

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

Robert J Cabral Ag Center
2101 E Earhart Ave, Assembly 1 • Stockton, CA 95206

Thursday, July 18, 2024 • 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Bill Koster, and Molly Watkins. Kamal Bagri (SJC Ag Commissioner/Sealer), Olivia Frenetta (Range Camp Attendee), Krista McCoon (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the July 18, 2024, meeting was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 20, 2024, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

NRCS UPDATE

EQIP and Personnel Update – Ms. Sonya Miller provided an update in writing that the Stockton office is getting two new employees.

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Kamal Bagri reported that Ag Pass was approved by the Board of Supervisors (BOS), and she is currently working on refining the definition for commercial livestock. She also noted a meeting would be taking place with DPR to discuss regulations being imposed. She encouraged industry members to attend the public meeting on July 26. Ms. Bagri also noted changes being considered for the notice of intent to apply pesticide system, in which all notices would have to go through permitting software. Anyone would have access to this. A public awareness campaign is forthcoming regarding Tree of Heaven as it's a host for spotted lantern fly. She informed the group about a study being released regarding

hydrogen storage underground on 1,000 acres of PG&E land on McDonald Island. The Crop report will be submitted to the BOS on August 27.

- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. Molly Watkins discussed the progress the working group is making. A special meeting has been set for July 30, from 2 - 4 p.m. She also noted the bylaws are being worked on. Ms. McCoon reviewed the membership dues email received by CARCD. Discussion took place regarding how to proceed. Mr. Hamm moved to submit documentation justifying the \$300 annual CARCD contribution, requesting it be accepted for full dues consideration, payment to be submitted following approval. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. CRAE (California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment) Report – The group is disbanding as CDFA and DOC will not be participating.
- D. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon provided reports as the items came up in the agenda. She did point out that nice article, included in the packet, was produced about Mr. Marden Wilber.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – All bills for the month were presented. Mr. Koster moved to pay coalition invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Hamm moved to transfer \$2350.80 from the coalition account to the RCD account to correct a clerical error regarding a Stoel Rives invoice. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed the toxicities. He discussed challenges with the P&O Study regarding salts, as the POTW group is looking to cut their contribution by about half.
- C. Steering Committee – No report.
- D. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted 88% of fees have been collected, approximately \$2.8 million. Late note post cards will go out.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman noting things were progressing.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman discussed that the groups have met to breakout the financial responsibility of each. Two of the larger cities, Stockton and Lathrop will be submitting for exempt status, leaving an additional balance to be covered. The current allocation is 71% irrigated lands program, 6% dairy, .75% poultry, 17.5% POTW, wineries/processors.
- G. Contribution Agreement to Valley Water Collaborative for Eastern San Joaquin Basin Management Eastern - Ms. Watkins moved to approve the Valley Water Collaborative contribution agreement. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Herrick moved to pay the \$143,142.90 invoice from the Valley Water Collaborative. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon discussed progress made to get the Pace Preserve representative the supplies he needed. A site visit took place and prevailing wage is being researched to complete contracts.
- B. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon noted there are two

interns working with the CURES team to complete the evaluations.
C. Land Development within SJC – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 1:55 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:09 p.m., there was no action to report.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on July 18, 2024, was made by Mr. Hamm. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the SJC Farm Bureau.