

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Thursday, November 17, 2022 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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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. GUEST SPEAKER

3. CONSENT CALENDER

- A. Minutes for meeting on October 20, 2022

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

5. RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report
- B. CRAE Report
- C. RCD Administrator

6. NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQUIP
- B. Personnel

7. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report
- B. Steering Committee
- C. Membership Report
- D. Program Report

E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut
- B. DWR Contract
- C. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant
- D. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Stanislaus State Grant/Intern Program
- B. CARCD Annual Business Meeting Delegate

10. COMMUNICATIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel/Board Matters

B. Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (3 cases)

- *Monterey Coastkeeper, et al. v. Central Valley Regional Quality Water Control Board, et al.* (Case No. 34-2018-8002853)
- *Protectores del Agua Subterranea v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al.* (Case No. 34-2018-80002852),
- *Environmental Law Foundation v. State Water Resources Control Board,* (Case No. 34-2018-80002851),

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

11. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., December 15, 2022, at Dave Wong's in Stockton.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Bill Koster, John Herrick, Jim Thoming, Diego Olagaray, and Molly Watkins. Brandon Bates (NRCS), Ryan Hansen (Associate Director), Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Linda Pinfold (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the November 17, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Olagaray. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from October 20, 2022, was made by Mr. Olagaray. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Pinfold reported the new Ag Commissioner should be confirmed at an upcoming Board of Supervisors' meeting. The pesticide takeback event, started slow, but finished with over 60,000 lbs turned in. The statewide notification system is in the development and design phase. There are three ways to renew permits during the *2023 Permit Season*: in person at Stockton and Lodi offices, electronically via virtual appointments, and delivery by staff to growers. Private applicator certificates will expire 12/31/22 for those with last name I-Q. Continuing education classes will be in-person and online.
- B. CRAE Report – No report.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon told the group she's signed up for the CARCD conference. She also provided the group responses to questions regarding the 21/22 audit.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQUIP Update – Mr. Bates noted that December 9, is the deadline for applications, with awards in March. Inflation Reduction Act funds are set to be available in January and will be staggered and increasing for the next couple of years. There will be an increase in funds available with the Regional Conservation Partnership Program for projects focusing on groundwater recharge, drought, air quality, climate change,

etc. Mr. Herrick and Ms. McCoon will work with Mr. Bates to set a meeting with community partners to discuss potential projects for funding.

- B. Personnel – A new ag engineer has been hired and should be here in the new year. Additionally, a new soil conservationist should be on board mid 2023. The office is currently down two planners.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – Monthly financial statements were reviewed. Mr. Koster moved to accept and file the financial report and pay all invoices, including those in the supplemental packet. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Koster moved to accept and file the finalized 21/22 coalition financials. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – The report was included as an attachment.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney stated dues are slowly coming in and efforts are being made to capture the remaining outstanding.
- D. Program Report – Ms. Wackman noted that algae toxicity hits are causing issue and occurring where they previously haven't. Grower meetings are going well at the Ag Center. He also mentioned reaching out to others in the management zone (cities, processors, etc.) to determine interest in working together once the CV Salts letter is received.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Herrick explained the group is working to prepare final reports and documents to be ready for the January 24, 2023, public outreach meeting. SJAFCA will get \$3M, hopefully in January, to start phase 3 of the project.
- B. DWR Contract – No update.
- C. CDFA – No update.
- D. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Stanislaus State Grant/Intern Program – Ms. McCoon discussed outreach by Stanislaus State to determine the RCDs interest in hosting an intern if grant funding is received. The board directed her to move forward.
- B. CARCD Annual Business Meeting Delegate – The board agreed Ms. Watkins would be the delegate for the CARCD Business Meeting on December 8.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the November RCD board meeting on November 17, 2022, was made by Mr. Diego. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

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