

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

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**Thursday, March 18, 2021 - 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm**

## **Minutes**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Phil Balmat, Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Marden Wilber, and John Thoming. Brandon Bates (NRCS-Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Mike Wackman (SCJDWQC), Kamal Bagri (SJC Asst. Ag Commissioner), and Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator).

### **MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the March 18, 2021 was made by Mr. Olagaray; Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the February 18, 2021 was made by Mr. Olagaray; Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. 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 was made by Ms. Watkins; Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Paradise Cut Update – Mr. Herrick reported a contract is being drafted, which should be available for review next month. An outreach sub-committee was formed to reach out to individuals who will benefit from the project i.e. reclamation districts, large landowners in the area, etc.
- B. DWR Grant Update – The contract Ms. Noble with Noble Common Ground Solutions presented was reviewed by Ms. Spaletta. Ms. Noble is going to work with DWR to address some of the concerns including liability and administrative costs and modify as needed.
- C. After last month's discussion with Consero Solutions regarding determining a focus for a grant project, Ms. Mulrooney suggested a restoration project along Dry Creek. Further details are needed to submit to Consero to research grant options.

### **RESOURCES**

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri reported that 1,136 pesticide permits have been issued. Over 3,600 hours of online continuing education hours have been taken. The Simms Station satellite office on

Hwy 120 will be closing by summer. The staff will move to the Stockton office. Covid 19 vaccinations are available for agricultural works of all ages, information is available on the Ag Commissioners website. DPR is considering changes in regulations for pesticide decontamination sites, more information as it's made available. There are several staff members retiring and Ms. Bagri is going to Stanislaus County.

- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins indicated there was no update.
- C. RCD Administrator – the hiring selection committee (Ms. Watkins, Mr. Balmat, and Mr. Rodriguez) presented Krista McCoon as the chosen candidate for the RCD Administrator/Executive Director position. The professional services agreement was included in the supplemental packet. Mr. Balmat made a motion to hire Ms. McCoon as the RCD Administrator/Executive Director and assign her a debit card for the F&M bank account. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **RESOURCES**

- A. EQIP Update – Mr. Bates reported that the tractor replacement program will have 61 contracts approved. A new NRCS program may begin by Summer 2021 that will include Conservation Incentive Contracts.
- B. Personnel – one new staff member has been hired and an intern will be joining the team for the summer
- C. Mr. Bates reviewed the addendum to the MOA between the SJC RCD and NRCS regarding utilizing using NRCS office space and vehicles. Mr. Herrick moved to authorize Mr. Richard Rodriguez to sign the document on behalf of the SJC RCD. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. The local work group meeting will take place on May 20, likely after the RCD monthly meeting. Exact details to follow.

## **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 Mr. Olagaray. Motion passed unanimously.  
Mr. Wackman reviewed the options for the 2021/2022 budget. A budget will need to be approved next month.
- B. Steering Committee Report – The Program Managers Report was included in the Supplemental Packet.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney will review the paid memberships.
- D. Regional Monitoring Program – The Delta Regional Monitoring program is moving forward.
- E. Program Director Report – The hiring selection committee (Ms. Watkins, Mr. Balmat, and Mr. Rodriguez) presented David Cover and Andrew Jensen as the chosen candidates to serve as CCA consultants to assist members in completing nitrogen plans, etc. The professional services agreements were included in the supplemental packet. Mr. Balmat made a motion to hire Mr. Cover and Mr. Jensen as consultants. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting of March 18, 2021 was made by Mr. Olagaray. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 pm, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the Roberts Union Farm Center 4925 Howard Rd., Stockton, CA and via Go to Meeting.

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