

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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Stockton, CA 95206

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Thursday, March 19, 2026 • 12:00 – 2:00 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 February 19, 2026

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
- G. 26/27 Draft Budget

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. DWR Contract
- B. Land Development within SJC

D. Noxious Weeds Program

8. NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

A. CARCD Membership

B. Congressional Funding for CV Salts

C. Nutria Education

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 12:00 p.m. on April 16, 2026, at SJC Farm Bureau.

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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, Ryan Hansen, John Herrick, Bill Koster, and Molly Watkins. Kamal Bagri (SJC Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer), Alyssa Drake, Krista McCoon (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda as amended for the March 19, 2026, meeting was made by Mr. Hamm. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – All bills for the month were presented. Mr. Herrick moved to pay coalition invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – No report.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted farm evaluations and Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plans are due at the end of the month.
- D. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – No report.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman discussed the congressional conversations regarding potential federal funding for CV Salts. The RCD could potentially serve as a pass through for two different programs: Management Zone Implementation Fees and P&O Study.
- G. 26/27 Draft Budget – Mr. Wackman reviewed the draft budget. Mr. Herrick moved to direct staff to prepare a 26/27 Coalition budget with the following fee assumptions, \$6.00 per acre for irrigated lands and an addition \$1.00 per acre for those in the management zone. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from February 19, 2026, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Molly 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 plus transfer \$10,000 to the debit card account was made by Mr. Herrick. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE – No report.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri noted they are writing letters. CACSA is writing letters to Department of Interior and USDA for nutria funding. She discussed some of the program shortfalls, financial and otherwise. In January, 2,200 nutrias were sighted. \$12M were appropriated for all states, but there is a discrepancy as to where the money in California went. She is working to get rat bait stations that go on trees for free for growers. Squirrels are also a problem in the county. Rat and squirrel issues should be reported to the Ag Comm office. Two samples were found of the eternal death pest. A session regarding Ava Energy will take place on April 9. Weed Management Area contract was signed and \$120K is available, \$40K for 3 years. Glassy winged sharpshooter quarantine has been expanded. She noted DPR treated seed regulations were problematic and push back occurred. DPR now has until April to provide new draft regulations for these. Enforcement response regulations are also up for comment.
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. Watkins updated the group that she officially resigned.
- C. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon updated the group on information presented by Waste Management regarding potential partnership. After discussion, current interest doesn't warrant additional conversation. She also discussed with the group the need to add her to the Coalition F&M account to ensure she can easily get statements for the audit. Mr. Hansen moved to approve Krista McCoon as an authorized user to the F&M Water Coalition account. Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon discussed the new project contract and that RFP responses were due 2/23/26. Selections were made and contracts signed for those awarded. The boat on Terminous has been removed.
- B. Land Development within SJC – Mr. Herrick noted that the Paradise Cut Project efforts will be sent in via executive order to the President. Various people are supporting a bill including dredging in the Delta. A unified effort is happening across the state.
- C. Noxious Weeds Program – Ms. McCoon note the program is launched. Two people have applied and others are encouraged to apply with additional marketing efforts underway.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. CARCD Membership – The board directed staff to remove CARCD membership from the 26/27 budget.
- B. Congressional Funding for CV Salts – Mr. Wackman discussed the congressional discussions regarding potential Federal funding for CV Salts. The RCD could potentially serve as pass through for two different programs: Management Zone Implementation Fees and P&O Study.

Mr. Koster moved to authorize President Richard Rodriguez to sign the letters of support for CV Salts funding to Representative Harder and Calvert. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Nutria Education –

Mr. Herrick moved to approve a \$2,500 budget to get two Nutria taxidermized for educational displays. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 1:49. Upon returning to closed session at 1:53 p.m. Mr. Herrick moved to increase Mr. Wackman's salary to \$90,000. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on, March 19, 2026, was made by Mr. Koster. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2026, at the SJC Farm Bureau.