

**San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
*Regular Board Meeting***

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

Thursday, August 15, 2024 • 12:00 p.m. – 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 CALENDAR

- A. Minutes for meeting on July 18, 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 September 19, 2024, at San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, Ryan Hansen, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Jim Thoming, and Molly Watkins. Jeremy Hart (NRCS), Krista McCoon (RCD), Stephanie McQueen (SJCDWQC), Sonya Miller (NRCS), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Andrea Valatin-Rios (NRCS), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the August 15, 2024, meeting was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 18, 2024, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hansen 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 Ms. Watkins. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

EQIP and Personnel Update – Ms. Sonya Miller introduced two new employees, Andi and Jeremy. Another batching for round three is taking place. There are 113 pre-approved contracts for FY 24 and 140 active contracts. So far, \$5 million has been paid out this year. She discussed looking into a watershed model to be used at AgVenture and other outreach events. The board encouraged her to research options and come back with an estimate for sponsorship consideration at the next meeting. Applications submitted now will be for next year. She also discussed the potential for a cooperative agreement between NRCS and SJCRCR for an admin assistant to help growers with applications.

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – No report
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. Molly Watkins discussed five proposed resolutions to be submitted to CARCD. The resolution topics were as follows, direct the CARCD board comply with the 2018 by laws, adopt Brown Act Meeting

requirements, reconvene the policy committee, establish and convene a standing finance committee, and rescind and reconsider action taken regarding dues structure.

Mr. Balmat moved to adopt the five resolutions (2024:02-05) as presented and submit to CARCD. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. CRAE (California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment) Report – The group is disbanding as CDFA and DOC will not be participating. There will be one final gathering.
- D. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon provided reports as the items came up in the agenda. The AgCareers Summit is set for November 12. She asked for recommendations for careers that are needed in the industry.

Mr. Hamm moved to sponsor the AgCareers Summit for \$1500. Mr. Herrick 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. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman noted there were no toxicity hit in June. New videos will be posted for growers who need training. New computers will be purchased for the coalition office.
- C. Steering Committee – No report.
- D. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted 90% of fees have been collected. Stephanie McQueen was hired as the Coalition Membership Assistant.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman noting things were progressing. Mr. Herrick moved to approve the amendment to the Delta RMP pass through agreement as presented. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman noted things were moving forward and meetings continue. He noted a volunteer is needed to represent irrigated lands for management zone advisory committee. John Herrick agreed to volunteer on behalf of the RCD.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon discussed progress made and that contracts were nearly completed, and work would start at the Medford site before September.
- B. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. McCoon noted one intern remained and the other had gone back to school.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on August 15, 2024, was made by Mr. Thoming. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2024, at the SJC Farm Bureau.