

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Thursday, September 15, 2022 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Jim Thoming, Molly Watkins, and Marden Wilber. Amber Gariety (NRCS), Ryan Hansen (Assoc. Director), Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Sonya Miller (NRCS), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner's Office), Ramon Salazar (NRCS), and Jenn Wang (MLJ Environmental) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the September 15, 2022, meeting was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 18, 2022, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Hamm 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. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Mr. Pelican reviewed the 2021 crop report, noting production was \$3.2B, up \$162 million from 2020. The pesticide take-back program will take place in early November. He also discussed the new testing requirements for applicators.
- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins noted the meeting is next month. She also explained the Bay-Delta meeting is set for early October.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon updated the group that the workers comp renewal was due. She explained that an updated contract with American Rivers is needed. Mr. Koster moved to authorize SJCRCD president Richard Rodriguez to sign an updated contract, once approved by counsel. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. Miller discussed the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, which funds projects for nutrient management, soil health, water conservation, etc. She noted the branch is looking for opportunities to network to brainstorm collaborative conservation projects.

- B. Personnel – Ms. Miller introduced Ramon Salazar to the group. She noted Brandon will be back October 3.

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 invoices, including those in the supplemental packet. Mr. Herrick 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. She estimates 97-98% of folks are paid up. She also explained complications created by inaccurate/changing parcel numbers as the regional board denotes them as not enrolled, when it's just a parcel number error. The board suggested a mailer to be included in packets and the newsletter to explain the importance of updating numbers.
- D. Program Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted that algae toxicity hits on the islands are causing issue and the water board wants studies completed. The option for additional or different samples is being analyzed.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Herrick explained the dredging funding previously thought to be an option, is not, but the process will start again next year. SJAFCA is hoping to receive the \$3M from DWR by December and will take the project over. The public outreach meeting is set for November 10.
- B. DWR Contract – No report.
- C. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon noted that the technical team is working on developing the app. The group will convene after the first draft is done.
- D. CARCD/AB 1902 – Ms. McCoon reviewed the progress on AB 1902, noting it will likely pass.
- E. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. National Farmers' Day Event at the WOW Museum – The board reviewed the event flyer and decided to reconsider sponsorship or involvement next year.
- B. MOU with East Stanislaus RCD – Ms. McCoon explained that she's waiting on an MOU from East Stan and will present it to the group.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the September RCD board meeting on September 15, 2022, was made by Mr. Hamm. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Office.