

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

NRCS – Stockton Office
7585 S Longe St.
Stockton, CA 95206

Thursday, June 16, 2022 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, and Marden Wilber. Brandon Bates (NRCS), Ryan Hansen, Parry Klassen (Valley Water Collaborative), Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner's Office), Veronica Rivera (NRCS), Maureen Thompson (Valley Water Collaborative), Monica Quezada (Valley Water Collaborative), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the June 16, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from May 19, 2022, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Koster 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. Koster. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Mr. Pelican said registration for the pesticide takeback program has been extended through June. There are currently 100 registrants. He noted that private applicators will be required to retake the exam for certificates and DPR licenses. A public workshop is being held for the development of a statewide pesticide application notification system. The hemp ordinance will be rewritten and presented to the board of supervisors in October/November. Mr. Pelican announced he will be retiring at the end of September.
- B. CRAE Report – No report
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon noted that work is continuing regarding the AB 1902 legislation, and she remains active within the work group.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP Update – Mr. Bates explained the budget is tight and they are pushing the conservation stewardship program (CSP). The last batching will open next week and approximately 30 more applications will be funded.

Mr. Bates and Ms. Rivera reviewed their proposal for the RCD to sponsor an irrigation management/ water conservation workshop. This event will be held July 20, at the Roberts Union Farm Center from 9-12.

Ms. Watkins moved to sponsor up to \$300 for food and beverage refreshments for the July 20, workshop. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Personnel – There are three positions to be filled in the Stockton NRCS office.

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. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Parry Klassen of Valley Water Collaborative discussed the organization, both its purpose and operational structure. The CV Salts program gives the agriculture industry 35 years to meet nitrate requirements. He noted the SJCRCD will likely not receive the notice to comply until January/February 2023. The program is designed to test and evaluate individual domestic well in rural areas. He reviewed current data for Modesto and Turlock basins, which are currently part of VWC, which helps split administrative efforts and reduce cost for each basin.
- C. Steering Committee – No report
- D. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney explained applications/payments are being received, but there are still members who haven't paid/filed previous years.
- E. Program Report – Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances.
- F. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – SJAFCA is taking over and will be receiving funds from DWR. ESA prepared a draft summary of previously completed studies as well as a list of what needs completed. Phase 2 will soon transition to phase 3.
- B. DWR Contract – No report.
- C. Dry Creek Groundwater Recharge Project and Creek Improvement – Ms. Mulrooney explained that while the previous submission was denied funding, a new round of funding is coming available, and the application will be resubmitted.
- D. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon explained that final grant signatures and approval have been obtained and a kickoff meeting is being set for early July.
- E. CARCD/AB 1902 – A motion was made by Ms. Watkins to allocate \$1,000 toward AB1902 lobbying efforts, in accordance with lobbying requirements. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. CalRecycle Grant – Mr. Balmat explained about a potential grant opportunity to offset expenses for cleaning illegal dumping. The 2022 funding cycle opens in early July and he and Ms. McCoon will review the RFP, when available.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Updated Professional Services Agreement – Ms. McCoon noted that updated professional service agreements for contractors were included for review. The board requested additional time to review and directed her to include in July's packet for a formal decision. They did opt to discuss in closed session.
- B. Office Elections – Mr. Herrick moved to maintain the following slate of officers: President – Richard Rodriguez, Vice President – Diego Olagaray, Treasurer – Phil Balmat and designate Phil Balmat, Richard Rodriguez, and Molly Watkins to sign/approve warrants. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 2:11 p.m. At 2:17 p.m. the board came out of closed session and Mr. Balmat moved to allow contractors Grupe, McCoon, and Mulrooney to claim mileage reimbursement for business related travel at the federal rate, retroactive to January 1. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the June RCD board meeting on June 16, 2022, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2022, at the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Office 3290 Ad Art Rd, Stockton.