

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Thursday, October 16, 2025 • 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 September 18, 2025

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

4. NRCS UPDATE (discussion/possible action)

- A. Program and Personnel Update

5. RESOURCES (discussion/possible action)

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

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

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

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. DWR Contract
- B. Land Development within SJC
- C. Meeting CRAE Regarding Delta Project
- D. November 13, 2025 Meeting - Setting A Good Foundation for Your Next Crop

8. NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel/Board Matters

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

11. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on October 16, 2025, at the SJ Farm Bureau.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Herrick, Ryan Hansen, Bill Koster, Diego Olagaray, and Molly Watkins. Alyssa Drake, Ahmad Majid (Restore the Delta), Sonya Miller (NRCS-Stockton), Krista McCoon (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the October 16, 2025, meeting was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from September 18, 2025, as amended to include the specific value of the RCD Overhead transfer, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

NRCS UPDATE

No report.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – No report.
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. Watkins discussed the voting process for the CARCD meeting as well as the changes to the bylaws. She also discussed the Conservation Commission and that RCD/CARCD don't have a seat at the table, seats are appointed by the Governor.
Mr. Balmat moved to appoint Mr. Rodriguez as the CARCD delegate and Mr. Balmat, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Olagaray, Mr. Herrick, Mr. Koster, and Mr. Hansen as alternates. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. Mulrooney presented the roadside weed flyer for farmers to submit roadside weeds for consideration by SJC Public Works.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – All bills for the month were presented. Ms. Watkins moved to pay coalition invoices as

presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Steering Committee – No report.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney included her report in the board packet. She noted, there are 2,841 coalition members, 494,301 acres enrolled. There were 321 outstanding 2025 INMPs. Water Board Directives were mailed to members with outstanding INMPs and will be mailed to those with dropped parcels. She also reviewed upcoming grower meetings.
- D. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances. He also noted he gave a presentation at a conference in San Diego. He is going to Washington DC highlighting the prioritization and optimization study. He is seeking to get authorization in the water Development Act to allow EPA and Army Corp of Engineers to allocate funds on ground and surface water studies in California. This is needed because the Central Valley Water project wasn't completed.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman said the program is moving forward with methylmercury testing and trend monitoring. A management 3 zone meeting is upcoming, and budget discussions are ongoing.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman noted things are moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – No report.
- B. Land Development within SJC – Mr. Herrick updated the group on options provided by the consultants hired by SJAFCA for the Paradise Cut Project. Three options were provided: overflow weir (2 types) and expand the current weir on the Brown Sand Property. The feasibility study is going to recommend not doing dredging, which is not good news for the project.
Mr. Herrick discussed the Great Valley Farm Water Partnership. They are looking for a group agreement on dredging and silt removal. He would like Federal regulations to require silt removal in the Delta. He is hoping to create a MOU between parties on how to streamline the permitting process.
Mr. Herrick moved to send a letter of support to Great Valley Farmer Water Partnership. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Meeting CRAE Regarding Delta Project – Mr. Herrick reported on a video call with Ag Innovations regarding projects in the Delta. Dredging needs in the Delta were reviewed and the RCD's perspective on the Delta Tunnels was communicated.
- D. November 13, 2025, Meeting - Setting A Good Foundation for Your Next Crop – Mr. Rodriguez noted the meeting is cancelled due to the government shutdown.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on October 16, 2025, was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 21, 2025, at the SJC Farm Bureau Office.