

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

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

**Thursday, September 21, 2023 • 12:00 p.m.**

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**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Jim Thoming, and Molly Watkins. Collette Hansen (student), Krista McCoon (RCD), Sonya Miller (NRCS - Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), were also in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Koster discussed a potential LAFCO issue regarding Pacific Gateway and possible issues regarding the proposed projects.

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the September 21, 2023, meeting was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 17, 2023, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Ms. Collette Hansen gave her speech on ground water recharge. The board gave her pointers for improvement as she moves on in the CARCD speech contest representing SJCRCD.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

All bills for the month were presented. A motion to pay all invoices presented in the packets was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – No report.
- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins stated the group is meeting in a few weeks.
- C. CARCD – Ms. Watkins noted the state CARCD board president is going to be out and a replacement is needed.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon described an opportunity for the Board to sponsor a gift basket for a luncheon featuring county diversity. Ms. Watkins moved to approve a \$100 sponsorship for a gift basket. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. McCoon also

discussed sustainability work Campbells is doing in the County. A sympathy card was passed around for former Ag Commissioner, Tim Pelican, as his wife passed.

## **NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. Miller noted the NRCS Stockton office is at the end of the fiscal year and funded 46 applications, totaling roughly \$5M. She did say that while it's the lowest number of applications funded, each is worth more than previous years. There are 280 unfunded applications. Ms. Miller discussed an upcoming conference/tour "Dam to the Delta". Mr. Koster moved to sponsor lunch at Penas on the second day of the conference, up to \$750. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. At the same time, November 1-2, the Latino Conference will be held in the County as well.
- B. Personnel – Throughout the state, 60 new people are being hired.

## **IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report – Mr. Koster moved to pay invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Herrick moved to transfer \$52,995 from the Coalition account to the RCD account for the annual 2% overhead fee. Ms. Watkins 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 approximately 100 members that are at risk of being fined for not submitting their nitrogen management report.
- D. Program Report – Mr. Wackman noted there continue to be pyrethroid exceedances. He explained that 2/3 wells (of approx. 50) in the monitoring program will need switched out. He also discussed challenges SSJID is having and a potential partnership to ensure monitoring is being done correctly.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman explained the Delta RMP is moving forward.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. DWR Contract – No update
- B. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Evaluations continue in the county.
- C. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman explained that Tess Dunham will be coming to the October meeting to discuss CV Salts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The board went into closed session at 1:35. Upon return at 2:00, Mr. Herrick moved to approve the employee packet/contracts as presented. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on September 21, 2023, was made by Mr. Koster. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023, at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.