

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Thursday, August 17, 2023 • 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Diego Olagaray, Jim Thoming, Molly Watkins, and Marden Wilber. Carl Howell (NRCS - Stockton), Krista McCoon (RCD), Sonya Miller (NRCS - Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the August 17, 2023, meeting was made by Mr. Balmat. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 21, 2023, was made by Mr. Balmat. 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. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – No report.
- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins reviewed the recent CRAE meeting, noting there is a grant project being proposed to see about streamlining regulations. She will report back if things progress. There was also discussion about a forestry committee under Division 9 for next year.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon explained the final Paradise Cut documents were submitted and the final payment received. She also noted there was a \$36 balance left on the Ceres Imaging grant from years ago. An invoice was submitted to receive the funds. She also discussed outreach by Campbell's regarding an upcoming visit and grant program.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. Miller explained 19 tractors have been replaced this year. She asked for support and assistance with the Latino Farmers Conference, November 1-2. She is hosting a Dam to Delta tour of the Mokelumne on the same days.
- B. Personnel – Mr. Carl Howell, the new engineer, was introduced to the group.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – Mr. Koster moved to pay invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – The program manager’s report was included in the packet.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney explained there are 200 parcel numbers that are no longer valid and need updated, a notice is going out. The coalition currently has about 89% compliance with nitrogen management plans and farm evaluations;100% is required. The water board is sending notices.
- D. Program Report – Mr. Wackman noted there continue to be pyrethroid exceedances. Outreach is ongoing for farmers who are outliers. The most recent meeting for outliers resulted in 100 % attendance. Two more meetings will take place with the remaining growers.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman explained the Delta RMP is still moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon described the informative tour of Medford Island that took place that morning to see the project sites. Grazing will begin next spring.
- B. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon reviewed the work the interns are doing and the evaluations that have taken place.
- C. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman explained meetings have been taking place with the dischargers in the area and will continue to meet with them. He reviewed estimated cost numbers, should the RCD wish to use Valley Water Collaborative to meet its CV Salts obligation. The other option would be taking on the project. Ms. Mulrooney reviewed cost examples from various counties. A decision will likely need to be made in the coming months.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2022 Audit Engagement Letter – Mr. Koster moved to authorize SJC RCD Board President Richard Rodriguez to sign the audit engagement letter from Croce, Sanguinetti, and Vander Veen. Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. CARCD Speak Off – Ms. Watkins reviewed the CARCD Speak Off flyer and overall process. She and Ms. McCoon will conduct outreach.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on August 17, 2023, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, September 21, 2023, at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.