

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

Dave Wong's  
2828 W March Ln.  
Stockton, CA 95219

**Thursday, December 15, 2022 • 11:00 a.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 November 17, 2022

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

**4. RESOURCES** (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

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

**5. NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP
- B. Personnel

**6. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

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

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Paradise Cut
- B. DWR Contract

- C. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant
- D. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS**

## **10. 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 12:00 p.m., January 19, 2023, at San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

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**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Jim Thoming, and Diego Olagaray. Brandon Bates (NRCS), Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), and John Thoming (past director) were also in attendance.

**MEETING AGENDA**

A motion to accept the agenda for the December 15, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Balmat. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from November 17, 2022, was made by Mr. Balmat. Mr. Olagaray 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. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOURCES** (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Via email, Ms. Pinfold updated the group that Ms. Kamal Bagri has been appointed as the SJC Agricultural Commissioner and will start December 19, 2022.
- B. CRAE Report – No report.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon provided the group her review of the CARCD conference from early December. She also reviewed the audit engagement letter, which was received via mail. Mr. Koster moved to authorize SJCRCD President Richard Rodriguez to sign the engagement letter with Croce, Sanguinetti, and Vander Veen to complete the 2022 audit. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. McCoon also discussed that the SAM update, although arduous, was complete. She also noted the RCD provided a letter of support to Stanislaus State for a grant they are applying, which could provide the RCD with an intern.

**NRCS UPDATE**

- A. EQIP Update – Inflation Reduction Act funds (\$20B for the country) 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.

B. Personnel – A new ag engineer has been hired and should be here in January. The office is currently down two planners.

## **IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

- A. Financial Report – No financials.
- B. Steering Committee – No meeting.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney stated that INMP packets are being prepped for January mailing. Electronic packets will be available for larger producers.
- D. Program Report – Ms. Mulrooney discussed a potential water recharge or restoration project at the property on the NW corner of Liberty Road & Hwy 99. It was owned by the Delta College District, but sold to SJCOCG, Inc. The board directed staff to reach out to see if they'd be interested in partnering on this project.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Balmat reviewed the project and noted the planning team is currently working on editing down an 80+ page report to create a 10-20 page memo on the project avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and maintenance strategy.
- B. DWR Contract – No update.
- C. CDFA – No update.
- D. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – No update.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the December RCD board meeting on December 15, 2022, was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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