

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

San Joaquin County Farm Bureau
3290 Ad Art Rd • Stockton, CA 95206

Thursday, September 18, 2025 • 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, Ryan Hansen, Bill Koster, Diego Olagaray, Jim Thoming, and Molly Watkins. Curtis Hansen, Sara Medina (Restore the Delta), 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 September 18, 2025, meeting was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 21, 2025, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SPEAK OFF

Curtis Hansen gave his Speak Off presentation. The board gave Mr. Curtis their endorsement to represent SJCRCD at the regional contest.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

NRCS UPDATE

EQIP and Personnel Update – Mrs. Miller noted applications are being accepted for FY26 and due by November 21. She noted there are no additional funds available for orchard removal. She noted the Farmers.gov site is being designed to be a one stop shop to get funds directly to famers.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Mrs. McCoon read the USDA cherry crop loss deferral memo.
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Mrs. Watkins noted that some CARCD board members are not dues paying members. Discussion took place about efforts the working group is making.
Mr. Balmat moved to approve a one-time payment of \$5,000 to Water and Power Law Group to support legal counsel for the working group. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon discussed progress made regarding proposed reorganization of USDA offices, noting the comment window has been extended. SJCRCD submitted a letter with concerns.

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. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Herrick moved to transfer the annual 2% overhead fee, XXX from the Coalition Account to the RCD account. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – No report.
- C. Membership Report – Mrs. Mulrooney discussed two members who may be getting fines from the State Water Board for either failing to submit nitrogen management reports or not joining the coalition. She also noted there are 348 outstanding nitrogen reports, reminder letters went out. She also noted there are 96 MPIR surveys outstanding.
- D. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances. He also noted he will be presenting at a conference in San Diego – West Groundwater Congress.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman noted the program is moving forward.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman noted a salt/nitrate monitoring program for both ground and surface water needs to be developed. He noted discussions are underway with Josh Harder to try and secure federal funding for salt removal. The group discussed various salt issues within the valley and Delta.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Mrs. McCoon noted that the projects are moving forward, and a contract extension is in the works.
- B. Land Development within SJC – No report.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. November 13, 2025 Meeting - Setting A Good Foundation for Your Next Crop – Mrs. McCoon discussed the agenda for the meeting set for 11.13.25 at the Ag Center.
Mr. Hamm moved to sponsor breakfast refreshments for the November 13 meeting. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Draft Financial Statements/Auditors Report – Mr. Koster moved to authorize Board President Richard Rodriguez to sign the representation letter from Croce, Sanguinetti, and VanderVeen. Mr. Olagaray 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 18, 2025, was made by Mr. Balmat. Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, October 14, 2025, at the SJC Farm Bureau Office.