

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

Roberts Union Farm Center
4925 W Howard Rd • Stockton, CA 95206

Thursday, August 19, 2021 • 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Bill Koster, John Thoming, Molly Watkins and Marden Wilber. Sonya Miller (NRCS-Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), and Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the August 19, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Koster; Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 15, 2021, was made by Mr. Koster; Mr. Hamm 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 Mr. Herrick; Ms. Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Herrick reported that meetings took place in June with most of the Reclamation Districts. The majority seem interested in moving forward with an expanded Paradise Cut project. The general consensus was that San Joaquin Area Flood Control Area (SJAFCA) would be the front runner as project lead. It's being determined whether or not they can join the existing JPA comprised of RDs. He noted DWR positively responded to a funding request letter, noting there may be funding available with the multi-benefit group.
- B. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon reported the contract was executed with a start date of August 1. Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Watkins will serve as the DWR contract committee to assist in procuring contractors as noted in the contract.
- C. Ceres Imaging Grant – Ms. McCoon explained the final progress reports and invoices were submitted to DWR for review and payment processing.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Insurance and Worker's Comp – Ms. McCoon received and reviewed a quote for Worker's Compensation from State Fund. She was directed to contact Ms. Spaletta and Ms. Sanguinetti to discuss which contractors should be covered. Mr. Koster moved to pay a \$322.89 deposit (initial payment) to lock in coverage, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrick. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – No report

- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins attended a meeting regarding the *30 x 30 Plan* letter the group prepared. There were four folks from various agencies who provided feedback. Ms. Watkins noted the group met and is asking Secretary Karen Ross if there is a project the group can work on. She also noted she is serving as the Bay-Delta Area treasurer and briefly reviewed the meeting held August 3.
- C. RCD Administrator – To determine how much grant funding should be requested, Ms. McCoon is seeking bids for website development. She will relay to Ms. Grant. She spoke with Ms. Pombo and received permission to award scholarships as previously discussed. Award letters will be sent out.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. Miller discussed that the NRCS office is still closed to the public, but will hopefully be open in October. There were 104 EQIP applications awarded funding, 35 have already been paid out. There are another 252 in the que and potential funding for another 10-12 projects.
- B. Personnel – Mr. Jesse Samson is retiring and Sergio is moving to DOD for a month. A new rangeland specialist will be on board in September.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – Monthly financial statements were reviewed. Mr. Koster made a motion that the financial report be reviewed and filed and to pay all of the invoices including the additional bills presented in the supplemental. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee Report – The Program Managers Report was included in the supplemental packet.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted that 99% of dues have been collected. Over 400 delinquent cards were sent for those still needing to pay. They were due June 15. MLJ and the Coalition staff are following up with 120 contacts who “deleted” parcels on paperwork. Approximately 80% of nitrogen management plans have been submitted and about 76% of farm evaluations.
- D. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – The Delta Regional Monitoring Program is up and running, paying its bills, etc.
- E. Program Director Report – Mr. Wackman mentioned that all members will have to do nitrogen management plans next year. He noted CV salts is moving forward and a prioritization authorization study will be completed. The board would like to a presentation at a board meetings regarding CV Salts.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting of August 19, 2021 was made by Mr. Balmat; Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m., Thursday, September 16n, 2021, location TBD.