

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Thursday, October 21, 2021 • 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat (by phone), Jack Hamm (by phone), John Herrick, and John Thoming. Sonya Miller (NRCS-Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Linda Pinfold (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), and Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the October 21, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Thoming; Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from September 16, 2021, was made by Mr. Thoming; Mr. Herrick 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; Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Herrick reported the project is moving forward. San Joaquin Area Flood Control Area (SJAFCA) will be the project lead with a committee to help guide the programming. A draft agreement will be created with DWR. Consero will hold off working on the grant responsibilities until ESA moves forward with some of their portion. Mr. Herrick noted DWR will provide 3 million for future work on the project, which will include environmental restoration work.
- B. DWR Contract – Ms. Elisa Noble of Noble Common Solutions was selected as the contractor to complete conservation work laid out in the DWR contract. Ms. McCoon noted that a professional services agreement was sent to Ms. Noble for signature.
- C. Ceres Imaging Grant – no report

NEW BUSINESS

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Linda Pinfold, previously from Solano Co., was hired as the Assistant Ag Commissioner. She discussed the 2020 crop report, noting ag was a \$3 billion industry. She noted there are many new folks in the office and/or new openings as a result of promotion from within. Six in-person grower meetings are being planned for those needing CEs for 2022 permits. She noted Mr. Pelican is in contact with other ag commissioners to put together an Ag Pass program for those needing to care for animals/land during disasters.
- B. CRAE Report – no report
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon updated the group on the production of the AgVenture water video. She also noted there is only one outstanding scholarship to be awarded.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. Miller discussed that the NRCS office is still closed to the public. They are currently accepting applications for the new fiscal year and hope to get funds out to those awarded earlier than usual.
- B. Personnel – Brandon Bates should be back in November.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – Monthly financial statements were reviewed. Mr. Herrick 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. Thoming 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 discussed that the regional water board mailed cards to members who haven't sent in nitrogen management plans or farm surveys. Most of these folks are those who didn't previously have to complete them.
- D. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman asked the group would be interested in serving as a pass through for the USGS and DRMP for monitoring and sampling completed by USGS, which would help preserve some of the in-kind services they provide. The board directed him to get a formal proposal and return next month.
- E. Program Director Report – Mr. Wackman discussed the exceedances in the county and the grower meetings to discuss. He asked his report be moved to earlier in the agenda in future months to accommodate CV Salts meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting of October 21, 2021 was made by Mr. Balmat; Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021, location TBD.

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