

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

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Thursday, January 16, 2024 • 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 December 19, 2024

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. CRAE (California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment)
- D. 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

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. DWR Contract
- B. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant

C. Land Development within SJC

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 February 20, 2024, at San Joaquin County Farm Bureau.

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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, Ryan Hansen, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Bill Koster, and Jim Thoming. Kamal Bagri (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), Jatinder Gill (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), Amber Gariety (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 January 16, 2025, meeting was made by Mr. Thoming. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from December 19, 2024, was made by Mr. Thoming. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

EQIP and Personnel Update – Ms. Gariety noted the deadline for IRA funding applications is January 30 and CSP applications are due April 15.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Kamal Bagri reviewed what will be presented at the January 17, workshop. She reviewed burn letter requests and the ag commissioner's office role in orchard abandonment. A walnut disaster letter was submitted with State OES, but no response has been received. She reviewed the presence of high path avian influenza in dairies and poultry facilities. She noted interviews for the assistant agricultural commissioner were coming up.
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. McCoon updated the group on recent CARCD interactions including by laws updates.
- C. CRAE (California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment) Report – The group is disbanding, and the final gathering is on January 30, in Sacramento. Molly and Richard to attend.
- D. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon discussed the Clerk of the SJC Board of Supervisors reached out confirming applications for reappointment were received from Olagary, Hamm, and Rodriguez. Mr. Koster moved to sponsor Spray Safe at the \$750 level. Mr. Balmat second ed the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hamm moved to sponsor Spray Safe with an additional \$250. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – All bills for the month were presented. Mr. Koster moved to pay coalition invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances. He noted that management zone fees have been collected but are short about \$15K.
- C. Steering Committee – No report.
- D. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted the portal will be back up on January 27, to submit nitrogen management reports. Packets will go out February 1 and are due April 1. Approximately 50% of members have access to the portal.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman noting things are progressing.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman noted the lack of a dairy order in the state is making it a mess for those in the management zone to determine what to do. Being part of the CV Salts programs allows for 10 extra years to comply with load requirements. Outreach for the CV Salts program will begin February 15.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – No update.
- B. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon noted the grant is complete and final payment received.
- C. Land Development within SJC – Mr. Herrick moved to write a letter of opposition for land development occurring in Tracy. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on January 16, 2025, was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Thoming seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2025, at the SJ Farm Bureau office.