

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

San Joaquin County Farm Bureau  
3290 Ad Art Rd  
Stockton, CA 95215

**Thursday, August 18, 2022 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

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**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Bill Koster (via phone), Molly Watkins, and Marden Wilber. Amber Gariety (NRCS), Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Sonya Miller (NRCS), 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 August 18, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Balmat. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 21, 2022, was made by Mr. Balmat. 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 Ms. Watkins. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOURCES** (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Mr. Pelican notified the group there is a new deputy on board for the Ag Commissioner's office and avian influenza has been identified in flocks up north. A meeting took place with Environmental Health regarding solid waste and sewage sludge being applied to ag land and whether or not local ordinances supersede state law. Final proposed changes to regulations on Telone will be out soon. The 2021 crop report is finished and will go to the Board for approval at the September 13, meeting.
- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins noted the meeting is next week.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon explained the California Women for Ag organization is looking for locations to place QR signs for commodities as a means of ag education.

**NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. Miller discussed the Conservation Innovation Grant funding that is available for water quality and conservation projects.
- B. Personnel – Ms. Miller explained that Brandon will be back in October. Amber Gariety is the newly hired Pathways Area Agronomist. She explained her background and responsibilities and said if anyone has any opportunities for her to be involved, she'd welcome the opportunity.

## **IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report – Monthly financial statements were reviewed. Ms. Watkins moved to accept and file the financial report and pay all invoices, including those in the supplemental packet. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – The report was included as an attachment.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney stated 375 late notice postcards were mailed and payments are slowly coming in.
- D. Program Report – Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances and noted that algae toxicity hits on the islands are causing issue and the water board wants studies completed. He also noted that ground water protection targets were filed to the Regional Board.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Balmat reviewed that SJAFCA is taking over with an advisory committee. A community meeting to review the project has been set for November 10. Mr. Balmat moved to authorize SJCRCD President Richard Rodriguez to sign an updated agreement with Consero for their work with the RCD on Paradise Cut. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. DWR Contract – Contractor Elisa Noble provided a written report included in the packet.
- C. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon updated the group that a draft contract between CURES and SJCRCD has been received and sent to Jennifer Spaletta for review. Ms. Watkins moved to authorize SJCRCD President Richard Rodriguez to sign an agreement with CURES for contracted work as it pertains to the WETA grant. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. CARCD/AB 1902 – Ms. McCoon reviewed the progress on AB 1902, noting it will likely pass with a match requirement. She will continue working with the group to determine a plan with regards to CARCD.
- E. CalRecycle Grant – No report.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – No report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2021 Audit Report – Ms. McCoon reviewed the draft audit findings.
- B. Ms. Watkins moved to authorize SJCRCD President Richard Rodriguez to sign the representation letter. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the August RCD board meeting on August 18, 2022, was made by Mr. Balmat. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, September 15, 2022, at the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Office.