutions.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Herrick gave an update, he has proposed a combine dredging effort with the Paradise Cut project, the South Delta Water Agency and RD 2062.
- B. DWR Grant – Mr. Rodriguez discussed inviting a grant writer to the next board meeting.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP- Mr. Bates stated that Mr. Tom Vilsak has been nominated as the new Secretary of Ag. Funding will begin in March for approved EQIP applications
- B. Personnel- NRCS will be hiring a Soil Con. Tech, and have received over thirty applications.

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. Thoming. Motion passed unanimously
- B. Steering Committee - No meeting was held in January.
- C. Membership Report- Member survey packets were mailed at the end of January, and grower meetings are held via video on the web portal or website.
- D. Program Report-Program Managers report was included in the supplemental packet.
- F. Regional Monitoring Report-Mr. Wackman stated that the Delta Regional Monitoring program is turning into a non-profit.
- G. A motion was made by Ms. Watkins to pay \$10,000.00 to the Attorney who will form the Delta Regional Monitoring Program non-profit organization. This amount will be deducted from our 2021 invoice, second by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

ROBERTS UNION FARM CENTER

- A. A motion was made by Mr. Thoming to make a \$100.00 monthly donation to the Roberts Union Farm Center, second by Mr. Herrick, Motion passed unanimously.

Communications

All communications were included in the Supplemental Packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting of January 21, 2021 at 2:01 pm was made by Mr. Balmat and second by Mr. Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for January 21, 2021 at Roberts Union Farm Center 4925 Howard Rd., Stockton, CA.

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