

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Friday, November 21, 2025 • 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll call/introductions of guests
- B. Acceptance of agenda – last minute additions/deletions
- C. Public comments – limited to 3 minutes per speaker

2. CONSENT CALENDER

- A. Minutes for meeting on October 16, 2025

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: presentation of bills, income received

4. NRCS UPDATE (discussion/possible action)

- A. Program and Personnel Update

5. RESOURCES (discussion/possible action)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts)
- C. RCD Administrator Update

6. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM (discussion/possible action)

- A. Financial Report
- B. Steering Committee
- C. Membership Report
- D. Program Report
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. DWR Contract – New resolution
- B. Land Development within SJC

8. NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel/Board Matters

All actions taken in closed session will be reported in open session.

11. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for **11:30 a.m.** on December 18, 2025, at Dave Wongs Restaurant, Stockton.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m., a quorum was established at 11:28 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Herrick, Ryan Hansen, Bill Koster, Jim Thoming, and Molly Watkins. Kamal Bagri (SJC Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer) Sonya Miller (NRCS-Stockton), Krista McCoon (RCD), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the November 21, 2025, meeting was made by Mr. Balmat. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from October 16, 2025, was made by Mr. Balmat. Ms. Watkins 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.

NRCS UPDATE

Ms. Miller reported the NRCS Stockton staff are back in the office, but behind due to the government shutdown.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri noted the final MOU between the Agricultural Commissioner's office and the RCD was ready for review and signature. The agreement is \$70K to be used for reimbursement to growers for taking care of noxious weeds. The Weed Management Area group met and looking to utilize grant funding awarded to the SJC Ag Comm. Office, \$120K over the course of 3 years. She mentioned the DPR public workshop for enforcement response regulations was not in positive. She noted that every change in regulation could be open to public comment. Continuing education classes are happening, with 4 more set in December. Private applicators must take the new test; if it was taken within the last 3 years, only renewal hours are needed. She provided the group with the CDFA Screwworm update. Glassy winged sharpshooter and fruit fly pressure is being monitored closely.
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. Watkins CARCD conference and highlighted information provided by state and national lobbyists. She also reviewed the lack of quorum at the general meeting and reviewed the election process and nominees for office. Mr. Thoming moved that SJCRCD support Molly Watkins for president; John James for Vice President; and Matt Hurley for Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon discussed the potential to be part of a Delta education grant with surrounding RCDs. This grant is only an option if the Delta Tunnels project moves forward. Mr. Herrick moved to continue forward in discussion regarding a Delta Education grant being coordinated by Solano RCD. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. McCoon discussed the MOU for the Noxious weeds program with the Ag Comm Office, noting the MOU was approved by counsel. Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Balmat and Mr. Koster (alternate) will serve on a committee with Ms. McCoon to execute the program.
- Mr. Herrick moved to authorize Board President, Richard Rodriguez, to sign the Noxious Weed Program MOU with the SJC Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Mr. Koster 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. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – No report.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted former employee, Stephanie McQueen, gave her two weeks notice and four applications for her job were obtained. Two of the candidates were interviewed and Christine Viglienzzone was offered conditional employment.
- Mr. Herrick moved to approve hiring of Ms. Viglienzzone. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances Mr. Wackman reported on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. About 99% of the membership has collected. Our fees for the Irrigated Lands Program need to be paid in February 2026 in the amount of about \$754,000. It was noted that with the concentration of chemicals that one simple mistake becomes a significant event. Mr. Wackman was in the Washington D.C. lobbying for funds and legislation regarding water quality. Senator Padilla's Office is willing to work on nitrates policy and funds through the Rural Development program.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program –
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative –

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon presented Resolution 2025-2
- B. Land Development within SJC – Mr. Herrick reported on the Paradise Cut meeting. There is a desire to come up with another project and DWR fund the effort.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on November 21, 2025, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, December 18, 2025, at the Dave Wongs.