

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

San Joaquin County Farm Bureau
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Thursday, January 15, 2026 • 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 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. Program Report
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. DWR Contract
- B. Land Development within SJC
- C. SJCRCD Procurement Policy

D. Noxious Weeds Program

8. NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

A. Spray Safe

B. Personnel Management Procedures

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 19, 2026, at San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Herrick, Ryan Hansen, Bill Koster, Jim Thoming. Kamal Bagri (SJC Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer), Alan Curry (NRCS), Alyssa Drake, 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 January 15, 2026, meeting was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mr. Herrick in opposition.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from December 18, 2025, was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mr. Herrick in opposition.

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. Thoming seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mr. Herrick in opposition.

NRCS UPDATE

Ms. Miller noted today is the application deadline for EQIP/CSP. There are 238 applications, 30% are new, 15 for CSP, 115 for tractors, 47 irrigations, 10 for orchard removal, 12 for hedge rows, 33 applications for compost, 29 for cover crops, and 15 for pest management. Margaret noted the PMC, is which limited as to what trials can be conducted. April 15 is a pollinator field day at the PMC.

Mr. Curry will be coming to do visits as often as possible. Hiring soon is unlikely for field offices, so all field offices will work together to cover. The new Chief is from California and set some new priorities. These include: preserving and protecting ag lands, integrating whole-farm planning to support farmers, modernizing NRCS infrastructure, a one-farmer/one file policy, building the next generation of TA providers, strengthening partnerships and certifying third party planners.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri noted permitting is going on. Restricted materials permits not used by growers for two years are being removed. These can be added back anytime. Operator IDs are being used instead, which are for non-restricted materials. PCAs should not be getting permits unless they are part of the operations, an operator or agent must obtain. She reviewed spraying restrictions around school areas as per AB1864. If anyone is spraying, notice of application is required. CCR 6730 – PPE, Jan 1, noted head covers on chemical resistant suits are not required. Abandoned orchards can receive fine

action, \$500/acre, which is now \$1,000. Telone applications now require set back and buffer zone. Can now use Telone in December. She also reviewed new protocol for reporting. Pest preventions issues continue.

- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. McCoon noted the SJCRCD vote for officers was submitted and noted the next CARCD meeting is January 20.
- C. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon reviewed the new website.

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. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – Mr. Wackman discussed the meeting, noting there was a long discussion at the meeting regarding exceedances. Efforts will be made to get use reports early.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted that packets will be on the portal January 20, and mailed out shortly after. She noted people are watching the annual meeting video online.
- D. Program Report – The program manager’s report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances. He noted the budget vs. actual is really close. The big bill from the state came through.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – No update
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman noted the prioritization and optimization study is moving forward. There will be a new program, which collects the data from the Coalitions.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon discussed the new DWR project contract. Mr. Koster moved to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Land Development within SJC – Mr. Herrick noted that the Paradise Cut Project is changing.
- C. SJCRCD Procurement Policy – Mr. Thoming approved Resolution 2026-1, the SJCRCD Procurement Policy, as presented. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mr. Herrick in opposition.
- D. Noxious Weeds Program – Ms. McCoon noted the noxious weed program is moving forward and presented the draft of the application. The group discussed the general process and that RCD will reimburse based on invoices submitted.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. Spray Safe – Mr. Rodriguez and the group discussed the Spray Safe program and its future. Mr. Herrick moved sponsor Spray Safe for \$1,000. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.
- B. Personnel Management Procedures – Ms. McCoon explained the need for a resolution for personnel matters. The board directed staff to create a resolution indicating the president has the authority regarding personnel decisions.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on, January 15, 2026, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.