

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

Dave Wong's Restaurant
2828 W March Ln • Stockton, CA 95219

Thursday, December 19, 2024 • 11:30 a.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Ryan Hansen, John Herrick, Diego Olagary, Jim Thoming, and Molly Watkins. Kamal Bagri (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), Jatinder Gill (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), Krista McCoon (RCD), Stephanie McQueen (SJCDWQC), 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 October 19, 2024, meeting was made by Mr. Thoming. Mr. Olagary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from November 21, 2024, was made by Mr. Thoming. Mr. Olagary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

EQIP and Personnel Update – Ms. Miller noted the deadline for IRA funding was November 30. A workshop, “Orchard and Vineyard Redevelopment Considerations, Avoiding Costly Mistakes,” is scheduled for January 17, at the Cabral Center. A flyer with event information will be sent out.

Ms. Watkins moved to sponsor morning refreshments for the January 17 meeting, up to \$500. Mr. Olagary 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. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Kamal Bagri noted she will be going back to Washington D.C. and request funding for nutria management. The population is once again expanding. Golden Mussel has been found at the Port of Stockton. A meeting is set in January for Lodi grower permits to try and unify conditions for area growers. There have been two private applicator certification study/exams sessions and 56 of 58 attendees passed. The current DPR director is leaving office in January. The Ag Comm office is fully staffed, and the Assistant Ag Commissioner position is currently open until 12/27.
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report –Ms. McCoon and Ms. Watkins updated the group on the CARCD conference and the annual board meeting.
- C. CRAE (California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment) Report – The group is disbanding, and the final gathering is on January 30, in Sacramento.
- D. RCD Administrator Update – No update.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – All bills for the month were presented. Ms. Watkins moved to pay coalition invoices as and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Program Report – The program manager’s report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances. He noted grower outreach is going well as the annual meeting and CEs are occurring at the same time.
- C. Steering Committee – No report.
- D. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted that most of the growers who were late on nitrogen summary reports had submitted them. Those left are at risk of getting a civil liberty.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman noting things are progressing. Things have been going smoother with recent staffing changes with the regional board. Good information/data is being collected from the testing being completed.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman noted the program will be more expensive next year. Outreach for testing will begin in January/February.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – No update.
- B. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – No update.
- C. Land Development within SJC – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on December 19, 2024, was made by Mr. Olagary. Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2024, at the SJ Farm Bureau office.