

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Thursday, October , 2023 • 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. CONSENT CALENDER

- A. Minutes for meeting on September 21, 2023

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

4. NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQUIP
- B. Personnel

5. GUEST SPEAKER – Ms. Tess Dunham

6. RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report

7. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Steering Committee
- B. Membership Report
- C. Program Report
- D. Delta Regional Monitoring Program

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract
- B. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant
- C. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative

9. NEW BUSINESS

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 is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on November 16, 2023, at San Joaquin County Farm Bureau.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Phil Balmat called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A quorum was obtained at 12:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Jim Thoming, Krista McCoon (RCD), Blake Broussard (NRCS – Stockton), Sonya Miller (NRCS - Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), were also in attendance.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQUIP and Personnel Update – Blake Broussard, soil conservation technician reported that the EQUIP application deadline is November 3. Walk-in customers are welcome from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ms. Miller passed out the NRCS Latino conference and the SWCS conference flyers. She mentioned that the SWCS conference was approved for multiple CCA CEUs and she appreciated help with any advertising for either event. At the same time, November 1-2, the Latino Conference will be held in the County as well.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Steering Committee – The program manager’s report was included in the packet.
- B. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney explained there are grower meetings beginning October 5. She also noted the water board is coming down on those who haven’t responded and are sending certified letters.
A grower requested review of his bill and late fees, requesting the board reduce or waive them. The board gave general direction to staff to send the bill as it stands and see if payment is received within 45 days.
- C. Program Report – Mr. Wackman noted there continue to be pyrethroid exceedances and some toxicity hits.
- D. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman explained the Delta RMP is moving forward and meetings are on-going.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Tess Dunham spoke about the CV Salts program. She noted the program focuses on nitrates in drinking water. In exchange for an extended length of time to get nitrates within specified limits, producers must comply with the program and supply drinking water to those whose wells test outside of those limits. The San Joaquin Delta Water Quality Coalition is expected to receive the notice of compliance at the end of 2023 or January of 2024. She outlined program requirements and timeline as well as answered questions.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the October 12, 2023, meeting was made by Mr. Thoming. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from September 21, 2023, was made by Mr. Thoming. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S & COALITION FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Mr. Hamm moved to pay coalition invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Kamal Bagri noted the 2022 crop report is complete. Despite an overall 1.9% increase in gross revenue, 5 of the top 10 commodities were down. Milk is SJC's number one commodity. Continuing education sessions started for private applicators. A vertebrate pest control subcategory is being required and the new regulations for January 2024 are being covered in the training sessions. A federal dog team has been secured for SJC next year. Weed booklets are at the Ag Comm office. Ms. Bagri also discussed request for burning, noting chipping is preferred as abatement orders can't be done all the time. As of 2025, no one will be able to burn. She also noted she received two letters of resignation.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – No update.
- B. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – No report.
- C. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Covered under Tess Dunham's presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 1:53 p.m. Upon returning to open session at 1:59 there was no action to discuss.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on October 12, 2023, was made by Mr. Balmat. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.