

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

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

**Thursday, May 19, 2022 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

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**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Diego Olagaray, and Molly Watkins. Ryan Hansen, Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner's Office), Melissa Turner (MLJ Environmental) and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the May 19, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Herrick. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from April 21, 2022, was made by Mr. Herrick. 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 and supplemental packets was made by Mr. Olagaray. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report - Monthly financial statements were reviewed. Mr. Koster moved to accept and file the financial report and pay all the invoices, including those in the supplemental packet. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Delta RMP Pesticide Monitoring – Ms. Melissa Turner of MLJ Environmental and program manager for Delta Regional Monitoring Program discussed pesticide monitoring results in the Delta. She reviewed the organization's structure and 4-year (turned 6-year) sampling/monitoring plan. Finally, she reviewed the sampling results, noting few pesticide hits/exceedances.
- C. Steering Committee - The program manager's report was included in the supplemental packet.
- D. Sarah Lucchetti Contract Reactivation - Mr. Balmat moved to reactivate Sarah Lucchetti's contract as a technical service consultant at the previous rate, with the ability to charge mileage. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- E. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney explained payments are being received and postcards are being sent to those who have not submitted INMPs for '21.
- F. Program Report – Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Paradise Cut – SJAFCA is taking over and will be receiving \$3M from DWR in June. ESA prepared a draft summary of previously completed studies as well as a list of what needs completed. State water

contractors are evaluating how to get funding for dredging in the South Delta.

- B. DWR Contract – No report.
- C. Dry Creek Groundwater Recharge Project and Creek Improvement – Mr. Wackman noted he is waiting to get word on if an award is made to CARCD.
- D. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon explained that final grant signatures and approval are being obtained prior to work beginning. She reached out to East Stanislaus RCD to determine the possibility of completing a few irrigation efficiency evaluations as a trial run. The board directed Ms. McCoon to continue determining the possibility of doing ITRC evaluations alongside the app-based version during the grant period.
- E. CARCD – AB 1902 – Mr. Herrick moved to sign the common interest document as presented by the AB 1902 working group. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 22/23 RCD Budget Proposal – Ms. McCoon reviewed the proposed 22/23 RCD budget. Mr. Hamm moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Range Camp – Mr. Koster moved to approve a \$500 sponsorship for one Range Camp registrant (Mr. Herrick agreed to personally sponsor the other camper), plus provide \$100 to each for gas expenses.
- C. CalRecycle Grants – Mr. Balmat explained a potential grant opportunity to offset expenses for cleaning illegal dumping. Ms. McCoon will work with him to determine the feasibility of completing an application.

## **RESOURCES**

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Pinfold explained that a survey was sent out to producers to determine interest in a pesticide turn-in event. Surveys are due at the end of May with the event tentatively planned for the Fall. The crop loss declaration submitted for grapes did not meet the threshold. One has been submitted for cherries as well.
- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins explained that the state is coming up with climate strategy documents covering extreme heat, natural lands, cover crops, etc.
- 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 will be preparing updated service agreements for contractors next month.

## **NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP Update – Mr. Bates explained that the NRCS office is open and there will be one more funding cycle opening next month.
- B. Personnel – Lisa Harper has been hired as the DC for Stanislaus County and Brandon will be returning to San Joaquin.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the May RCD board meeting on May 19, 2022, was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the NRCS office at 7585 S Longe, Stockton.