

**San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District**  
***Regular Board Meeting***

Robert's Union Farm Center  
4925 W Howard Rd • Stockton, CA 95206

**Thursday, April 21, 2022 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

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**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, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Jim Thoming, Molly Watkins, and Marden Wilber. Ryan Hansen, Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner's Office), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the April 21, 2022, meeting was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from March 17, 2022, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Wilber 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 and supplemental packets was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report - Monthly financial statements were reviewed. Mr. Herrick move to accept and file the financial report and pay all the invoices, including those in the supplemental packet. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Parry Klassen of the non-profit, the Valley Water Collaborative, provided an overview of the organization and the steps they've gone through with other basins in the priority 1 areas under the CV Salts Program. He described the organization's structure, estimated membership costs, and a few of the logistical components that take place after the official compliance letter goes out. It's estimated the letter will go out for priority 2 areas at the end of 2022 or beginning of 2023.
- C. 22/23 Draft Budget – Mr. Wackman presented an updated draft coalition budget. Mr. Hamm moved to set/keep the annual fee at \$5.00 per acre and adopt the 22/23 budget as presented. Mr. Wilber seconded the emotion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Delta RMP Pesticide Monitoring – Melissa from MJL Environmental was sick but will come next month to discuss pesticide use in the Delta.
- E. Steering Committee – The April program manager's report will be included next month.
- F. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney explained that while April was a slow month, packets will go out May 1.
- G. Program Report – Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances. Directors provided feedback regarding the draft

newsletter.

- H. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman explained that a draft contract between DRMP and SJCRCD for monitoring/sampling by USGS was prepared, but revisions are necessary. Monitoring is being delayed to next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Paradise Cut – There is nothing new to report.
- B. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon explained that vendors have been selected for mowing and contracting is underway for work in both locations.
- C. Dry Creek Groundwater Recharge Project and Creek Improvement – An interview was set with Department of Conservation regarding the potential project. Whether or not CARCD is awarded funding should be announced within 30 days.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. CDFA - Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon explained the RCD, along with partners CURES and East Stanislaus RCD, was awarded grant funding from the WETA grant. The board directed Ms. McCoon to determine how much additional funding would be required to complete the ITRC version of the irrigation uniformity testing, alongside the app-version that's being developed.

## **RESOURCES**

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Mr. Pelican explained he received approval for a pesticide buy-back program and surveys are being sent to producers to determine interest so a vendor can be sourced. He discussed that a disaster is being declared for grapes and sent to USDA.
- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins noted the group is meeting next week.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon discussed her on-going involvement with the AB-1902 work group, working to improve the language and spread awareness of the bill and its potential impact. She also discussed the fair cleanup day she participated in alongside Amazon employees for Earth Day.

## **NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. McCoon noted the NRCS office is now open to the public and it should be possible to have meetings there beginning in May.
- B. Personnel – A DC has been hired for Stanislaus County and Brandon will be returning to San Joaquin.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

Ms. Watkins moved to nominate Ryan Hansen as an Associate Director. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the April RCD board meeting on April 21, 2022, was made by Mr. Hamm. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Roberts Union Farm Center.