

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219

**Thursday January 16, 2014 12:00 noon – 2:00pm**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA** (Minutes, Special Programs Report, Detachments)
- 3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presentation of bills, income received (John B.)
- 4. NRCS UPDATE (Ora V.)**
  - A. EQIP**
  - B. Other Farm Bill Programs**
  - C. Personnel**
- 5. RESOURCES**
  - A. CRAE**
  - B. CRWFS**
  - C. MokeWise**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER REPORTS/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS**
  - A. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual California Rangeland Summit (Oakdale)**
  - B. NACD Annual Meeting 2/2-2/5 Anaheim (CARCD needs donations)**
  - C. Statewide Watershed Management Forum 2/25-26/2014 (Riverside)**
  - D. SLEWS Academy Applications Underway (March)**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS**
  - A. Lodi Environmental Clean-up Notice**
- 8. AG WAIVER**
  - A. Draft WDR and Comments**
  - B. Legislative/Communications Report**
  - C. Membership Report**
  - D. GAR Consultant Report**
  - E. Financial Report**
  - F. Budget Information**
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- 9. CLOSED SESSION: Existing Litigation Government Code section 54956.9(a)**

**[SJCRCRCD *et.al.* vs. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region *et.al.*]**

**10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled Thursday February 20, 2014

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
January 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:14pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, John Thoming, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Diego Olagaray and Bill Koster. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Jennifer Spaletta, Ora Van Steyn, and John Brodie. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (San Joaquin Farm Bureau).

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve agenda as mailed. Motion by Mr. Herrick, Second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Wilber, Second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

Ora reported a new Farm Bill is pending and staff is awaiting new rules before they are able to approve projects. There will be another Bay Delta Initiative pool of funding for the French Camp slough area. The total for BDI is \$1.5 million. The state office has announced a drought initiative to fund some drought practices. FAS has made a drought designation and there are loans available through them. In personnel matters, April Jernberg is moving to the NRCS office in Capitola. Sonya Miller was promoted to take her spot. It is unknown when Sonya's position might be filled.

RESOURCES

Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE group is not scheduled to meet until February. John B. reported the CRWFS is finishing up work on its connectivity report and is starting the process of moving on to the next topic, to be determined. John also reported the MokeWISE group has been working on conceptual goals and objectives and is in the beginning stages of formulating a project list.

NEW BUSINESS, ETC.

John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including annual meeting notice for California rangeland Conservation Coalition and the National association of Conservation Districts. Directors expressed interest in participating in the SLEWS academy and explore joining with local 4H, the Farm Bureau, and UC Cooperative extension.

COMMUNICATIONS

John B. called the attention of Directors to information on an environmental clean-up project in Lodi undertaken by PG & E.

AG WAIVER

Ruth M. reported mostly quiet on the membership activities. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including the financial report and minutes from the January Steering Committee meeting. A draft report

from the groundwater consultant is complete. Coalition consultants were directed to meet with the groundwater consultant to review the draft report and make recommendations for a presentation at the February Board meeting. Mike W. is attending upcoming meetings on a state nitrogen program and a regional monitoring program. Ms. Spaletta highlighted comments to be made to the WDR draft that will focus on reporting frequency. The Board was asked not to focus as such on the “tattletale rule” in comments at the regional board meeting in March. There was discussion of joining with the East San Joaquin Coalition and others on a Management Practices Evaluation Program. Motion by Mr. Herrick Notify East San Joaquin Coalition that we agree in principle to MPEP, and will resolve financial issues at the time if this Coalition is selected as the third party group by the regional board, second by Mr. Balmat. Ayes: Rodriguez, Watkins, Herrick, Wilber, Balmat. Nays: Thoming. Motion by r. Herrick: Accept the current Coalition area as described in the draft WDR with minor boundary adjustments but no expansion of the Coalition area, and to notify other areas on the map that they must seek compliance on their own. Second by Mr. Wilber, passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board retired into executive session to discuss existing litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday February 20, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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**12:10pm** 3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presentation of bills, income received (John B.)

**12:15pm** 4. AUDIT (pg. 21-23)

**12:20pm** 5. NRCS UPDATE (Ora V.)  
A. EQIP  
B. Other Farm Bill Programs (pg. 24)  
C. Personnel

**12:40pm** 6. RESOURCES  
A. CRAE  
B. CRWFS  
C. MokeWISE

**12:50pm** 7. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER REPORTS/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS  
A. CDFA/USDA Drought Resources Workshops (pg. 25-26)  
B. Chipotle Benefit for San Joaquin FARMS Leadership Program (pg. 27)

**12:55pm** 8. COMMUNICATIONS  
A. Re-Appointment of John Herrick to RCD Board (pg. 28)  
B. Ethics Training requirements/website (pg. 29)  
C. Survey on Middle San Joaquin River stakeholders (pg. 30-31)  
D. PMC Progress Report (pg. 32-35)  
E. CAFF Newsletter (pg. 36-37)

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**1:00pm      9. AG WAIVER**

- A. Groundwater Characterization Report (Presentation)**
- B. Membership Report**
- C. Steering Committee**
- D. Financial Report**
- E. Legislative/Communications Report**
- F. WDR Adoption Hearing (Approve Funds for Postcard Notice)**
- G. RCD/Coalition Operations Under New WDR**

**1:45pm      10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation:** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 Two cases: (1) Patent Claim; (2) SWRCB Petition Proceedings

**2:00pm      11. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled Thursday March 20, 2014

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
February 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Jack Hamm and John Thoming. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Jennifer Spaletta, Ora Van Steyn, Steve Deverel, and John Brodie. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (San Joaquin Farm Bureau) and Jenna Rodriguez (U.C. Davis/Gallo Winery).

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve meeting minutes as amended and other consent items as mailed.  
Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

Ora VS. reported there were some technical glitches related to Implementation of the new farm bill and they are being handled in Washington and Davis. Ora noted that both the BDI and drought programs remain open at this time. She also reported there will be few if any changes to local programs as a result of the new Farm Bill, however practice funding might not get to producers until May or June.

RESOURCES

Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE group held 2 meetings: one on agriculture issues and the other on concerns regarding wind energy and birds. She also reported the county fair was ceased to exist as previously but there is still an event for student agriculture at the fairgrounds that will now be called "Ag Fest). John B. reported the CRWFS group is finalizing a report on "connectivity" and is preparing to move on to its next module. John also reported the Moke WISE project is moving forward to the proposed project rating and evaluation stage. He also called the attention of Directors to details of the state's drought relief package.

NEW BUSINESS, ETC.

John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including: announcements for joint drought resources workshops, and a scheduled field day at the Lockeford Plant Materials Center. Allocated up to \$800 for field day lunches and refreshments. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

John B. called the attention of Directors to communications including the reappointment of Mr. Herrick to the RCD Board and a progress report from the PMC.

AG WAIVER

Steve D. gave a presentation on results of the groundwater characterization report focused primarily on the Delta. There were several questions and discussion

centered on reasons why monitoring might be suggested for different areas. John B. called the attention of Directors to minutes of the most recent Coalition Steering Committee meeting and the Coalition financial report. Mike W. reported he and Ms. Spaletta were recruiting Board members to meet with individual Regional Water Board members to discuss specific issues contained in the proposed WDR for the local Coalition. Pay for post card notices to go to members alerting them of opportunity to testify at Regional Board meeting 3/12/14 and draw from the Contingency Fund. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Olagaray, passed unanimously. The group discussed options for ILRP compliance if the “tattletale rule” remained in the WDR and what could be done to keep local growers under a third party umbrella if the RCD chose not to be the lead under the proposed new WDR. Mr. Rodriguez asked directors to analyze the options and be prepared to vote on the issue at the March Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board retired into executive session to discuss existing litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday March 20, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

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**12:10pm** 3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presentation of bills, income received (pgs. 18-34 John B.)

**12:20pm** 5. NRCS UPDATE (Jennifer F-G.)  
A. EQIP  
B. Other Farm Bill Programs (pg. 24)  
C. Personnel

**12:30pm** 6. RESOURCES  
A. CRAE  
B. CRWFS  
C. MokeWISE  
D. San Joaquin County Ag Drought Task Force

**12:35pm** 7. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER REPORTS/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS  
A. Scott Hudson Retirement Party 3/29/14 (pg. 35)  
B. Joint CARCD/CalCAN Lobby Day at the Capitol 4/9/14 (pgs. 35a-36)  
B. An evening with Yolo RCD 4/18/14 (pg. 38)

**12:40pm** 8. COMMUNICATIONS  
A. Vacancy on LAFCO Alternate Public Member (pgs. 39-40)  
B. Use of photo drones for environmental monitoring (pg. 41)  
C. CARCD Lobbying Update (pgs. 42-43)

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**12:45pm      9. IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM**

- A. Membership Report**
- B. Steering Committee (pgs. 44-45)**
- C. Financial Report**
- D. WDR Adoption Hearing (Review)**
- E. Application to Serve as Third Party under approved WDR (pgs. 46-47)**

**2:00pm      10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled Thursday April 17, 2014

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
March 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Thoming, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Ora Van Steyn, Ruth Mulrooney and John Brodie.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve meeting minutes as amended and other consent items as mailed.  
Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

Ora VS. reported staff is moving forward on screening and ranking EQIP contracts for current year as well as verifying completed work on previous contracts. She also noted information regarding security at the Service Center, including on-site security guards. John B. reported the Plant materials Center needs to maintain staffing levels and state NRCS office recommends hiring contractors through RCD to continue staffing. Apply for personnel grant from CA NRCS for staffing at Plant Materials Center in Lockeford. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously.

RESOURCES

Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE group meeting was pending. John B. reported the CRWFS group is seeking input on next module for consideration and outreach plan form "connectivity" report. John also reported the MokeWISE project continues to move toward a project rating and evaluation criteria. He also reported on the county's agricultural drought task force meeting, noting the task force is primarily an information gathering body. Both the RCD and USDA NRCS are members along with various county departments and local irrigation districts.

NEW BUSINESS, ETC.

John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including: announcements for Ag Commissioner Scott Hudson's retirement celebration, a joint lobbying day at the state capitol, and ag conservation webinars.

COMMUNICATIONS

John B. called the attention of Directors to communication items in the meeting packet(s) including an vacancy for an alternate public member on LAFCO, an update from CARCD including draft reporting requirements for all RCDs.

AG WAIVER

John B. called the attention of Directors to minutes of the most recent Coalition Steering Committee meeting and the Coalition financial report. Ruth reported

new member approvals have been mostly on hold while regional board staff have been working on development of the new WDR. Mike W. reported on WDR hearing at the Regional Board March 12, 2014 including details of changes made to public draft of the WDR. Board members discussed pros and cons of continuing to serve as third party representative for local growers. Submit application to serve as third party lead agency under new Waste Discharge Requirements approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board on March 12, 2014. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously. Apply as third party for current geographical area including minor boundary adjustments but excluding areas Northeast of current boundary in Calaveras County. Motion by Mr. Wilber, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously. Staff was directed to draft language for Notice of application letter to regional board, member application forms including acknowledgement/affirmation of new regulation. Staff was also directed to present these items and an updated draft budget as a special RCD Board meeting on Monday April 7, 2014 at 12 noon at the USDA Stockton Service Center. Staff was also directed to include an executive session on that agenda so board members could discuss current litigation and possible legal challenges to the new WDR where the RCD could be named as a plaintiff, or defendant, or both.

#### ADJOURNMENT

An emergency meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board was scheduled Monday April 7, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

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**Thursday April 17, 2014 12:00 noon – 2:00pm**

**AGENDA**

**12:00 Noon** 1. CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
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**12:09pm** 2. CONSENT AGENDA (Minutes, Special Programs Report, Detachments pgs. 3-13)

**12:10pm** 3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presentation of bills, income received (pgs. 14-28 John B.)

**12:15pm** 4. POMBO SCHOLARSHIP AND DINNER (John B.)

**12:17pm** 5. NRCS UPDATE (Ora VS.)  
A. EQIP  
B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
C. Personnel

**12:30pm** 6. RESOURCES  
A. CRAE  
B. CRWFS  
C. MokeWISE  
D. San Joaquin County Ag Drought Task Force  
E. CARCD/CalCAN Lobby Day (pgs. 29-31)

**12:35pm** 7. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER REPORTS/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS  
A. LAFCO Budget Hearings (pg. 32)  
B. Delta LTMS Management Committee Meeting (pg. 33)

**12:40pm** 8. COMMUNICATIONS

**12:45pm** 9. IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM  
A. Financial Report  
B. Steering Committee  
C. Membership Report  
D. Billing Materials/Newsletter

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- E.** Draft Press Release
- F.** SureHarvest negotiation reimbursement for ESJ Coalition (pg. 34)

**1:50pm**      **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 Two cases: (1) Patent Claim; (2) SWRCB Petition Proceedings

**2:00pm**      **11. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled Thursday May 15, 2014

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
April 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Thoming, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Jennifer Spaletta, and John Brodie. Guests present included Julianne Phillips of San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve consent items including minutes from April 7, 2014 Special Meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

Ora VS. reported staff is still trying to get the EQIP program fully implemented under requirements of the new Farm Bill. Some issues remain with computer programs. Ora also noted the state office is looking for organizations or entities seeing more information on the new farm bill. They will do a presentation for interested groups. In personnel matters, interviews are pending for a shared soil conservationist position, and two people were added at FSA. There was no update on possible office relocation.

RESOURCES

Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE group issued a report on shelters and transportation for migrant workers. Possible next topics include water quality and climate change. Pay CRAE dues of \$500. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously. John B. reported the most recently scheduled CRWFS meeting was cancelled. John also reported the MokeWISE group was working on a list of possible projects and sponsoring organizations. Ora VS gave an update on the county Agricultural Drought task force meeting. John B. reported meeting with local elected representatives during a lobbying day with a group from CARCD.

NEW BUSINESS, ETC.

John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including notices about: LAFCO budget hearings, a Delta LTMS committee meeting, and a Delta Islands feasibility study.

COMMUNICATIONS

John B. called the attention of Directors to communication items in the meeting packet(s) including a thank you note from Margaret at the PMC for RCD sponsorship of the April field day.

AG WAIVER

John B. called the attention of Directors to minutes of the most recent Coalition Steering Committee meeting and the Coalition financial report. Ruth reported

new member approvals have been mostly on hold while regional board staff have been working on development of the new WDR. Accept additional land area into the Coalition with BMP verification and a secondary fee structure if monitoring is needed. Enter into an agreement with Amador RCD and the Sacramento Valley Coalition to handle members in designated areas. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. John B. was directed to develop memoranda of understanding with neighboring RCDs to conduct Coalition activities in those neighboring counties. Set fee of \$60 for parcels of 10 acres or less. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. Authorize a communications subcommittee (Hamm, Watkins, Herrick) to approve final version of newsletter, billing forms, and press release. Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. Approve \$5,000 from the Contingency fund, payable to the East San Joaquin Coalition for negotiation on use of patented business process. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. John B. called the attention of Directors to a report from the groundwater consultant.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members retired into executive session for conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday May 15, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

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**AGENDA**

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**12:10pm** 3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presentation of bills, income received (John B.)

**12:15pm** 4. POMBO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**12:45pm** 5. NRCS UPDATE (Ora VS.)  
A. EQIP  
B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
C. Personnel

**12:55pm** 6. RESOURCES  
A. CRAE  
B. CRWFS--Release on Connectivity Report (10)  
C. MokeWISE  
D. San Joaquin County Ag Drought Task Force

**1:00pm** 7. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER REPORTS/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

**1:05pm** 8. COMMUNICATIONS  
A. E-mail re: San Joaquin Wildlife Refuge Expansion (11)

**1:10pm** 9. IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM  
A. Financial Report  
B. Steering Committee  
C. Membership Report  
D. Transition to new WDR  
E. MOUs  
F. Technical Program RFP  
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G. Groundwater Consultants Report

**1:50pm      10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 Two cases: (1) Patent Claim; (2) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.

**2:00pm      11. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled Thursday June 19, 2014

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
May 15, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Thoming, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Staff members and contractors present included Sonya Miller, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie.

MEETING AGENDA

Accept meeting agenda as amended to include informational items. Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve consent items including minutes from April 17, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

POMBO SCHOLARSHIP

Directors reviewed scholarship applications. The top two selections were even in voting. Board members directed John B. to have the Pombo family select the first place winner and set scholarship amount(s).

NRCS UPDATE

Sonya M. reported delays caused by the new Farm Bill's implementation schedule continue to hold up processing of EQIP applications. Once the schedule is resolved, drought and NAQI applications will be processed first. In personnel matters, the agency is close to hiring a shared position that will work in both the Stockton and Concord offices. She also noted there was nothing new to report in the search for a new facility.

RESOURCES

Ms. Watkins reported CRAE has not met since the last RCD meeting. John B. called the attention of Directors to an information sheet on the Connectivity Report released by CRWFS on page 10 of the mailed packet. John also reported on progress by the MokeWISE group on a list of possible projects and sponsoring organizations. He called the attention of Directors to an informational sheet on additional funding for conservation projects contained in the governor's May budget revise.

NEW BUSINESS, ETC.

John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including notices about: drought tolerant landscaping workshops and the CARCD Annual Conference.

COMMUNICATIONS

John B. called the attention of Directors to a communication item in the meeting packet regarding a proposed expansion of the San Joaquin National Wildlife Refuge.

IRRIGATED LANDS	John B. called the attention of Directors to minutes of the most recent Coalition Steering Committee meeting and the Coalition financial report. Ruth reported mail is coming in with memberships and fees. <u>Send a reminder postcard to members regarding June 15 deadline</u> . Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously. John B. was directed to send draft MOUs to Ms. Spaletta for review before sending them to other RCDs. John was also directed to send out an RFQ/RFP for technical program manager and have HydroFocus submit its final report on groundwater characterization by the next RCD Board meeting.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Board members retired into executive session for conference on anticipated litigation and personnel matters. John B. notified Board members his intention to resign under terms of his current contract on July 25, 2014. John is to continue his duties until then, and work with Board members on a job description, completion of current tasks, and ensuring a seamless transition to a new position and/or leadership structure.
ADJOURNMENT	The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday June 10, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center. Note the change in regular meeting date to avoid conflicts with San Joaquin County AgFest.

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**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE**

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                  B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
                  C. Personnel  
                  D. Facilities

**12:30pm**    5. RESOURCES  
                  A. CRAE  
                  B. CRWFS  
                  C. MokeWISE  
                  D. San Joaquin County Ag Drought Task Force

**12:35pm**    6. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER REPORTS/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS  
                  A. Bay-Delta Science Conference Call for Abstracts (12)

**12:36pm**    7. COMMUNICATIONS  
                  A. Delta Conservancy—Delta Restoration Planning Effort (13)

**12:37pm**    8. IRRIGATED LANDS PROGRAM  
                  A. Financial Report  
                  B. Steering Committee  
                  C. Membership Report  
                  D. MOUs  
                  E. Groundwater Consultants Report

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- F. MPEP Contract**
- G. Grant Opportunities**

**1:15pm**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 Two cases: (1) Patent Claim; (2) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
- B. Discuss Four Personnel Matters: (1) Set rate of pay for Membership Assistant; (2) Job Description/Performance for Executive Director John Brodie; (3) Job Description/Performance for Coalition Legislative/Communications Director Wackman Consulting; (4) Job Description/Performance for Coalition Membership Director Ruth Mulrooney.

**2:00pm**

**10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled Thursday July 17, 2014

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
June 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:12pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, and John Thoming. Members absent excused included Bill Koster, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Staff members and contractors present included Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS PMC), Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie. Guests present included Lee Tecklenburg (PureSense)

MEETING AGENDA

Accept meeting agenda as amended to include informational items. Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve consent items including minutes from April 17, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

Ora reported the agency is processing approximately 600 applications for assistance via various programs including EQIP and NAQI. NRCS staff is working hard to clear back log created by implementation of requirements contained in the new Farm Bill. Ora also reported the agency is considering placing San Joaquin County in a pool with other counties for EQIP. Possibilities include Contra Costa, Solano, and Sacramento Counties. In personnel, Ora reported a new Soil Conservationist which will be shared with Contra Costa County will start in the Stockton office Monday. Margaret thanked Board members for their support of the Plant Materials Center through the years.

RESOURCES

Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE meeting coincided with the RCD Board meeting. John B. reported he has dropped from the CRWFS group. John also reported on progress by the MokeWISE group on a list of possible projects and sponsoring organizations. He noted that being a sponsor meant an organization would lead or manage the project based on available outside funding rather than being a funding sponsor. John noted he listed the RCD as a sponsor of a number of projects, including habitat restoration on the Lower Mokelumne River and a watershed coordinator for the same. John B. and Ora reported on activities of the county Ag Drought Task Force.

NEW BUSINESS, ETC.

John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including notices about: a call for abstracts for the Bay-Delta Science Conference and a regional conservation partnership.

COMMUNICATIONS	John B. called the attention of Directors to a communication item in the meeting packets including: a Delta Restoration Planning effort by the Delta Conservancy and a drought status report from the state of California.
IRRIGATED LANDS	John B. called the attention of Directors to minutes of the most recent Coalition Steering Committee meeting and the Coalition financial report. Ruth reported mail continues to come in at a high volume. <u>Hire Sydney Olagaray to assist Ruth with membership processing at a rate of \$15/hour.</u> Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Rodriguez. Ayes: Hamm, Rodriguez, Watkins, Thoming. Nays: none. Abstain: Olagaray. A majority was not reached. Ms. Olagaray was hired by executive committee majority pending ratification by the full board at the July meeting. <u>Accept amendments and begin implementation of MPEP contract.</u> Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously. <u>Approve and sign licensing agreement with SureHarvest.</u> Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously. <u>Approve existing contract terms for Terry Prichard through 6/30/14 and invoices for the same time period. Require Mr. Prichard to submit a proposal for a new contract for consideration at the next RCD Board meeting.</u> Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr.Olagaray, approved unanimously.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Board members retired into executive session for conference on anticipated litigation and personnel matters as listed on the agenda.
EXEC SESSION REPORT	Members discussed agendized Executive Session items. No action was recommended on any items.
ADJOURNMENT	The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Tuesday July 22, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center. The meeting is to begin at 10:30am with an Irrigated Lands Program discussion followed by the Board's annual meeting. Note the change in regular meeting day and date.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE AND TIME**  
**Tuesday July 22, 2014 10:30am – 2:00pm**

**AGENDA**

**10:30am**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
                  ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
                  ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
                  PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER

**10:40am**    **2. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
                  A. Financial Report  
                  B. Steering Committee  
                  C. Membership Report  
                  D. Groundwater Consultant Final Report (Ex. Summary pgs. 27-28)  
                  E. Deadlines/Submissions  
                    1. Draft Groundwater Outline (pgs. 3-15)  
                    2. Draft Farm Evaluation Template (pgs. 16-22)  
                    3. Draft Sediment and Erosion Control Template (pgs. 23-26)  
                  F. Approval of Technical Program Manager (pgs. 29-33)  
                  G. MOUs

**12:00 noon**    **3. Lunch**

**12:25pm**    **4. Approval of Minutes** (June 10, 2014 Meeting pgs. 34-35)

**12:27pm**    **5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presentation of bills, income received  
(pgs. 36-56 John B.)

**12:35pm**    **6. NRCS UPDATE (Ora VS.)**  
                  A. EQIP  
                  B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
                  C. Personnel

**12:45pm**    **7. RESOURCES**  
                  A. CRAE  
                  B. MokeWISE  
                  C. San Joaquin County Ag Drought Task Force

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**12:50pm**    **8. LOWER MOKELUMNE RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE**

	A. Watershed Coordinator
12:55pm	<b>9. POMBO SCHOLARSHIP DINNER</b>
1:00pm	<b>10. ANNUAL MEETING</b> A. Selection of Auditor (pgs. 57-60) B. Draft Budget C. Draft Long Range Plan D. Draft Annual Plan
1:25pm	<b>11. NEW BUSINESS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES</b> A. California Adaptation Forum (pg. 61) B. CARCD Conference Registration (pg. 62)
1:27pm	<b>12. COMMUNICATIONS</b> A. EBMUD Letter re: John Brodie (pg. 63)
1:30pm	<b>13. EXECUTIVE SESSION</b> A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings. B. Personnel Matters: (1) Review of language for all subcontracts (2) Replacement/Distribution of Executive Director Tasks and set rate; (3) Job Description/Tasks for Coalition Legislative/Communications Director and set rate; (4) Job Description/Tasks for Coalition Membership Director and set rate; (5) Job Description/Tasks for Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Coordinator and set rate; determine strategy for renewing or hiring new subcontractor(s).
1:55pm	<b>14. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT</b>
1:57pm	<b>15. NEXT MEETING DATE</b>
2:00pm	<b>16. ADJOURN</b>

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is subject to agenda item 15.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
July 22, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 10:40am.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Thoming, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Molly Watkins, John Herrick, and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie. Guests present included Lee Tecklenburg (PureSense), Julianne Phillips (SJ Farm Bureau), and Thomas Martin.

MEETING AGENDA

Accept meeting agenda. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS

John B. reported approximately \$195,000 in the Contingency Fund. The amount previously paid to cover annual state fees was transferred in to cover remaining expenses. Ruth reported the state mailed approximately 6,000 letters to parcel owners in the Coalition area, causing confusion among growers and increasing the number of phone calls coming into the office. Because of all the phone calls, there is a delay in processing memberships, but the list will be submitted on time. Mike W. reported a footnote in state water board fee rules say a grower should be a member if ground has been irrigated within the past five years. It is a point of contention between state and regional boards. Local policy has been to allow members to drop once they stop irrigating.

Mike W. reported the Groundwater Assessment Report is due 4/25/15. An outline describing what will be in the GAR, how it will be compiled and meet requirements of the regulation is due Thursday. It will be the first chance for regional board staff to comment. Farm evaluation plans are due for submission 6/15/15. The ESJ Coalition conducted workshops to help growers fill out the forms. We will seek to make some changes clarifying instructions. Local workshops should begin by 11/1/14. Sediment and erosion control plans must be certified. We will seek to create a self-certification program for local growers. A sediment and erosion report is due 4/15/15. A draft template is included in the meeting packet.

Only one proposal was received for technical program manager, and it came from current TPM Michael L. Johnson LLC. Accept a not to exceed contract for MLJ-LLC as technical program manager. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Approve minutes from June 10, 2014 Meeting. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT	John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. <u>Pay the bills.</u> Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.
NRCS UPDATE	Ora reported nearly all the local applications for the National Air Quality Initiative were approved. Funding under EQIP for irrigation practices was greatly reduced in part because the special drought program took funds from other programs. The agency is offering practice funding through the RCPP program. John B. is in the process of developing a pre-proposal for submission in August. In personnel matters, Ora reported a new farm bill assistant position is needed for the office.
RESOURCES	There was no report on CRAE. John B. reported the MokeWISE committee is in the process of prioritizing potential projects to benefit the groundwater basin. John also reported the San Joaquin County Ag Drought Task Force seems to have expanded its scope beyond agriculture. The task force continues to request weekly reports and meets monthly or bi-monthly.
WATERSHED COORD.	John B. reported the Mokelumne River Stewardship Committee would like to see the RCD hire a replacement Watershed Coordinator. John also reported funds remain in the grant from EBMUD, and the funder is willing to consider a grant extension. John was directed to draw up a task list and job description to be posted to the RCD website and CARCD and Mokelumne listservs.
SCHOLARSHIP DINNER	John B. reported the Pombo Scholarship Dinner is scheduled Friday. Directors were encouraged to attend if they had not already committed.
ANNUAL MEETING	<u>Accept proposal from Croce, Sanguinetti, and VanderVeen to conduct annual audits for the next three years.</u> Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously. <u>Accept draft budget as amended.</u> Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously. John B. was directed to make additions to the draft long range plan including promotion of a dredging program for the Delta. <u>Elect Richard Rodriguez President.</u> Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. <u>Elect Diego Olagaray Vice President.</u> Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. <u>Elect Phil Balmat Treasurer.</u> Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.
NEW BUSINESS, ETC.	John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including registration information for the CARCD Annual Meeting.
COMMUNICATIONS	John B. called the attention of Directors to communication items in the meeting packet including a letter from EBMUD regarding John Brodie.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Board members retired into executive session for conference on anticipated litigation and personnel matters as listed on the agenda.

EXEC SESSION REPORT John B. was directed to submit new contracts and scopes of work for subcontractors to the District.

ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday August 21, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12 noon.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday August 21, 2014 12:00 noon– 2:00pm**

**AGENDA**

**12:00 Noon**    1. CALL TO ORDER  
                  ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
                  ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
                  PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER

**12:10pm**    2. CONSENT AGENDA (Including minutes of the July 10, 2014 meeting)

**12:15pm**    3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presentation of bills, income received  
                  (pgs. 36-56 Ruth.)

**12:20pm**    4. NRCS UPDATE (Ora VS.)  
                  A. EQIP  
                  B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
                  C. Personnel

**12:30pm**    5. RESOURCES  
                  A. CRAE  
                  B. MokeWISE (Written report)  
                  C. Watershed Coordinator (Written report)

**12:35pm**    6. POMBO SCHOLARSHIP DINNER (Review)

**12:40pm**    7. NEW BUSINESS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

**12:45pm**    8. COMMUNICATIONS

**12:50pm**    9. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM  
                  A. Financial Report  
                  B. Steering Committee  
                  C. Membership Report  
                  D. Implementation Report  
                  E. Grower Nitrogen Self-Certification  
                  F. GAR Proposal/Scope of work  
                  G. MPEP Representatives  
                  H. MPEP Costs  
                  I. RCPP Grant

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**J. EPA 319(h) Grant**  
**K. MOUs**

**1:40pm      10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
- B. Personnel Matters: (1) Review subcontracts and scopes of work; (2) Job Description/Tasks for Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Coordinator.

**1:55pm      11. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

**2:00pm      12. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for Thursday September

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
August 21, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.
ATTENDANCE	Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, Bill Koster, and, John Thoming. Members absent excused included; Phil Balmat, Diego Olagaray, and Jack Hamm. Staff members and contractor present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney and John Brodie (via conference call). Guests present included Lee Tecklenburg (Pure Sense) and Thomas Martin.
MEETING AGENDA	<u>Accept meeting agenda and approved minutes from July 22, 2014 meeting.</u> Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.
TREASURER REPORT	Ruth M. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. <u>Pay the bills.</u> Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.
NRCS UPDATE	Ora V. reported that the National Air Quality Initiative funded 79 contracts. Irrigation practice EQIP funding was reduced due to other drought programs available to growers. AFO funding has been drastically reduced in comparison to previous years. Our county will receive 1.5 million of Bay Delta Initiative monies. In personnel matters, Ora reported two positions are open in her office; a farm bill assistant and a soil con tech position.
RESOURCES	Molly reported on CRAE. She attended a meeting where they discussed how to manage northern California forest lands in such a way as to conserve water that could then be sent to the drought starved central valley. On September 22 <sup>nd</sup> CRAE will be celebrating its 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. MokeWISE and the Mokelumne River Coordinator had nothing to report.
SCHOLARSHIP DINNER	Richard R. reported that approximately 70 people attended the dinner. Two scholarship recipients were selected. Francesca Arnaudo and Brooke Niederhauser.
LABILITY INSURANCE	<u>Pay the insurance premium invoice upon receipt.</u> Motion by Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Wilbur, approved unanimously.
IRIGATED LANDS	Mike W. reported that exceedances in the test samples collected, may result in increased sampling in waterways and thus higher sampling fees. It is thought that lower water flows may be the cause of the increased exceedances. Ruth M. reported that the deadline for open enrollment is August 23 <sup>rd</sup> . She has received hundreds of new member applications. Jennifer S. reported that the new general order allows growers to self-certify their nitrogen plans. The self-certification program has to be approved by CDFA and the SB. Terry Pritchard will develop self-certification classes and/or an online certification program and submit it for approval. <u>Accept Terry Prichard's proposal and add language specifying that, the scope of work must be completed within 45 days for a maximum payment of \$3,750.00.</u> Motion by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously. Hydro Focus submitted their Ground Water Assessment Report, discussions of the report were tabled until the next meeting, so that Board members could review the report. The Management Plan Effectiveness Program (MPEP) has asked that each of the three Coalitions participating appoint two representatives. Mike Wackman, Richard Rodriguez have agreed to represent the SJCDWQC, with Diego Olagaray, as an alternate. The representatives will oversee the development of a plan to be submitted to the RB that will include a series of studies to be completed on three crops/ year on varying soil types. The study costs could exceed \$100,000.00/Coalition group. <u>Appoint Richard Rodriguez</u>

and Mike Wackman to MPEP committee. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mrs. Watkins, approved unanimously.

GRANT UPDATE

John B. reported via conference call that he will apply for an extension of the Farm Bill assistance grant through 12/31/14, the grant currently expires 9/30/14. NRCS has not requested funds for a technical assistance grants for 2015. John B. will be applying for the EPA 319H grant, and will rework a previous proposal for submittal. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline for the RCPP grant through the NRCS National Office for the Bay Delta area. John B. will apply on behalf of our Coalition area and hopes to receive funding for the high vulnerable areas in San Joaquin County. The MOU's for the East Stanislaus RCD and the Contra Costa County RCD have not been signed; John B. will follow up and obtain the signatures needed.

NEW BUSINESS

John B. is no longer able to attend the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Water Committee meetings. Diego Olagaray or Jack Hamm will give a report on the Coalition to the committee, and Joe Valente will submit a written report from the Steering Committee meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ruth M. called the attention of Directors to communication items in the meeting packet including a letter from the Alameda County RCD regarding their outreach efforts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members retired into executive session for conference on anticipated litigation and personnel matters as listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday, September 18, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Adjourned at 2:40 p.m. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mrs. Watkins, unanimously approved.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday September 18, 2014 12:00 noon– 2:00pm**

**AGENDA**

**12:00 Noon**    1. CALL TO ORDER  
                  ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
                  ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
                  PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER

**12:10pm**    2. CONSENT AGENDA (Including minutes of the July 10, 2014 meeting)

**12:15pm**    3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presentation of bills, income received  
                  (pgs. Ruth.)

**12:20pm**    4. NRCS UPDATE (Ora VS.)  
                  A. EQIP  
                  B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
                  C. Personnel  
                  D. Local Work Group Meeting

**12:30pm**    5. RESOURCES  
                  A. CRAE  
                  B. MokeWISE (Written report)  
                  C. Watershed Coordinator (Written report)

**12:35pm**    6. NEW BUSINESS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

**12:40pm**    7. COMMUNICATIONS

**12:45pm**    8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM  
                  A. Financial Report  
                  B. Steering Committee  
                  C. Membership Report  
                  D. Implementation Report  
                  E. Updated Technical Program Budget/Scope  
                  F. MOUs  
                  G. EPA 319(h) Grant Concept Proposal  
                  H. USDA NRCS RCPP Proposal  
                  I. Resolution Accepting DWR Water Use Efficiency Grant

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**1:40pm      10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
- B. Personnel Matters: (1) Review subcontracts and scopes of work; (2) Job Description/Tasks for Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Coordinator.

**1:55pm      11. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

**2:00pm      12. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday October 16, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
September 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.
ATTENDANCE	Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, Jack Hamm, Phil Blamat and, John Thoming. Members absent excused included; Diego Olagaray, and Bill Koster. Staff members and contractor present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Mike Johnson (MLJ-LLC), Melissa Turner (MLJ-LLC), Steve Deverel (HydroFocus), and John Brodie (via conference call). Guests present included Lee Tecklenburg (Pure Sense) Julianne Phillips (SJFB)
MEETING AGENDA	<u>Correction of the consent agenda, minutes date incorrectly typed as 7/10/14, correction noted as 8/21/14.</u> Motion Mr. Hamm, second, Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously. <u>Accept meeting agenda and approved minutes from August 21, 2014 meeting.</u> Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Wilbur, approved unanimously.
TREASURER REPORT	Ruth M. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. <u>Pay the bills.</u> Motion by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously. Complete financial reports were unavailable from Mr. Brodie.
NRCS UPDATE	Ora V. reported that she and her staff have completed obligating contracts for this year. She reported that NRCS will begin a new pilot program to fund contracts monthly, instead of yearly. Applications will be continually accepted. The screening, ranking, site visits and funding will be ongoing throughout the year. Ora hired a new farm bill assistant through the Lucia Employment Agency; this person will begin work in October. Ora will attend a meeting at the end of October to finalize the move to a new office location. The Local Work Group meeting will be 10/8/14 at 11:00 am. RCPP proposals will be discussed.
RESOURCES	Molly reported on CRAE. On September 22 <sup>nd</sup> CRAE will be celebrating its 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. MokeWISE and the Mokelumne River Coordinator had nothing to report.
IRIGATED LANDS	Steve Deverel reported that HydroFocus has a GAR draft report due to the Coalition by 1/30/15 and a final report due to the RB by 4/15/15. The data gaps in the current report need to be further researched. HydroFocus will present the report at the February 2015 Board meeting. <u>Approve up to \$85,000.00 to HydroFocus for completion and filing of the Groundwater Assessment Report.</u> Motion by Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously. Direction was given to legal counsel to develop guidelines for public records requests. Mike Johnson and Melissa Turner presented their proposal to manage the Farm Evaluation Surveys. <u>Approve budget of \$84,016.20 to Michael L. Johnson-LLC and to purchase the Farm Evaluation Survey database from the East San Joaquin Water Coalition.</u> Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. Mike W. reported that he will be presenting information regarding the Coalition at grower meetings beginning in November. Ruth M. reported that the Coalition has collected dues in excess of budget projections.
GRANT UPDATE	John B. reported via conference call, that he will submit the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant proposal at the beginning of October.
NEW BUSINESS	<u>Reimburse contingency fund for funds paid to Hydrofocus for groundwater characterization report.</u> Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Hamm. Approved unanimously. John B. will refer to the expenditures and determine the exact amount to be transferred. Discussion occurred that legal expenses should be part of the regular operating budget. <u>Accept the CA DWR</u>

Prop 50 Water Use Efficiency grant funds. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously. After reading agreement, Mr. Rodriguez will then sign the contract.

COMMUNICATIONS	Ruth M. called the attention of Directors to communication items in the meeting packet.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Board members retired into executive session for conference on anticipated litigation and personnel matters as listed on the agenda.
	The Board directed Ruth M. to place ads in the San Joaquin Farm Bureau News, Stockton Record, Lodi News and the Capital Press to advertise for a SJCRCRD Director and a Mokelumne River Coordinator. <u>Begin SJCRCRD Board meetings at 11:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month.</u> Motion by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick. Approved unanimously.
ADJOURNMENT	The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 11:00 a.m. <u>Adjourn meeting at 2:40 p.m.</u> Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Wilbur. Approved unanimously.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday October 16, 2014 11:00am– 1:00pm**

**AGENDA**

**11:00am**     1. CALL TO ORDER  
                  ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
                  ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
                  PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER

**11:10am**    2. CONSENT AGENDA (Including minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting)

**11:15am**    3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presentation of bills, income received (pgs. Ruth.)

**11:20am**    4. NRCS UPDATE (Ora VS.)  
                  A. EQIP  
                  B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
                  C. Personnel  
                  D. Local Work Group Meeting

**11:30am**    5. RESOURCES  
                  A. CRAE

**11:33am**    6. NEW BUSINESS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES  
                  A. CARCD Conference Information

**11:35am**    7. COMMUNICATIONS  
                  A. CARCD Conservation Strategies Group Update  
                  B. CARCD “What is an RCD” Flyers  
                  C. CARCD Annual Membership Dues

**11:45am**    8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM  
                  A. Financial Report  
                  B. Steering Committee  
                  C. Membership Report  
                  D. Implementation Report  
                  E. Draft Nitrogen Template  
                  F. MOUs  
                  G. Pending Grant Proposals  
                  H. MokeWISE

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**12:40pm      10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
- B. Personnel Matters: (1) Review applications for Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Coordinator/RCD District Administrator.

**12:55pm      11. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

**1:00pm      12. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday November 20, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
October 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.
ATTENDANCE	Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, Bill Koster, Phil Balmat and Diego Olagaray. Members absent excused included John Thoming and Jack Hamm. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn and Mike Wackman.
MEETING AGENDA	<u>Accept meeting agenda as presented.</u> Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. <u>Approve meeting minutes from September 18, 2014 with corrections.</u> Motion Mr. Balmat, second, Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.
TREASURER REPORT	The lists of income and bills to be paid were presented. <u>Pay the bills.</u> Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mrs. Watkins, approved unanimously.
NRCS UPDATE	Ora V. reported no approved timeline for EQIP Application as of now. NRCS will screen applications before going through scoring process to check and make sure they meet all the criteria. The new contracts may be rolling contracts in which growers will be able to submit applications year round for funding. First deadline for new contracts will be in January. The NRCS is working on consent forms that will not require growers to consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the Corp of Engineers when implementing NRCS funded projects. Ora Van Steyn also discussed the process of consultation with USFWS and the Corp.  Ora also reported that NRCS has not hired a new soil conservationist yet; they are still going through the process.  A local workgroup meeting was held and several items where discussed including water quality and salinity. Those items of concern were suggested to be priorities for resource concerns in NRCS.
	SWEEP was discussed; it is a new state program that focuses on water quality practices, conservation and energy efficiencies. It is a state program modeled off the NRCS programs. The state is looking at using the RCD's to implement the program.
RESOURCES	It was the 10 year anniversary for CRAE. Over those years it has lobbied for more EQIP money for CA and many other things. Karen Ross spoke at meeting along with Paul Martin from dairy industry who now works with Governor's office. Dairy digesters were discussed along with the importing of waste from the LA basin into the Central valley.  There was nothing to report for MokeWISE and the Mokelumne River Coordinator.
IRRIGATED LANDS	The financial report from the Coalition was reported to the Board. <u>It was moved to spent up to \$1,000 to buy a QuickBooks program.</u> Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.  Minutes from the Steering Committee were reviewed. The RCD Board instructed staff to make comments on the nitrogen management plan template which is currently being considered by the Regional Board. The Board also discussed the farm management plans and what they will

consist of. It was also mentioned and suggested that well drillers need to review Groundwater Assessment Report when it is in the draft form.

The RCD discussed that it is still waiting for Contra Costa RCD to approve the MOU's in order for the SJRCD to operate the Coalition in their boundaries.

MokeWISE was discussed, with the RCD noting that it needs to come up with a policy when deciding which projects it will be participating in though MokeWISE.

#### GRANT UPDATE

Ora V. reported on the grants and employees that work under the NRCS grant to the RCD.

Pending grant proposals were discussed, with the RCD still waiting for a response on the EPA methyl mercury concept proposal.

The RCD is also still waiting on final approval through NRCS on funding targeted management plan areas.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Information regarding the CARCD conference was contained in the board packet; it was discussed that no one from the SJCRCD will be attending.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Attention was called to CARCD information contained in the meeting packet, including the CARCD Conservation Strategies Group Update and "What is an RCD" flyer. CARCD Annual Membership Dues were discussed. It was moved to pay \$750 in membership dues to CARCD. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Wilber, unanimously approved.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members retired into executive session for conference on anticipated litigation and personnel matters as listed on the agenda.

Applications for the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Coordinator/SJCRCD District Administrator were reviewed. An interview committee was established, comprised of Bill Koster, Molly Watkins and Diego Olagaray. A public meeting notice will be posted stating the time and place where interviews will be held. A beginning contract price was established to fill the position. There was discussion with how to arrange RCD personnel; it was decided that Mike Wachman will take over all financial responsibilities of the Coalition and coordinate all contracts as it relates to the Coalition. Current employee contracts and wages were also discussed by the Board.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 11:00 a.m. The December meeting, with lunch to follow at Dave Wong's as the holiday gathering, was also set for December 18, 2014. Adjourn meeting at 1:35 p.m. Motion by Mr. Wilber, second by Mrs. Watkins, approved unanimously.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday November 20, 2014 11:00am– 1:00pm**

**AGENDA**

**11:00am**     **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
                  ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
                  ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
                  PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER

**11:10am**     **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (Including minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting)

**11:15am**     **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
                  A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.  
                  B. Personnel Matters: (1) Review applications for Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Coordinator/RCD District Administrator.

**11:30am**     **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT/ACTION ITEMS**

**11:35am**     **5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presentation of bills, income received (pgs. Ruth.)

**11:45am**     **6. NRCS UPDATE (Ora VS.)**  
                  A. EQIP  
                  B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
                  C. Personnel  
                  D. BDI Letter

**11:55am**     **7. RESOURCES**  
                  A. CRAE  
                  B. Watershed Coordinator Report

**11:58am**     **8. NEW BUSINESS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES**  
                  A. Delta Restoration Network Meeting  
                  B. RCD Christmas Party

**12:00 Noon**    **9. COMMUNICATIONS**  
                  A. RCD Director Appointments  
                  B. Carlos Suarez Letter “NRCS Roadmap”

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- C. Drought and soils webinar series
- D. CA Water Plan Update

**12:05pm      10. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report
- B. Steering Committee
- C. Membership Report
- D. Program Report
- E. MOUs
- F. MokeWISE

**1:00pm      11. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:00am Thursday December 18, 2014 at Dave Wong's Restaurant.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
November 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:08 p.m.
ATTENDANCE	Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Bill Koster, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, and Molly Watkins. Members absent excused included Diego Olagaray, Marden Wilbur and John Thoming. Staff members and contractor present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, and Ruth Mulrooney. Guests present included Jonna Spaletta (SJCRCRD new hire), Lee Tecklenburg (Tech Ranch) and Julianne Phillips (SJFB).
MEETING AGENDA	<u>Accept meeting agenda as amended, with movement of the irrigated land update to the beginning of the meeting, following the executive session.</u> Motion Mr. Koster, second Mrs. Watkins, approved unanimously. <u>Approve minutes from October 16, 2014 meeting with corrections.</u> Motion Mrs. Watkins, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Board members retired into executive session for conference on personnel matters as listed on the agenda. Upon returning from the executive session the Board made the following motions:  <u>It was motioned to hire Jonna Spaletta as both the new RCD Administrator and Watershed Coordinator.</u> Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.  <u>It was motioned to accept the draft contract provided by Mike Wackman of Wackman Consulting.</u> Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.
TREASURER REPORT	Ruth M. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. <u>Pay the bills.</u> Motion by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. Complete financial reports were reviewed as provided by Mr. Brodie.
IRRIGATED LANDS	Mike W. presented the new QuickBooks financial report to the Board; <u>it was requested that a percentage of budget column be added to the report.</u> He also reported that grower meetings have been going well, and a general timeline of grower requirements to maintain membership in the Coalition was presented. He also described the process being used to collect the farm-specific data necessary to complete the required plans. The Board discussed that it may be beneficial to partner with Farm Bureau, during Farm Center Dinners, to provide growers resources to complete the required packets/plans; the potential for cross-training Farm Bureau staff was also discussed. Steering Committee meeting minutes were reviewed. Ruth reported that letters will be mailed to members who have enrolled invalid APN's. Valid APN's are necessary to generate maps that will be mailed to members, to assist them in completing their farm plans. Mike W. discussed the grower self-certification program, currently being designed by Terry Prichard. An additional \$3,500.00 will be necessary to complete the project. <u>Mr. Hamm made a motion to add \$3,500.00 to the previously approved funds, second from Mr. Koster, unanimously approved.</u>
	It was discussed that the MOU's with the Contra Costa RCD still have not been received; the new Administrator was instructed to follow up.
NRCS UPDATE	Ora V. reported that California is a pilot for a new EQIP rolling, batching process. This process uses a planning worksheet, number scoring, site visit, screening/ranking and immediate funding approach. She also explained that the NRCS State Office has predetermined certain practices as

low priorities, which include dairies with no CMP on file, converting pasture to permanent crops, and previously canceled contracts.

She explained the new requirement of Receipt of Service for both NRCS and FSA customers; it requires entering the details of each customer being helped into an online tracking system. She mentioned the Client Gateway concept for both NRCS and FSA as well, noting that it has been in the works for a few years. It will allow customers to access conservation planning, maps, eligibility, etc. online with a user name and password login.

Ora gave a brief report on personnel, noting the Farm Bill Assistant grant will expire December 31, 2014 and that she has made a request to fund another year. The Board questioned if a letter by the RCD and Farm Bureau might help secure renewed funding. Ora concluded by addressing the Bay Delta Initiative, noting that Eric Harper, an NRCS Civil Engineer Technician, is working with the NRCS public affairs representative on a story reporting the successful implementation of a local BDI funded project.

RESOURCES

There was no CRAE or Watershed Coordinator report given.

GRANT UPDATE

Upon the Farm Bill Assistant grant update provided above by Ora, the Board directed the new RCD Administrator to write a letter of support addressed to Kay Joy Barge, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for Area 2, in hopes it would help secure renewed funding.

NEW BUSINESS

The RCD Christmas party will be held at Dave Wong's following the December meeting. It was also noted that the Board of Supervisor's Open House will be December 16, 2014.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ruth M. called the attention of Directors to communication items in the meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday, December 18, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 11:00 a.m. with Christmas Party to follow at Dave Wong's. Adjourn meeting at 12:52 p.m. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

## USDA Stockton Service Center

3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219

**Thursday December 18, 2014 11:00am– 11:45am**

## **\*Please Note Change in Meeting Time**

## AGENDA

11:00am	<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b> ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
11:05am	<b>2. CONSENT AGENDA</b> (including minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting)
11:10am	<b>3. TREASURER'S REPORT:</b> presentation of bills, income received (Jonna)
11:15am	<b>4. NRCS UPDATE</b> (Ora VS.) A. EQIP B. Other Farm Bill Programs
11:20am	<b>5. RESOURCES</b> A. CRAE (Ruth) B. Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna) 1. MokeWISE meetings
11:25am	<b>6. NEW BUSINESS</b> A. MPEP Administrative Proposal B. Discussion of laptop for RCD new hire C. RCD Credit Card
11:30am	<b>7. COMMUNICATIONS</b> A. Delta Field Crops Winter Meeting (email)
11:35am	<b>8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM</b> A. Financial Report B. Steering Committee C. Membership Report D. Program Report 1. Water Quality Software Proposal
11:40am	<b>9. EXECUTIVE SESSION</b> A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
11:45am	<b>10. ADJOURN (Christmas Party to follow at Dave Wong's Restaurant)</b>

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:00am Thursday January 15, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
December 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
ATTENDANCE	Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Phil Balmat, Bill Koster, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Molly Watkins, Marden Wilber and John Thoming. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn, Fanny Ye, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, John Brodie, Jonna Spaletta, Melissa Turner (Michael L. Johnson, LLC) and Robert Cima (Michael L. Johnson, LLC). Guests present included Lee Tecklenburg (grower), Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner).
MEETING AGENDA	<u>Motion to add personnel matters to the executive session of the agenda.</u> Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. <u>Accept meeting agenda as amended, to include personnel matters addition to executive session and movement of the MPEP administrative proposal from new business to the irrigated lands section of the meeting.</u> Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously. <u>Approve minutes from November 20, 2014 meeting.</u> Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mrs. Watkins, approved unanimously.
TREASURER REPORT	John B. presented the list of income and bills to be paid. <u>Pay the bills.</u> Motion by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously. Complete financial reports were also presented.
NRCS UPDATE	Ora V. reported that EQIP applications are down and that she is expecting there to be a time crunch at the end of summer. She reiterated that the batch process being used is new and it will take a couple of years for eligibility to be worked out. She explained that funding is expected in April/June/July and may actually occur when projects are underway; she further noted the tractor program is a continuous funding cycle.  She explained that the RCCP grant notification has been extended to January. She noted that John B. previously submitted a request on behalf of the District. She further explained that the program was based on water quality management in all project areas, with high vulnerability areas being surface and ground water; she also noted the use of regional funding instead of local funding. Ora also reported the temporary 2015 funding of the Farm Bill Assistance Cooperative Agreement with NRCS; personnel matters relating to this were to be addressed during executive session.
RESOURCES	Ruth M. requested to save her CRAE report for next month.  The new Watershed Coordinator gave a very brief report of her activities since being hired at the last meeting. It was decided that she should attend a few MokeWISE meetings and report back to the Board on the benefit, relative to the cost, of attending.
GRANT UPDATE	As mentioned above, Ora reported that a temporary \$8,800 renewal of the Farm Bill Assistance Cooperative Agreement was being offered by NRCS for 2015, pending contract completion.  The new 2015 NRCS Plant Materials Center Cooperative Agreement was presented for action. <u>Accept and approve the agreement.</u> Motion Mrs. Watkins, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.
NEW BUSINESS	The Board discussed the need of a new RCD laptop, as the previous laptop had broken and the repair cost exceeded its value; price quotes were included in the meeting packet. <u>It was</u>

motioned to pay no more than \$800 for the purchase of a new RCD laptop. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the need for a District debit card, to avoid independent contractors having to incur thousands of dollars in RCD expenses, and then having to wait for reimbursement by the District. It was motioned that an account allowing for the use of a debit card, not to exceed \$5,000 should be established for the RCD. It was clarified that the card shall remain in a locked, secure place within the office when not in use and that receipts/statements for each purchase shall be maintained. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS Jonna S. called the attention of the Directors to communication items in the meeting packet.

IRRIGATED LANDS Mike W. presented the QuickBooks financial report to the Board, noting the percentage of budget column requested at the last meeting had been added and that fund account balances match those presented separately by Mr. Brodie.

The CURES MPEP Administrative Proposal was presented. Accept the proposal. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

The steering committee minutes and program report were referenced in the meeting packet. It was reiterated that Farm Evaluation Plans had been approved by the Regional Board and will be mailed the first part of January to every grower. Details as to what was included in the packet were discussed. It was noted that staff will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays to help growers with questions, specific dates were included within the mailed packet. It was also discussed that a plan is still being developed for those growers who did not already attend a grower meeting as required. It was discussed that Nitrogen Management Plans are currently due by April 2015. Requesting a year extension was suggested, noting that surrounding area coalitions had done the same. Motion to request one year extension with the Regional Board. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.

A software/database upgrade for the Coalition was discussed as presented in the meeting packet. It would allow for online access of multiple users and storage of necessary farm data. Motion to accept and approve the total expense of \$19,660 associated with the upgrade. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Board members retired into executive session for conference on personnel matters. Upon returning from the executive session the Board made the following motions:

The new 2015 Farm Bill Assistance Cooperative Agreement with NRCS was discussed, noting that it only allowed for temporary funding at this point in time. Accept this agreement. Motion Mr. Wilbur, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. The wage paid under this contract was also discussed. It was motioned to reduce the hourly contract wage paid under the Farm Bill Assistance Cooperative Agreement from \$25/hour to \$20/hour, with this adjustment taking affect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.

It was motioned to create a subcommittee to deal with any personnel matters requiring action; members of the committee to include Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Olagaray, Mr. Balmat, with alternate being Mr. Koster. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00noon. Adjourn meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.