

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Thursday, July 17, 2025 • 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Ryan Hansen, Bill Koster, and Molly Watkins. Kamal Bagri (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), Alyssa Drake, Sonya Miller (NRCS-Stockton), 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 17, 2025, 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 June 19, 2025, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Herrick 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 Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

EQIP and Personnel Update – Ms. Miller discussed that while the overall number of contracts is down, the amount per contract is up. She reviewed contract success for various funding pools. A local work group meeting will be held after the July meeting to provide feedback for NRCS priorities. The Stockton office is down to 7 people. She noted that FSA is looking to hire a full time, temporary person.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri noted her office is receiving lots of drift complaints. Orchard abatement and squirrel complaints are also prevalent. The joint legislative committee is going to conduct an audit of the restricted use pesticide permitting system. No word on if this impacts SJC. A pesticide disposal survey is being sent out, at this point, there are not enough respondents. There will be an AgPass training in the fall. Efforts continue to be made to establish a dog training facility in California.
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. Watkins noted that resolutions for CARCD are being drafted for consideration next month. Mr. Herrick noted the CARCD water committee met and went well. The CARCD ag committee meeting is set for the coming weeks.
- C. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon reviewed the proposed contract for Paulina Showalter, a graphic designer, being contracted to do website and design work.
Mr. Hamm moved to approve the contract for Ms. Paulina Showalter as presented. Ms. Watkins seconded

the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – No report.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted late notice postcards went out a week prior. There are currently \$400K outstanding.
- D. Updated Membership Invoices – Ms. Mulrooney reviewed two updated invoices for members who overpaid dues to fallow ground. Mr. Koster moved to approve refunds in accordance with revised invoices as presented for members #3123 and #2775. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mr. Herrick in opposition.
- E. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances. He and Terry Prichard will do videos to address exceedances and other issues. Mr. Wackman and Ms. McCoon will work together to come up with a plan for a training video.
- F. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman noted analysis is being completed and the focus is shifting to nutrients. The program has been beneficial.
- G. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman reviewed the overview provided by VWC staff regarding public outreach, response, and tests results for those who apply for the program.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon stated progress is being made at all locations. She will bring back updated contracts for contractors for approval in August. Additionally, she is working on putting together a comprehensive budget for all three sites thru June 2029.
- B. Land Development within SJC – No update.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. Associate Director – Mr. Hamm moved to approve Alyssa Drake as an Associate Director. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on July 17, 2025, was made by Mr. Hamm. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau.