

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

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

**Thursday, February 16, 2023 • 12:00 p.m.**

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**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Herrick, Bill Koster (via phone), and Marden Wilber. Brandon Bates (NRCS - Stockton), Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Linda Pinfold (SJC Asst. Ag Commissioner, via phone), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the February 16, 2023, meeting was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from January 19, 2023, was made by Mr. Herrick. 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. Balmat. Ms. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Linda Pinfold discussed the previous visit from Undersecretary Moffit, noting they appreciated the industry members who joined in on the visit. The Ag Centers is a disaster recovery center through February and disaster data is needed. Estimates can be entered through the website. Grower meetings are continuing to happen, and she reviewed some of the potential changes in labels/regulations for fumigants, rodenticides, and telone. She also mentioned listening sessions happening regarding the CDFA sustainable pest management road map being developed.
- B. CRAE Report – No report.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon discussed the work she's been completing with Paradise cut. She also noted the audit materials were being delivered to the CPA after the meeting.

**NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP Update – Mr. Bates noted the printer he can donate to the RCD needs a memory drive and will get back to Krista on options. He also discussed IRA, Inflation reduction Act and the influx of funds it will bring to the office in the coming years. All of the funds have to be expended in 10 years. EQIP selections will be made March 1 and rankings are underway.
- B. Personnel – The new engineer starts in March, but the program is still down two planners.

## **IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report – Mr. Wackman reviewed the financials. Mr. Herrick moved to pay invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances and the pyrethroids issues. He also noted that an increased sampling/monitoring proposal has been submitted to the water board regarding on going algae toxicity issues. A response hasn't been received.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted the water board has sent notices to those who didn't submit a 2022 irrigation nitrogen management plan. She notes that of the 65 people on the outlier listed who attend the meeting 45-50 haven't completed surveys.
- D. Program Report – Mr. Wackman noted there was positive feedback from Terry Prichard's outlier presentation. He also mentioned that CV Salts is coming and he'll bring a proposal to the board in the coming months.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman reviewed an update USGS contract. Mr. Herrick expressed concern regarding the dates, USGS amendment to extending the contract length needing a signature section, the SJ RCD reimbursement value (currently listed as \$4,500 vs. the approved \$5,000), and inconsistency in overall contract value. Mr. Herrick moved to authorize SJCRCD president Richard Rodriguez to sign the contract once the existing issues are corrected. Mr. Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Herrick reviewed the project and noted the planning team is currently working on selectin a date in March for the public outreach meeting, likely March 21-23. He is also working on soliciting additional funds to help contractors complete their work on the grant. Along with the \$3M currently allotted to SJAFFCA, DWR may have additional funds for the project.
- B. DWR Contract – No update.
- C. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon noted the software was demonstrated at a meeting earlier in the month, and it seems to be easy to use and effective. There will be a logistical meeting at the end of the month. The contract was approved by Jennifer Spaletta and be submitted.
- D. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – No update.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. CAL FIRE Grant – Ms. McCoon discussed the opportunity to participate in a CALFIRE grant. The board directed her to pass on it at the current moment.
- B. Spray Safe – Mr. Rodriguez discussed the upcoming Spray Safe event that Farm Bureau is hosting on March 28, noting it may be an opportunity for SJCCD to sponsor. Mr. Balmat moved to approve a \$500 gold level sponsorship for the 2023 Spray Safe event. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the February RCD board meeting on February 16, 2023, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2023, at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.