

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center

3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219

**Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:00noon– 2:00pm**

**AGENDA**

- 12:00noon**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 12:05pm**    **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (including minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting)
- 12:10pm**    **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** presentation of bills, income received (Jonna)  
A. Ratification of invoices paid between meetings
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE** (Ora)  
A. EQIP  
B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
C. Ratification of PMC Cooperative Agreement change in funding (Jonna)  
D. Ratification of Farm Bill Assistance Cooperative Agreement (Jonna)
- 12:35pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
A. CRAE (Ruth)  
B. Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna)
- 12:50pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**
- 1:00pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 1:10pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
A. Financial Report  
B. Steering Committee  
C. Membership Report  
D. Program Report
- 1:30pm**    **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9  
(1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
January 15, 2015

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| CALL TO ORDER    | President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.  |
| ATTENDANCE       | Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Phil Balmat, Bill Koster, John Herrick and John Thoming. Members absent excused included Jack Hamm, Molly Watkins and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner) and Julianne Phillips (SJFB).  |
| MEETING AGENDA   | <u>Accept meeting agenda as amended, to include addition of personnel matters to executive session and Contra Costa MOU to the irrigated lands section of the meeting.</u> Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.<br><u>Approve minutes from December 18, 2014 meeting.</u> Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.   |
| TREASURER REPORT | Jonna S. presented the list of income and bills to be paid. <u>Pay the bills.</u> Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. Complete financial reports were also presented. There were questions as to the general fund balance and expected income/expense; the new Administrator committed to having an update for the Board at the next meeting.   |
| NRCS UPDATE      | Ora V. reiterated that EQIP is a continuous sign-up and that applications have been light this year, which is probably attributable to there being no deadline. She also noted that there is lots of funding for the tractor program.<br><br>Ora reported that there is no building update; moving is still expected in May/June/July but plans are not finalized.   |
| RESOURCES        | Ruth M. reported on CRAE from the meeting she attended in December. She noted the focus of the group was to arrive at aggregate data, as opposed to individual data, to be provided to the State. She also noted there was question as to the access of this information by the public and State agencies, and how secure the data being shared would be. There was general comment by those in attendance as to this data's current and historical use.<br><br>Jonna S. provided an update on her Watershed Coordinator activities since the last meeting. She noted that she had attended a MokeWISE meeting as agreed to during the last RCD meeting, and that although time consuming, she thought they would be good networking opportunities.  |
| GRANT UPDATES    | Ora reported that the RCPP grant proposal previously submitted by John was not funded (the email communicating this was also referenced in the meeting packet). She gave the Board an idea of what types of projects in California were funded, noting they were heavy in habitat focus. She also noted that the State will not receive 25% of the funding it normally would.<br><br>Jonna S. presented the Board with an amendment to the Lower Mokelumne River Partnership Agreement administered by EBMUD. The contract was initially a three year agreement that would expire March 31, 2015; this amendment would extend the expiration of the agreement to December 31, 2015; all other terms and conditions remain the same. <u>Accept the amendment extending the agreement.</u> Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. Jonna S. also informed the Board that John B. had recently submitted Watershed Coordinator |

invoices to EBMUD, so she would inquire with Rick Leong on funding that remains available during the extension.

Jonna S. also updated the Board that there was a change in NRCS funding for the 2015 Lockeford Plant Materials Center Cooperative Agreement. The initial request submitted by John B. was for \$74,500; to date NRCS was only able to allocate \$40,000; additional funding is expected however.

Jonna S. also updated the Board on the temporary renewal of the Farm Bill Assistance Cooperative Agreement by NRCS for 2015 mentioned during the last meeting. She noted the agreement had to be signed and submitted by the end of 2014, so the subcontractor working under this agreement could continue work as of January 1, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS** Ag Commissioner Tim Pelican reported that there would be a public hearing on chloropicrin tomorrow; details on restrictions were discussed.

**COMMUNICATIONS** Jonna S. called the attention of the Directors to communication items in the meeting packet. Information contained in the packet relating to the following was discussed in more detail: Calaveras County forming an RCD (Board felt it most appropriate for it to be joined with another foothill county); GRAP (Grazing Regulatory Action Project; Board felt although it should stay informed, it did not need to take action at this time since CCA, SJFB and CA Rangeland Trust are among the many actively involved in the discussions); and pesticide handler training (NRCS has cost share programs available for chemical storage structures).

**IRRIGATED LANDS** Mike W. presented the QuickBooks financial report to the Board, noting that the \$5,000 newly established debit card account for postage was not currently captured. He proposed to the Board that he present a revised Coalition budget at the next meeting for their review and consideration.

The Nitrogen Management Plan worksheet compiled by the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (ESJWQC) was presented to the Board for review. Mike W. communicated that the ESJWQC was looking to partner with the District to print the worksheet for distribution to members, to significantly reduce printing costs (they will cost \$0.16 each and 5,000 copies will be printed). It was discussed that only one worksheet will be mailed to each Coalition member, as the back page will allow copies of the actual plan worksheet to be copied and this page will also be available on the Coalition website for those growers that have multiple management units/fields. Accept the proposal to join the ESJWQC in printing the proposed Nitrogen Management Plan worksheets, as recommended by the Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

The difference between the Farm Evaluations that had been recently mailed and the forthcoming Nitrogen Management Plans were discussed. Nitrogen Management Plan requirements (dealing with when and where it must be on file, and if it has to be certified based on vulnerability) were discussed. It was communicated that the map identifying high and low vulnerability areas should be completed by the end of January. It was also noted that HydroFocus is on track to have the Groundwater Assessment Report (GAR) draft completed the end of this month. State Board agreement on high and low vulnerability areas must occur by April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was noted that a whole section of the Delta will be excluded from being identified as high vulnerability due to the artesian effect present.

Planned events qualifying Coalition members who missed previous required grower meetings were discussed. A draft postcard notifying Coalition members of these event dates and their requirement to attend was presented to the Board for consideration. Approximately 2,000

copies will need to be printed. It was motioned to pay for printing and postage to send these postcards out. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

Mike W. reported that the Regional Water Board will be changing the south boundary of the Coalition back to be the Stanislaus River (they had changed it against Mike's recommendation which caused confusion by splitting growers in the Ripon area). Mike also gave an update on the Regional Monitoring Program.

Mike W. reported that the self-certification program being developed by Terry Prichard will now be funded by CDFA; they are arranging funding to the UC to contract with Mr. Prichard. The only downfall is the extended time it will take to get funding in place.

The MOU with the East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District was presented to the Board for review. It was clarified that the agreement was primarily for the purpose of allowing the San Joaquin and Delta Water Quality Coalition operate in the northeastern "triangle" portion of Stanislaus County. It was decided that action would be tabled until Board members had an opportunity to review the document, outside of this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      Board members retired into executive session for conference on personnel matters. Upon returning from the executive session the Board took the following actions:

It was discussed that independent contractors working for the District must take a half hour unpaid lunch if working more than 6 hours. It was decided that Board President Rodriguez would address this with contractors not currently following this protocol.

The Farm Bill Assistant contract effective January 2015 for subcontractor Robin Simonich was reviewed. Accept the contract. Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT      The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Adjourn meeting at 1:35 p.m. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

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    A. Address 1099 amount error for Wackman Consulting
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE** (Ora)  
    A. EQIP  
    B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
        1. WHEP
- 12:35pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
    A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
        1. GRAP comments  
    B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
    C. CRAE Report  
    D. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna)  
        1. Lower Mokelumne River Partnership funding update  
        2. Location of Watershed Owner's Guide & User's Guide on RCD website  
        3. Discussion of legal resources available to RCD
- 1:05pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
    A. Sponsorship of lunch for Lockeford PMC Open House April 21st (Jonna)  
    B. Contract for Lockeford PMC subcontractor (Jonna)
- 1:15pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 1:30pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
    A. Financial Report  
    B. Steering Committee  
    C. Membership Report  
    D. Program Report  
    E. MOU with East Stanislaus County  
    F. Groundwater Assessment Report (Steve Deverel, HydroFocus)
- 1:50pm**    **9. CLOSED SESSION**  
    A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1)  
        SWRCB Petition Proceedings.  
    B. Hiring Resolution/Policy
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, March 19, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
February 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, John Herrick and John Thoming. Members absent excused included Phil Balmat and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Sonya Miller (NRCS), Fanny Ye (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), Steve Deverel (HydroFocus) and Lee Tecklenburg (Tecklenburg Ranch).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Koster proposed that the RCD meeting agenda/packet be emailed, instead of mailed, to the Board for their review prior to the meeting. Hard copies will be present for each director at the meeting, available to the public upon request, and mailed to any director upon request. Motion for 3 month trial of emailing meeting agenda/packet. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

MEETING AGENDA

Accept meeting agenda as presented, including approval of January 15, 2015 meeting minutes.  
Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Jonna S. presented the list of income and bills to be paid, along with new financial reports generated by QuickBooks. The new reports included a Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activity which included Scholarship Fund activity; it was noted that this needs to be separated from the General Fund (this will be done by the next meeting). The reports also included an Accounts Payable Summary and Accounts Receivable Summary. There was concern that the amount presented as due from the Coalition (\$28K) was incorrect. It was determined that the RCD Administrator would work with Mr. Wackman to determine the correct amount for presentation to the Board at the next meeting. The Budget to Actuals Report was also reviewed; Ms. Spaletta noted that she would work on revising the budget (so actual and budgeted expense categories match) and present to the Board for their review. She also drew attention to financial items needing action.

It was discussed that PMC subcontractor Fowler had been overpaid by \$645, but this money could be offset by the amounts now owed her for work completed in January and February.

There was discussion that Wackman Consulting had been overpaid by \$360 in January 2014 (an error due to transposing numbers) which was found when 1099's were calculated. This overpayment had not been caught by Mr. Wackman because the additional money had been applied to an outstanding DPR grant invoice from January 2011. It was motioned that the amount be settled by \$60 being credited to the next Wackman Consulting invoice.

The overpayment of John Brodie (net amount of \$1,992.50) as watershed coordinator was discussed. The overpayment occurred because of errors in John's timesheets/invoices that he had submitted to the RCD for payment; Rick Leong at EBMUD identified them when John submitted this same information for partnership fund reimbursement. Mr. Brodie's letter containing proposed repayment of this amount was also reviewed by the Board. Motion to request repayment of the \$1,992.50 by Mr. Brodie over 3 months, via monthly installments. Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as detailed above. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.

## NRCS UPDATE

Sonya M. reported in Ora VS.'s absence. She shared a building update, noting that moving is not likely until July. She provided the Board with EQIP batching period information. She reported that two grower meetings for WHEP had been held, facilitated by Audubon of California. She provided details on available practices and their respective rates. She also noted the concerns growers present at these meetings voiced, as much of the practices were modeled off the use of rice fields. Eligibility specific to AGI (adjusted gross income) limitations was briefly discussed, noting the change from the 2008 Farm Bill to the current Farm Bill.

## RESOURCES

Ag Commissioner Tim Pelican reported that a San Joaquin County Drought Task Force meeting had been held last week. He detailed information on New Melones, noting that the lake will be dry by October. He also shared that East San Joaquin will not be getting any surface water allocations this year. Lake Tullock is also expected to be dry. He mentioned there is some legislation occurring that will allow growers practicing no-till to get paid for carbon banking. Lastly, Mr. Pelican brought the Board's attention to GRAP, referencing the letter that was submitted by the Kern County Board of Supervisors to the Water Board. Ms. Watkins provided the Board with copies of GRAP information compiled by CFBF/CCA/CWGA. The Board discussed their position on GRAP. Motion to write and submit a letter opposing implementation of GRAP, copying the Ag Commissioner and SJFB. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. Ms. Watkins asked the Ag Commissioner to provide an update on the death of chickens in Stanislaus County. Mr. Pelican shared details of the incident, noting that over 100,000 chickens and turkeys had died. Prop 2 was discussed, with relation to production standards for eggs within CA, and the sale of eggs in CA produced by other states.

In the absence of Ms. Phillips from SJFB, Mr. Hamm reported on SJFB. He noted that SJFB would also be writing a letter in opposition of GRAP.

No CRAE report was available; the next meeting is scheduled for the beginning of March.

Jonna S. provided an update on her RCD Administrator and Watershed Coordinator activities since the last meeting. She noted that approximately \$10K remains in Partnership funds to cover watershed coordinator hours through the rest of 2015. She reported that Ms. Grant, Chair of the LMRWSSC, had contacted her requesting that both the Watershed Owner's and User's Guides be linked to the SJCRCD website homepage; this is because the City of Lodi is developing an interpretive panel to accompany their downtown watershed displays that will link directly to the RCD website, when the guides are featured (they are currently temporarily housed on the City of Lodi's website). There was no objection by the Board.

## GRANT UPDATES

Jonna S. presented the Board with information on a CIG pre-proposal being submitted by East Stanislaus RCD and UC Davis. Options for SJCRCD involvement were discussed. Motion for SJCRCD to be listed as a "project collaborator" on the pre-proposal, with details of level of SJCRCD involvement still to be determined. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

Ms. Spaletta also reported that Ora had shared with her information on Prop 1 containing \$50mln in grant funds strictly for Ag sustainability projects. There will be a call for grant proposals this summer, with funding likely in the fall or spring of next year. Jonna committed to keeping informed of any developments reading these grant opportunities.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jonna S. presented the Board with information about the Lockeford Plant Materials Center Open House scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>. She reported that the Manager there had mentioned that lunch has previously been sponsored by the RCD, and that she had inquired if that might be possible

again. Motion to sponsor the PMC Open House lunch, with expense not to exceed \$800. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.

The contract for the new PMC contractor, Jeff Borum, was presented for Board consideration. It was discussed that Jeff had already worked 30 hours before the contract could be approved (hours and description of work included in the meeting packet), although the PMC Manager had been informed that these hours may not be paid by the RCD. Motion to accept the contract for Mr. Borum and pay him for the 30 hours worked to date. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

There was discussion that the SJCRCD does not currently have a contracting policy, nor General Counsel retained. There was discussion of other resources available to the RCD such as CARCD, Department of Conservation and County Counsel. Motion to contact Spaletta Law regarding general counsel items, including drafting policy for implementing contracts and providing attorney review of contracts. Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS Jonna S. called the attention of the Directors to communication items in the meeting packet. It was decided that the SJCRCD would wait another year or so to pay any dues to the National Association of Conservation Districts.

IRRIGATED LANDS Mike W. introduced Steve Deverel from HydroFocus who was in attendance to discuss the draft groundwater assessment report. Mr. Deverel provided those in attendance with draft maps identifying the high and low vulnerability areas. There was discussion as to the information used to develop the map and what was required to be monitored. The GAR will have to be updated every 5 years. The Board suggested changes they would like to see, which included: developing area boundary lines consistent with APN boundaries and roads, identifying Ag wells, correction of the west side boundary near the intersection of I-205 and I-580, and deriving a tolerable percentage that would allow the parcel to be considered low vulnerability. The percentage of crop types encompassed by the area currently identified as high vulnerability was reviewed; concern was voiced as to its accuracy. Mike W. requested the Board email him of any other concerns they may identify after the meeting.

Mike W. presented the Coalition QuickBooks financial report to the Board. He specifically drew attention to the revised budget and its respective changes. The revised overall expenses totaled \$2.2mln, with \$232K less of expenses, and would result in a net increase to the contingency fund of approximately \$575K. Mr. Wackman mentioned that expenses should be less on next year's budget, and that Coalition fee could likely be reduced by \$0.75 to \$1/ac, from the current value of \$5.50/acre.

There was discussion of when Coalition billing should occur, given the recent change of the Coalition accounting period from calendar year to fiscal year (to match the RCD). It was decided this would be talked about in greater detail at the next meeting.

Ruth M. reported that membership activity has been busy, with lots of Coalition members walking in to receive assistance with their Farm Evaluation Plans. She mentioned that previously invalid APN Farm Evaluations are still being mailed out in batches.

The MOU with the East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District was presented to the Board for action (reviewed by the Board following the last meeting). Motion to accept the MOU, with correction of the President to Mr. Rodriguez. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

Mr. Herrick added a drought update, noting that curtailment notices are being issued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      Board members retired into executive session to briefly discuss personnel matters.

The Board returned from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT      The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Adjourn meeting at 2:35 p.m. All in favor, approved unanimously.

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                  A. Water Coalition RCD Administration fee amount
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE** (Ora)  
                  A. EQIP  
                  B. Other Farm Bill Programs
- 12:30pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
                  A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
                  B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
                  C. CRAE Report  
                  D. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna)
- 1:00pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
                  A. Location of RCD/Water Coalition Office  
                  B. Draft June 30, 2014 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report  
                  C. Update on retention of General Counsel services  
                    1. Tape recording of meetings
- 1:20pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**  
                  A. Request for Coalition Refund
- 1:25pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
                  A. Financial Report  
                  B. Steering Committee  
                  C. Membership Report  
                  D. Program Report  
                  E. Groundwater Assessment Report  
                  F. MPEP Matching Funds Studies
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The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

March 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, John Herrick and John Thoming. Members absent excused included Diego Olagaray and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda was amended to include the following additions: a CRAE invoice for payment under the Treasurer's Report; a letter of recommendation for John Brodie under New Business; and a discussion of CARCD and CDFA SWEEP Irrigation Systems evaluations under New Business. Accept meeting agenda as amended. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.

Approval of February 19, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jonna S. presented the list of income and bills to be paid, along with current financial reports generated by QuickBooks. It was noted that Scholarship Fund Activity had been separated from the General Fund, as requested during the last meeting. The revised amount due from the Coalition was presented for consideration. It was discussed that \$12,993.72 should be transferred from the Drain Monitoring Fund (45744) to the General Fund (45701), as the agreed upon 1% membership dues Service Fee covering January 1, 2013 to May 1, 2014, to bring this agreement current. It was noted that the next transfer should occur close to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 covering membership dues paid May 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Ms. Spaletta noted that although the Budget to Actuals Report was included in the meeting packet, it still needed to be revised. There was discussion of how the Board would like to see fund balances and accounts payable reported for future meetings; this request will be accommodated by the next meeting.

The CRAE invoice was discussed and presented for payment. Motion to pay \$500 in 2015 CRAE membership dues. Motion Mr. Balmat, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the bills (including Coalition transfer). Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

Ms. Van Steyn reiterated NRCS' use of batching periods for signups this year, noting 5 new applications have been received and the next batching period is April 17<sup>th</sup>. There are a total of approximately 40 tractor replacement applications. The Agency is expected to obligate funds in July. She shared that there is no update on moving; electrical plans are the latest to be discussed. She shared that the Stockton office currently has a soil conservation technician position available. There was discussion of hiring requirements; methods of getting qualified, local applicants to apply were discussed.

RESOURCES

Ag Commissioner Tim Pelican reported that he has a meeting with the USDA, CDFA and the Cherry Commission next week to discuss Fruit Fly finds. He mentioned that this same group will have already met for 2 days preceding his meeting. He reported that by June, there should be a decision on what is happening with Light Brown Apple moth and grapes for crush. Mr. Pelican

concluded by reporting that he will meet with the Board of Supervisor's April 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss GRAP, and will reference the RCD's letter of opposition.

No San Joaquin Farm Bureau report was given.

Ms. Watkins reported on CRAE, sharing that: the Williamson Act is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; Audubon has concluded that the best bird habitat is in rice fields and the second best in hedgerows next to orchards; the UC is hiring 20 employees per year, and having 20 retire per year; more CCA's are being trained; and research has concluded that cities emit 60 times more greenhouse gases than farms. The next meeting will focus on Ag myths.

Ms. Spaletta provided an update on her RCD Administrator and Watershed Coordinator activities since the last meeting. She confirmed the RCD was being listed as a restoration partner on The Nature Conservancy's Salmon Snapshots website. She reported on recent progress of MokeWISE, and gave a very brief overview of proposed projects. She shared that she had been working with the Sparrowk Family on getting considered for Lower Mokelumne River Partnership funding for blackberry removal on Murphy Creek. She mentioned the last LMRWSSC meeting included discussion of an Invasive Species Android App that had previously been developed; the Board expressed concern for potential implications of the information collected by this App and asked that more information be provided.

#### GRANT UPDATES

Ms. Spaletta was instructed to consult with Mr. Brodie on how to proceed with potential grant opportunities.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion of the Coalition renting office space from the San Joaquin Farm Bureau office; the RCD would remain co-located with NRCS. Currently, Ruth, Wendy and Jonna all work in one 10' by 10' office; this arrangement will not change with the Service Center's move to Arch Road because there is only one office space available for the RCD/Coalition. This arrangement is not sustainable, as phone conversations and grower visits are impossible to facilitate professionally. Mr. Wackman presented the Board with estimated setup and monthly costs for the new space (approximately \$8,300 and \$1,400 respectively); it was noted that setup costs could very well be lower. Motion for Coalition staff to obtain lease contract from San Joaquin Farm Bureau and present to the Board for consideration at the April meeting. Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously. Setup costs also to be revisited and determined during April meeting. Move-in date to be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The draft June 30, 2014 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report was presented to the Board. It was noted that the report could not be finalized yet, as the letter from the District's Attorney was still outstanding and the accounting firm cannot finalize until receiving.

It was reported that Spaletta Law had been contacted and agreed to provide the RCD with General Counsel by drafting a contracting policy and reviewing existing contract language. There was discussion about the potential for tape recording meetings; it was determined that this would be of no benefit since official meeting minutes are compiled.

A draft letter of recommendation for John Brodie was reviewed. Motion to accept and endorse letter of recommendation as presented. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.

Ms. Spaletta reported that she had been contacted by CARCD about conducting at least one SWEEP pump/irrigation system efficiency evaluation in San Joaquin County for CDFA. Ms. Spaletta explained that since the SJCRCD does not have a mobile irrigation efficiency lab to conduct the evaluation, CARCD suggested that East Stanislaus RCD could conduct the

evaluation. CARCD has an agreement with CDFA for local RCD's to conduct the evaluations, and therefore prefers RCD's be utilized where possible. Ms. Van Steyn was able to provide the Board with greater details of this agreement and the reasoning as to why the SJCRCD does not have a mobile irrigation efficiency lab. At this time, allow East Stanislaus RCD to conduct the one known San Joaquin County SWEEP irrigation efficiency evaluation. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. It was noted that if future requests arise, details as to how many projects, what is being evaluated and the cost should be collected, so this decision can be reevaluated.

COMMUNICATIONS Jonna S. called the attention of the Directors to communication items in the meeting packet. A refund request submitted by Robert C. Fowler, on behalf of RB Fowler Trust was reviewed. The request was for the refund of membership dues paid from 2011 to 2014, totaling \$1,825.62. The premise for the refund was that both the property owners and lessee (Jack Hamm, under Lima & Hamm Dairy) had paid dues on the same property. Honor the request and refund the dues paid. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously; Mr. Hamm abstained. It was subsequently clarified that the lessee paid to cover this acreage under their dairy permit, whereas the owners paid as a member of the SJCDWQC. Concern was expressed that honoring this refund request may set a precedent for future refund requests of this same nature. Rescind motion to refund. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Koster, all in favor; Mr. Hamm abstained. The Board came to final conclusion: Reject request for refund received from Robert C Fowler on behalf of RB Fowler Trust, and send a letter explaining why and the difference between the two programs. Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously; Mr. Hamm abstained.

IRRIGATED LANDS Mr. Wackman presented the Board with a request made by the State Water Resources Control/Regional Board for the Coalition to collect an extra sample at the French Camp Slough and Airport monitoring site. This sample will be sent off to USGS; additional costs associated with the sampling will be reimbursed. It was the recommendation of Mike W., Mike Johnson, and the SJCDWQC Steering Committee that the Coalition agree to conduct the sampling at the same time as monitoring samples are conducted by MLJ LLC so that test results can be compared if necessary. Accept proposal from the Regional Board for MLJ LLC on behalf of the Coalition, to collect one extra sample at the French Camp Slough and Airport monitoring site. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

Mike W. described to the Board MPEP matching funds study opportunities available through FREP grants. Five coalitions have joined together; four crops will be studied including walnuts, processing tomatoes, field corn and table grapes. The agreement between the Coalitions requires the SJCRCD to match funds; \$5,000 per commodity for the first two years (so \$20K each year, for two years, totaling \$40K). This will make the 5 Coalition group eligible for approximately \$250K per commodity, per year, for 3 years. It was noted that the Coalition budget has funds set aside for this type of work, and it is a requirement of the Coalition to pursue these types of opportunities/studies. It was also the recommendation of the SJCDWQC Steering Committee that this expense be incurred and the grant/MPEP study opportunity pursued. Agree to pay \$20,000 as initial matching funds to pursue FREP grant. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.

Mike W. presented the Coalition QuickBooks financial reports to the Board. He noted that the stationary and printing costs on the budget-to-actual report would exceed what was budgeted. He also recommended that this year's Coalition surplus not be transferred to the Contingency Fund until the year is closed out. He drew specific attention to the 2015-2016 budget. There was discussion of some line items. He also presented the Board with budget comparisons with membership dues at \$4.75/acre, \$5.00/acre and \$5.50/acre, with their respective end-of-year revenue that could be transferred to the contingency fund. There was discussion by the Board

as to the different options and each of their implications. It was noted that setting a price now would be of a great help as member invoicing begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. Set SJCDWQC 2015-2016 membership dues at \$5.00/acre. Motion Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

Mr. Wackman reported that he has a meeting with the Regional Board next week to discuss the Groundwater Assessment Report. He also noted that the map had been changed to identify high and low vulnerable areas parcel by parcel, as requested by the Board at their last meeting. There was discussion of the implications of high and low vulnerability designations on farm evaluation and nitrogen management plans.

Mr. Herrick added a drought update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      Executive session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT      The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Adjourn meeting at 2:20 p.m. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**  
USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday, April 16, 2015 12:00 noon– 2:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

- 12:00noon**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
                  ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
                  ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
                  PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 12:05pm**    **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (including minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting)
- 12:10pm**    **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** presentation of bills, income received (Jonna)
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE** (Ora)  
                  A. EQIP  
                  B. Other Farm Bill Programs
- 12:35pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
                  A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
                  B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
                  C. CRAE Report  
                  D. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna)
- 1:05pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
                  A. Final June 30, 2014 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report  
                  B. Form 700's
- 1:15pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**  
                  A. 2015 CARCD Membership Application
- 1:30pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
                  A. Coalition Office co-located with SJFB  
                  B. Financial Report  
                  C. Steering Committee  
                  D. Membership Report  
                  E. Program Report  
                  F. Groundwater Assessment Report
- 1:50pm**    **9. CLOSED SESSION**  
                  A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9  
                  (1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

April 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, and John Herrick. Members absent excused included John Thoming and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (SJFB).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda was amended to include the addition of Range Camp under New Business. Accept meeting agenda as amended. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

Approval of March 19, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jonna S. presented the list of income and bills to be paid, along with current financial reports. It was noted that the Fund Summary Report had been reformatted as requested during the last meeting to include beginning balances, income, accounts payable and ending balances. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the bills. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

Ms. Van Steyn reported NRCS' third batching period ends this Friday. She estimated 50 tractor, 2 irrigation and 2 dairy applications have been received. She noted the next batching date will be June 19<sup>th</sup>. She referenced the fund codes list, and California receiving \$85 to \$100mln in EQIP funding per year; \$17.5mln being for air quality.

Ms. Van Steyn shared that a Wetland Reserve (conservation) Easement to address vernal pool habitat is in the process on the westside of the County with the Ospital family. She also mentioned that interviews for the soil conservation technician had been conducted, with 3 candidates being from California out of the 14 total. It was noted that the top candidate will be choosing between accepting the Stockton position or another Coastal office position. She confirmed that Robin's last day will be tomorrow, due to the lapse in funding for the Farm Bill Assistance agreement with NRCS. There was discussion of how her workload will be absorbed. Ms. Van Steyn concluded by noting that she has been tasked with furniture shopping for the new location although a moving date has not yet been confirmed. There was discussion of the size of the RCD office at the new location.

RESOURCES

No Ag Commissioner report was given.

Ms. Phillips from San Joaquin Farm Bureau reported that lots of calls about the drought have been received. She noted the article being featured in The Record by SJFB President and SJCRCRD Director Jack Hamm. She discussed the new groundwater regulations, including the amendments made to restrict uses of Eggman's groundwater recharge bill. Ms. Phillips noted post-1914 curtailments are occurring now, and pre-1914 curtailments are expected this summer. She discussed the Zone 2 letter sent out to landowners by the County, to fund the GBA; the previous assessment had to be converted to a fee because of Prop 218, requiring the notifications to be sent out. There was discussion of the error in the document, noting the

correction was “no more than” 3%. Ms. Phillips concluded by addressing the Regional Ag Water Conservation Project that is part of the MokeWISE process, and currently sponsored by the SJCRCD.

Ms. Watkins reported there was no CRAE report to be given as a meeting had not been held since the last RCD meeting; she noted the next meeting will focus on Ag myths and water.

Ms. Spaletta built on the comments made by Ms. Phillips regarding the Ag Water Conservation Program, noting efforts to reach agreement on project description language; the next step in the process will be a conference call with environmental interest groups, SJFB, SJCRCD and (hopefully) GBA. She noted that after consulting the SJCRCD Executive Committee, she had forwarded SJCRCD sponsored MokeWISE project descriptions to John B. for review and editing; substantial changes were made to the Riparian Restoration- Below Camanche Project, to build on previous work done by the SJCRCD. Ms. Spaletta noted that she: had recently met Ben Wallace of the CCRCD, would be meeting with Sustainable Conservation tomorrow and attending the Bay Delta Regional meeting at the end of the month; all good opportunities for networking.

#### GRANT UPDATES

There was discussion of RCPP grant opportunities continuing to be pursued.

Ms. Spaletta reported that as requested, she had contacted Donna Plunkett about providing services to the RCD. Ms. Spaletta shared details as to the services Ms. Plunkett could provide and their respective costs. It was decided that Ms. Spaletta should contact Mr. Brodie to obtain a list of previous grant projects completed as a starting point for what types of future grant funding opportunities should be pursued.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The final June 30, 2014 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s report, with no findings or recommendations, was presented for review and acceptance. Motion to accept the report as presented. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

The annual requirement of Form 700’s was discussed. It was noted that none were currently on file for 2015; they should be filed by April 1<sup>st</sup>; and current copies of the form were contained in the meeting packet.

The details of this year’s Range Camp were discussed. It is being held June 21<sup>st</sup>-June 26<sup>th</sup> in Monterey. There was discussion that the SJCRCD had sponsored attendees in the past. Motion to provide \$400 sponsorship of student to attend, with the requirement of an oral report to be provided to the RCD Board as a condition of the sponsorship. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Spaletta called the attention of the Directors to communication items in the meeting packet. She specifically mentioned the GRAP letter written by the Board of Supervisors and the 2015 CARCD Membership Application. It was noted that the CARCD Application should not be paid until the June meeting, since it is not due until July 1. There was a brief discussion of the Pombo Scholarship, noting that application packages will be mailed to High Schools today.

#### IRRIGATED LANDS

Mr. Wackman began by addressing the Coalition’s pending office move. A draft commercial lease between the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation and San Joaquin and Delta Water Quality Coalition was presented for the Board’s consideration. There was discussion about the lease terms and moving process. It was noted that the official lease stated the term would begin June 1; it was clarified that the Coalition could start moving in before then and would just not be charged for that time. Motion to approve the lease as drafted. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously; Mr. Hamm, current SJFB President, abstained.

There was discussion as to details of the phone system and other necessary office items. Motion to approve \$10,000 for move-in and set-up expenses of the new Coalition office; leaving details to be worked out by staff. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously. It was noted that this expense was already included in the Coalition's 2015-2016 budget.

Mike W. presented the Coalition financial reports to the Board, noting the Fund Summary Report had been reformatted as requested. He noted the Budget to Actual report, and that the 2015-2016 Budget had not yet been officially approved; this will be addressed at the next meeting. There was discussion of the debit card account; it was noted that funds will need to be transferred soon in anticipation of mailing expenses. Transfer \$10,000 from the Drain Monitoring Fund (45744) held at the County, to the BAC account to fund the debit card (via check made to SJCRCD and deposited into BAC account). Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.

Ms. Mulrooney provided an update on membership activity. She noted that they are trying to wrap up Farm Evaluation Plans and clean up before issuing invoices next month. There was discussion of implications of not turning in farm evaluations timely, since only 60% have been received. It was noted that although the Coalition had used the due date of April 1<sup>st</sup> for farm evaluations, the actual date was June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Wackman reported that the Coalition newsletter was still in process, and that he would be sending it to the Board for review upon completion, before printing and mailing.

There was extensive discussion about the revised draft Groundwater Assessment Report as the Board reviewed the draft map with high and low vulnerability delineations. Mr. Wackman explained the elements being required by the Regional Board and the methodology utilized by Mr. Deverel of HydroFocus to meet these requirements. There was concern about: having to identify Disadvantaged Communities and the potential future regulations/requirements that may result; the area west of I-580 and I-5; and the delineation of wells. Mr. Wackman reiterated the report is due next week (April 25<sup>th</sup>), an extension was not possible, and that this report had already been presented to the Regional Board three or so times. Options of how to proceed were discussed. It was determined that questions and items of concern should be emailed to Mike W. so that clarification could be obtained from Mr. Deverel. Motion to accept and approve the Groundwater Assessment Report and Map outlining high and low vulnerable areas, pending sufficient explanation from HydroFocus/Mr. Deverel. Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      Executive session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT      The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Adjourn meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday, May 21, 2015 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

- 12:00noon**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 12:05pm**    **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (including minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting)
- 12:10pm**    **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** presentation of bills, income received (Jonna)
- 12:15pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE**  
A. EQIP  
B. Other Farm Bill Programs
- 12:25pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
C. CRAE Report  
D. Bay Delta Regional Meeting Report  
E. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna)
- 12:55pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
A. Review of Pombo Scholarship Applications  
B. Discussion of RCD Website  
C. Contracting Resolution/Policy Update  
D. CDFA/CARCD/ESRCD SWEEP Irrigation Systems Evaluations Update
- 1:25pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 1:30pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
A. Co-location of Coalition Office with SJFB  
B. Financial Report  
1. 2015-2016 Coalition Budget  
C. Steering Committee  
D. Membership Report  
E. Program Report  
F. Groundwater Assessment Report
- 1:50pm**    **9. CLOSED SESSION**  
A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1)  
SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, June 18, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

May 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Phil Balmat, Bill Koster, Molly Watkins, Marden Wilber and John Thoming. Members absent excused included Jack Hamm and John Herrick. Staff members and contractors present included Jennifer Figueroa-Golder (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioner's Office) and Phillip Abba (Abba Vineyards).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was noted that the three-month trial of emailing the meeting agenda and packet will be continued indefinitely; hard copies will continue to be mailed to Director Marden Wilber, remain supplied at the meeting, and available to the public upon request. The agenda will continue to be posted the week before the meeting, to maintain compliance with Brown Act.

MEETING AGENDA

The review of Pombo Scholarship Applications was moved to the end of the meeting; agenda content remained unchanged. Accept meeting agenda. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

Approval of April 16, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. It was noted that future meeting minutes should only reference persons as it relates to motions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The list of RCD income and bills to be paid was presented, along with current financial reports. It was noted that accounts receivable entries presented during the last meeting, were now being shown as income (since the funds had been received), and that new accounts receivable entries had been created to correlate with quarterly billing submitted to NRCS for agreement reimbursement. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the bills. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

There was discussion that the debit card account established for the Coalition has been used for General RCD expenses, as a means to avoid having contractors use their personal credit card, and then having to wait for reimbursement. It was also noted that because of the recent Coalition office move, the debit card would not be as accessible to both Coalition and RCD staff. There was also discussion of large expenses (such as PMC Open House lunch) being charged on staff's personal credit card. Motion to open a second debit card account with BAC, with opening deposit of \$2,500; to be used for general RCD expenses. Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. It was noted that all debit card receipts for this account will be included in monthly RCD meeting packet materials, and balance and transaction details will also be recorded as a separate account in QuickBooks (just like the Coalition). It was further noted that the Coalition should bill the RCD for any previous general RCD expenses (such as RCD Board meeting lunches, etc) paid for out of the Coalition debit card account.

NRCS UPDATE

It was reported that two batching periods are left; June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>. \$10mln has been granted for drought funding, covering 8 states. California requested \$3.5mln; the amount actually being granted is still to be determined. The funds will likely be for practices NRCS is already doing. There was no update to report on the status of the office move, other than that a "pre-move" meeting had been scheduled. New SWEEP opportunities available through CDFA were mentioned.

## RESOURCES

The Ag Commissioner's office staff provided a light-brown apple moth quarantine update, noting that compliance agreements are being revised and the Clements area quarantine has been lifted. It was noted they are trying to compile crops reports; drought impacts remain unknown. The new regulations associated with pesticides and schools buffer zones were discussed. It was noted that 3 separate workshops will be held in Sacramento, for the purpose of serving 3 different audiences. It was clarified that the buffer zone is only for notification requirements, and does not mean that the area cannot be sprayed. There was discussion of DPR releasing clean results for Ripon and chlorpyrifos (Lorsban) becoming a restricted material. Specifics as to the restrictions being imposed were discussed.

No SJFB report was given.

It was reported that the most recent CRAE meeting primarily focused on Ag myths, water issues and drought. There was discussion of information presented by representatives in attendance (EBMUD, Public Policy Institute, Nature Conservancy, farming community, etc). The primary purpose of these meetings is to develop a white paper that communicates how environmentalists and farmers can work together, that can be provided to the State legislature. The importance of attending these types of meetings, to represent the farming community, was reiterated. The next CRAE meeting will be held June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm.

A brief report regarding the Bay-Delta Regional RCD meeting was provided. It was noted that Ms. Watkins is now serving as the interim Chair, as the Regional President had to resign from his local position, to accept a State-level RCD position. One item of concern resulting from the meeting included Department of Conservation requiring RCD's to meet "tier 1" status (equivalent of legal requirements) to be eligible to receive funding. The three different tier levels were discussed. It was noted that the RCD Administrator would gather information regarding the SJCRCD's status of meeting tier 1 requirements, and re-present to the Board.

The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator reported that April was a busy month, which included: a meeting with Sustainable Conservation, coordinating the RCD sponsored lunch for the Lockeford PMC Open House, attending the Bay-Delta Regional RCD meeting, and reaching agreement on the remaining MokeWISE Regional Ag Water Conservation project. It was discussed that the MokeWISE project ended up being a "list 2" project, meaning that it remains as part of the whole, endorsed portfolio but "outstanding project concerns" (primarily expressing environmental interests) are included in the full project description, as an addendum (although the full project description is already an addendum to the final report). The invasive species App (a product of the LMRWSSC) discussed during a previous RCD meeting was revisited. It was confirmed that the Board's concerns regarding access to the data collected had been shared with the LMRWSSC. It was reported that the reason the App had not previously become available to the public, was that a server available to house the data collected had not been identified; progress of the App has thus been halted.

## GRANT UPDATES

It was reported that the RCD's agreement with NRCS to contract with staff to work at the Lockeford PMC will be extended to September 30 (from current expiration of June 30) and additional funds (\$21k) will be added to the agreement (current amount \$40k). The RCD is able to add 15% to the amount billed for reimbursement under this agreement, as an administrative charge.

A list of grants previously secured by Mr. Brodie was presented to the Board. It was discussed that Ms. Spaletta would like to work with Mr. Brodie to identify future grant opportunities and projects, in order to be both most efficient and successful. It was noted that she would keep the Board apprised of both potential grant projects and billed hours.

## NEW BUSINESS

Directors reviewed twelve 2015 Pombo Scholarship Applications that had been timely submitted. It was discussed that at least one \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded; hopefully a second will also be awarded, but this will not be known until donations are collected. Based on tallied votes, recipients for scholarship funds were selected in the following order: first, Alejandro Orozco; second, Vincente Arburua; third, Cole Lauchland.

There was discussion of the RCD website and current service provider. The website is difficult to navigate, dated in appearance, and is currently formatted so that updates can only be made by the service provider. Motion to spend up to \$2,000 to rebuild the RCD website, for the purpose of easing navigation and allowing for the majority of updates to be made by RCD staff. Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

It was reported that Spaletta Law has been busy with drought demands, and therefore the contracting policy being drafted for the RCD should be ready for the June meeting (instead of this meeting).

The SWEEP evaluation being conducted by ESRCD in San Joaquin County was revisited. It was noted that there may be potentially 3 evaluations total in San Joaquin County (instead of one) and that one of these has been assigned to Placer County. There was brief discussion of the situation as a whole with CARCD, CDFA and local RCD's. It was discussed that ESRCD would like to find a way of making a donation to SJCRCD, since the CDFA contract rate for SWEEP evaluations is \$2,000 and the allowable subcontract payment is \$500. It was noted that the deadline for growers who participated in this program to have their systems evaluated to obtain their cost-share money, is June, so this is the priority. Motion to accept the proposed agreement for ESRCD to conduct up to three SWEEP evaluations in San Joaquin County by June 2015. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Directors' attention was called to communication items in the meeting packet.

## IRRIGATED LANDS

It was reported that the relocated Coalition office was up and running. There was discussion of an office alarm and fireproof safe being procured; funds remain available within the initial \$10k budgeted for the move; staff was therefore instructed to proceed with the procurement. Coalition income and bills to be paid were presented, along with current financial reports. Motion to pay Coalition bills. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. The 2015-2016 Coalition Budget (at the established \$5/ac and with very minimal changes from previous versions) was re-presented to the Board for official action. Accept the 2015-2016 Coalition Budget. Motion Mr. Koster, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

Coalition contractors presented the Board with additional personnel that could be contracted for summer work. Anthony Fusso had been identified to hire for nitrogen management plan workshops, for a total of 30 to 50 hours at \$15/hr. Contract with Anthony Fusso. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. Lexi (Alexandra) Blough had been identified to help the Coalition for approximately 25hrs/wk for 6 weeks in June and July; she has previously worked for the Coalition and is therefore familiar with their database systems. The rate of pay is expected to be \$17-18/hr but will be confirmed. Contract with Lexi Blough. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. It was noted that the expense associated with these contracts has already been included in the Coalition budget.

It was discussed that the GAR (Groundwater Assessment Report) was accepted by the Regional Board for this year. Nitrogen Management Plans and invoices have been sent out to members.

The change in TMDL provisions for Pyrethroid was discussed. Allowable amounts have been decreased to amounts that are immeasurable by current laboratory equipment. It was agreed

that letters from the SJCRCD and its partners, communicating objection to the new levels, should be submitted during the comment period.

The Program Manager's Report was provided and it was noted that toxicity issues occurred on Upper Roberts Island.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      Executive session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT      The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Note this meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday of the month, instead of the usual third Thursday. Adjourn meeting at 1:45 p.m. Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center

3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219

**Thursday, June 11, 2015 12:00 noon– 2:00 pm**

(please note meeting date has been changed to second Thursday for this month)

**AGENDA**

- 12:00noon**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 12:05pm**    **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (including minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting)
- 12:10pm**    **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** presentation of bills, income received (Jonna)  
A. 2015-2016 RCD Budget
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE** (Ora)  
A. EQIP  
B. Other Farm Bill Programs  
C. RCD Agreement for Planning Assistance
- 12:35pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
C. CRAE Report  
D. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna)
- 1:05pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
A. Contracting Resolution/Policy Update  
B. Department of Conservation Tier Requirements
- 1:15pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**  
A. CARCD Membership Application
- 1:30pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
A. Co-location of Coalition Office with SJFB  
B. Financial Report  
C. Steering Committee  
D. Membership Report  
E. Program Report  
F. Groundwater Assessment Report
- 1:50pm**    **9. CLOSED SESSION**  
A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1)  
SWRCB Petition Proceedings.
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, July 16, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

June 11, 2015

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| CALL TO ORDER      | President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.  |
| ATTENDANCE         | Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Molly Watkins, John Thoming and John Herrick. Members absent excused included Diego Olagaray, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner) and Julianne Phillips (SJFB).  |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS    | There were none.   |
| MEETING AGENDA     | The meeting agenda was amended to include the addition of Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander Veen June 30, 2015 year end audit engagement letter to Communications. <u>Accept meeting agenda as amended and approve May 21, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.</u> Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.  |
| TREASURER'S REPORT | Income and bills to be paid for both the RCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. A draft 2015-2016 RCD Budget was presented; because it was primarily based off previous budgets, the Board asked that it be revised to more accurately reflect expected expenses. <u>Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the bills.</u> Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously.<br><br>There was discussion of online banking access being granted for the BAC debit card accounts recently established for the Coalition and RCD (to streamline QuickBooks recordkeeping). <u>Grant BAC online banking access to Mike Wackman for Coalition debit card account and Jonna Spaletta for RCD debit card account.</u> Motion Mr. Herrick, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.   |
| NRCS UPDATE        | It was reported that batching periods are going as well as can be expected, with the last one being next Friday; there are approximately 60 tractor applications. It was reported that \$2mln in additional water conservation funds have been requested by the State. The soil conservation technician position was discussed, with the DC noting that all 3 applicants that were offered the position, turned it down, and therefore the position remains vacant. It was discussed that there may be potential for a planning assistance grant between the RCD and NRCS, to contract a part-time position to help fill this gap. <u>Send letter to State Conservationist (with cc to Kay Joy-Barge) in support of the position, if deemed necessary by DC.</u> Motion Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. It was noted that moving is still anticipated for Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> , although the expected weekly construction meetings never started. |
| RESOURCES          | Details of chlorpyrifos (Lorsban) becoming a restricted material as of July 1 were discussed. It was reported that the Ag Commissioner's office will not have to be the party tasked with addressing misuse of water complaints. AB-350 regarding additional classifications of pest control advisor licensing was mentioned, and details regarding DPR versus EPA authorities were discussed. It was noted that: new safety requirements come into effect July 1 <sup>st</sup> ; there are new requirements for closed systems (such as fumigants) with regard to school notifications; and 2 new inspectors were hired that will start at the end of the month.<br><br>SJFB reiterated pesticide restrictions related to chlorpyrifos. New water curtailments were discussed, with regard to their applicability to pre 1914 and riparian rights. The Budget trailer bill was mentioned, and a brief summary of recent Ag in the Classroom activities was provided.    |

No CRAE report was given as the next meeting is scheduled for next week.

The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator noted that activity to report was limited due to it being only 3 weeks since the last RCD meeting. She noted the LMRWSSC meeting that was last Friday and the final MokeWISE meeting scheduled for tomorrow. She also reported that she had been working her way through CARCD tier requirements and the contracting policy, as detailed in sections below.

GRANT UPDATES

It was confirmed that the RCD's agreement with NRCS to contract with staff to work at the Lockeford PMC is being extended, as noted in last month's meeting minutes, with the official contract amendment being signed today.

NEW BUSINESS

It was reported that to the RCD Administrator's knowledge, all information needed by Spaletta Law (including Dept of Conservation contact, example contracts and copies of current agreements between the RCD and NRCS) to draft a contracting policy had been provided by early this week. The draft policy has yet to be received.

There was discussion of minimum CARCD tier requirements that the Department of Conservation and CARCD are requiring RCD's to meet, to be eligible for future funding.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Directors' attention was called to communication items in the meeting packet.

There was discussion of the amount of 2015 CARCD membership dues to pay. Pay \$750 in 2015 CARCD membership dues. Motion Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.

There was discussion of the June 30, 2015 audit engagement letter supplied by Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander Veen. It was noted that the District had previously been presented with a 3 year proposal (covering year ends 6/30/14, 6/30/15 & 6/30/16). There was also discussion of allocating some of this expense (quoted \$4,625 for 6/30/15) to the Coalition. Accept June 30, 2015 proposal by Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander Veen by signing engagement letter. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS

The Coalition's new office located within the SJFB building was discussed. Proceed with installing alarm system for Coalition office space, independent of the SJFB. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously.

Boundary changes made by DWR's Regional Board affecting growers primarily in the Ripon area were discussed. The change would result in members of both SJCDWQC and East San Joaquin being jostled and billing discrepancies due to each Coalition operating on a different fiscal year and billing cycle. Approaches to transferring members and properties between the Coalitions were discussed. It was noted that this had been discussed with the Steering committee during their meeting Monday; the recommendation reached was that it should be handled between the Coalitions (limiting member involvement) and that additional affected member information (number of members, affected acres and estimated dollar amount) should be provided to the RCD Board to allow for a more informed decision to be made. Motion to transfer members (primarily from East San Joaquin to SJCDWQC) effective January 1, 2016, charge for 6 month period with supplemental bill, and then bill regularly beginning May 2016; if member transfer occurs earlier than January 1, East San Joaquin shall pay prorated portion of membership dues already paid by affected members to SJCDWQC. Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.

It was further noted that: Nitrogen Management Plan workshops have been going well, with the help of Anthony Fuso; membership renewal checks have been coming in, getting processed and deposited with the County via the courier (late fee will be \$0.50/ac if not received by 6/15); and no comments have been received back from the Regional Board regarding the GAR. It was lastly reported that Coalition staff had been contacted by the State Regional Board regarding 48 parcels, represented by 15 people, that had received notice of violation letters, but had not responded; all but 6 parcels had successfully been enrolled in SJCDWQC within the last 2 weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      The Board members retired into executive session to discuss RCD income limitations as it relates to paying for RCD Administrator duties. Upon returning from executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT      The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Adjourn meeting at 2:20 p.m. Motion Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**  
USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:00 noon– 2:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

- 12:00noon**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 12:05pm**    **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (including minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting)
- 12:10pm**    **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** presentation of bills, income received (Jonna)  
A. 2015-2016 RCD Budget
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE** (Ora)  
A. EQIP  
B. Other Farm Bill Programs
- 12:35pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
C. CRAE Report  
D. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna)  
1. MokeWISE Resolution
- 1:05pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
A. RCD Annual and Long Range Plan  
B. Dept of Conservation Tier requirements  
C. Contract for RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator (Jonna)
- 1:15pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 1:30pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
A. Co-location of Coalition Office with SJFB  
B. Financial Report  
C. Steering Committee  
D. Membership Report  
E. Program Report  
F. Groundwater Assessment Report
- 1:50pm**    **9. CLOSED SESSION**  
A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9  
(1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings.  
B. Contracting Resolution/Policy
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

July 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Phil Balmat, Molly Watkins, John Thoming, Bill Koster, Marden Wilber and John Herrick. Members absent excused included Jack Hamm. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda was amended to include a contracting policy discussion in closed session. Accept meeting agenda as amended. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously. Approve June 11, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income and bills to be paid for both the RCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. The revised 2015-2016 RCD Budget was presented and discussed. Accept the Treasurer's report, pay all the bills and accept the revised 2015-2016 RCD budget. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE

It was reported that 60 contracts were received during the last batching period, including water conservation practices; the last batching period will be next week. The Wetland Reserve Easement is nearing an end for the Ospitals. An update on Stockton NRCS personnel was given, noting that both a soil conservationist and civil engineer will be leaving. It was noted that NRCS as a whole, is also trying to get "leaner & meaner" through retirements and a hiring freeze. It was noted that no design or building has been started for the anticipated October move.

RESOURCES

It was reported that the Ag Commissioner's office will be compiling a drought disaster assessment letter by the end of the month, primarily assessing native grass losses. Because of back-to-back years of drought, reduced carrying capacities and supplemental feeding being the new normal, and the approach used by the UC Cooperative Extension to conduct grass clippings, they are having difficulty coming to an accurate loss percentage. It was noted that no funding is available for field crop losses due to drought. A light brown apple moth quarantine update was provided; an exemption for wine grapes for crush has been requested. Asian citricell (citrus greening) was discussed. It was also noted they are working to have their annual crop report completed by August.

No SJFB report was given.

It was reported that the next CRAE meeting will be Tues, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm in Davis or Sacramento; it was recommended that an RCD representative attend, as high level management from each organization will be present. No report from the last meeting was provided, as the last meeting was not attended; however, the op-ed regarding drought was briefly mentioned.

The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator reported on recent activities. It was noted that the Pombo Scholarship dinner is Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, with donations still being accepted. A recent meeting with CSV proved beneficial, as they were pleased with the RCD moving their financials to QuickBooks, and the meeting allowed one of the CARCD tier requirements to be addressed. The MokeWISE resolution was addressed last, with the recommendation by the RCD's legal counsel being that they wait to adopt the resolution until others in the County have acted.

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| GRANT UPDATES   | <p>It was confirmed that NRCS will provide the RCD with a planning assistance grant, to contract a part-time position. <u>Accept NRCS pass-through planning assistance grant.</u> Motion Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.</p>  |
| NEW BUSINESS    | <p>An update on the potential availability of Mr. Brodie (to assist with grant opportunities), having obtained a full-time position with UNLV, was discussed. Attention was also drawn to an article written by Sonoma-Marin RCD's regarding potential "Healthy Soils Initiative" opportunities.</p>  |
| COMMUNICATIONS  | <p>As mentioned above, it was reported slow progress is being made on the CARCD tier requirements.</p>  |
| IRRIGATED LANDS | <p>It was reported that the RCD's legal counsel had drafted a contracting policy and contract; it will be discussed with the Board during closed session.</p>   |
| IRRIGATED LANDS | <p>The Directors' attention was called to communication items in the meeting packet. It was confirmed that no NACD fees should be paid for the 2015 year.</p>   |
| IRRIGATED LANDS | <p>It was reported that the Coalition's new office located within the SJFB building continues to work out well.</p> <p>Coalition financials were reviewed, with explanations of large 2014-2015 budget-to-actual variances explained; the year-end reserve being \$512K. It was discussed that \$500,000 should be transferred from the Drain Monitoring Fund (45744) to the Contingency Fund (45741), to rebuild this account balance (used for legal fees, etc). <u>Motion to pay all the Coalition bills and transfer \$500,000 from Drain Monitoring Fund to Contingency Fund.</u> Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. It was noted that the RCD administration fee due from the Coalition, covering the previous fiscal year, will be calculated for Board consideration at the next meeting.</p> |
| CLOSED SESSION  | <p>Two requests from Coalition members were reviewed by the Board. The first request was from a member who was requesting a refund for 11 years of coalition membership dues totaling \$212. The Board instructed that a letter be written to the member stating that the program had ended. The second request dealt with a member who owned 19.47 acres but wanted to only pay membership dues on the 15 acres they farmed. The Board confirmed dues should be charged and paid on the gross acreage.</p>   |
| ADJOURNMENT     | <p>It was noted that no steering committee meeting had been held during July. The RMP (Regional Monitoring Program) was discussed, noting that the site exchange previously proposed by the SJCDWQC to accommodate the RMP was not accepted by the Regional Board, as the change in site location was not compliant with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory program requirements. A meeting with the Assistant Director of the RMP will be scheduled.</p>   |
| CLOSED SESSION  | <p>The Board members retired into closed session to discuss litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1) SWRCB Petition Proceedings, and contracting considerations.</p>  |
| ADJOURNMENT     | <p>There was discussion regarding the RCD Administrator and Watershed Coordinator positions.</p>  |
| ADJOURNMENT     | <p>The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. <u>Adjourn meeting at 2:30 p.m.</u> Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.</p>   |

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:00 noon– 2:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

- 12:00noon**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 12:05pm**    **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (including minutes of the July 16, 2015 meeting)
- 12:10pm**    **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** presentation of bills, income received (Jonna)  
A. Coalition Fee for Service transfer for RCD Administration
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE** (Ora)  
A. EQIP  
B. Personnel  
    1. Planning Assistance Contract
- 12:30pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
C. CRAE Report  
D. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report (Jonna)  
    1. Amendment to NRCS PMC contract  
    2. MokeWISE Resolution
- 1:00pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
A. RCD Insurance Renewal  
B. Contractors discussion
- 1:15pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 1:20pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
A. Financial Report  
B. Steering Committee  
C. Membership Report  
D. Program Report  
E. Regional Monitoring Program
- 1:40pm**    **9. CLOSED SESSION**  
A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1)  
    SWRCB Petition Proceedings.  
B. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Positions
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
August 20, 2015

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| CALL TO ORDER      | President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.   |
| ATTENDANCE         | Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Jack Hamm, Molly Watkins, John Thoming, Bill Koster, Marden Wilber and John Herrick. Members absent excused included Diego Olagaray and Phil Balmat. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Michael Johnson (MLJ, LLC) and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioner's Office), Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Shasta Burns and Krista McCool.  |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS    | There was discussion of a letter being drafted in opposition of land acquisitions for tunnel construction on the west side of the County. <u>Motion to have Mr. Brodie draft this letter.</u> Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.  |
| MEETING AGENDA     | The meeting agenda was amended to include both a contracting considerations and financial matters discussion in closed session. <u>Accept meeting agenda as amended and approve July 16, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.</u> Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.   |
| TREASURER'S REPORT | Income and bills to be paid for both the RCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. <u>Accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the bills.</u> Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. The revised (to match all income and expense sources) 2015-2016 RCD Budget was presented and discussed. <u>Accept the revised 2015-2016 RCD budget.</u> Motion Mr. Koster, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.   |
| NRCS UPDATE        | It was reported that \$2 mln will be used to fund irrigation system applications with every eligible application being funded, and all obligating completed by mid-September. An update on NRCS personnel was provided, noting that 5 positions will be vacant, including: area engineer, soil conservationist, engineering technician, Farm Bill assistant and Ag engineer. The only update available for the anticipated NRCS and RCD office move was that a meeting was scheduled for today with FSA as the lead agency and the NRCS State Office to discuss the innards of the new building.  |
| RESOURCES          | The Ag Commissioner's office reported that commercially produced wine grapes will be excluded from the CDFA light brown apple moth (LBAM) quarantine. An update on the drought assessment completed by the Ag Commissioner's office applicable to native rangeland was provided. It was discussed that there have been more LBAM finds (12-14 within 1-1½ months) in cherry trees in the east side of the county; this will have effects on quarantine compliance agreements. The potential for grower losses due to LBAM continuing to spread was discussed; it was explained that Asian citrus psyllid is CDFA's current focus. It was noted that the Ag Commissioner's office is trying to change the structure of continuing education classes, with 114 attending their most recent event that was moved up from the typical November timing. It was asked that growers complete the survey for pesticide disposal to help support potential funding. New regulations for personal protective equipment taking effect in July were reviewed; the most notable change being to rubber gloves. |

It was reported that SJFB's Rural Health and Safety committee will meet Monday at 9am. An update on SJFB's (and other partners throughout the county) approach to the MokeWISE resolution process was discussed.

It was reported that the CRAE white-paper previously discussed was not published; interest holders could not come to agreement on proposed edits. Details on the next CRAE meeting (2015 CRAE Summit on the Future of Working Lands) scheduled for Tues, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm were provided.

The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator noted that many items pertinent to this report will be discussed throughout the remainder of the meeting topics. The MokeWISE resolution process was discussed; it was concluded that the SJCRCD would like to adopt a letter of support in place of a resolution. Motion to have MokeWISE letter of support drafted. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

#### GRANT UPDATES

It was confirmed that NRCS would like to amend the current PMC agreement to add \$14K and extend the term of the agreement. Accept and approve amendment to PMC agreement 5-258. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

An update on the NRCS Planning Assistance grant approved during last month's meeting was discussed. Approve contract for Sarah Lucchetti at \$25/hr and approximately 20 hrs/week. Motion Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that the RCD insurance policy should be renewed with appropriate changes incorporated. Renew RCD insurance policy. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Directors' attention was called to communication items in the meeting packet. It was reported that the SJCRCD had been contacted about potentially working with American Rivers, River Island and South Delta Water Agency to submit grant proposals for the Paradise Cut Bypass project. Details of the project, intended to improve flood control on the San Joaquin River, were discussed. SJCRCD join River Island and South Delta Water Agency to submit Paradise Cut grant proposals. Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.

#### IRRIGATED LANDS

Coalition financials were reviewed. Accept financials. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

A membership report was provided noting that 700 postcards will be mailed to nonpaying members, with outstanding dues totaling \$250K. It was discussed that these members will have one year to bring their membership current and the late payment fee is \$0.50/ac. It was also reported that 14,000 acres will be added to the SJCDWQC as of January 1, 2016 through the transfer of members from East San Joaquin's Coalition.

A program report was provided. It was reported that the Sediment Discharge and Erosion Control Report was conditionally approved. Updates on Nitrogen Management Plans and grower workshops for self-certification were provided. The RMP (Regional Monitoring Program) was discussed, with reference to the meeting scheduled with the Assistant Director next Friday. History of the RMP program, monitoring exchange recommendations, and potential future requirements were discussed.

- CLOSED SESSION      The Board members retired into closed session to discuss the RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator positions, contracting considerations and financial matters.
- Upon adjourning from closed session, the Board approved posting the RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator positions.
- ADJOURNMENT      The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon.  
Adjourn meeting at 2:30 p.m. All in favor, approved unanimously.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center  
3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219  
**Thursday, September 17, 2015 12:00 noon– 2:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

- 12:00noon**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 12:05pm**    **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (including minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting)
- 12:10pm**    **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** presentation of bills, income received
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE**  
A. EQIP  
B. Personnel
- 12:30pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
C. CRAE Report  
D. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report
- 1:00pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
A. Tunnel Acquisition Letter  
B. MokeWISE Letter of Support
- 1:15pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 1:20pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
A. Financial Report  
    1. Coalition Fee for Service transfer for RCD Administration  
B. Steering Committee  
C. Membership Report  
D. Program Report  
E. Regional Monitoring Program
- 1:40pm**    **9. CLOSED SESSION**  
A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1)  
    SWRCB Petition Proceedings.  
B. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Positions  
C. Contractors/Insurance Discussion  
D. Financial Matters Discussion
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
September 17, 2015

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| 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, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, John Thoming and Marden Wilber. Members absent excused included Phil Balmat, Bill Koster, Jack Hamm and John Herrick. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney and Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Kamal Bagri (Ag Commissioner's Office) and Julianne Phillips (SJFB).   |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS    | There were none.  |
| MEETING AGENDA     | The meeting agenda was amended to include the CARCD convention under resources. Corrections needed (to include posting of the RCD positions in closed session and word choice in resources section) of the August meeting minutes were discussed. <u>Accept meeting agenda as amended and approve August 20, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected.</u> Motion Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously  |
| TREASURER'S REPORT | Income and bills to be paid for both the RCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. <u>Accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the bills.</u> Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.   |
| NRCS UPDATE        | It was reported that the office has \$6.3mln in EQIP applications, with the majority being irrigation systems and tractors. An update on NRCS personnel was provided, noting that the 5 vacant positions discussed during the last meeting, remain unfilled. Concerns with NRCS' current hiring process were discussed. <u>Write letter to NRCS State Office regarding concerns with Stockton field office vacancies and hiring process.</u> Motion Ms. Watkins, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.  |
| RESOURCES          | The Ag Commissioner's office reported that the Ag center fee for the meeting and assembly rooms passed. Details as to the maintenance (5 yr cycle being \$79K/yr) and changes were discussed. The largest change is that any County agency and non-Ag commercial groups can use the building, but Ag has priority and can make reservations up to 1 yr in advance. It was noted that different fees are charged based on group assignment. It was reported that the annual crop report will be presented to the Board of Supervisor's October 20 <sup>th</sup> . An update on light brown apple moth (LBAM) was provided, noting there have been several new finds. There was discussion of controlled areas being Linden, Manteca, Tracy, and Stockton north into Lodi. The difference between regulated versus quarantined, and the impact on associated resources and funding were discussed. Grapes for crush are excluded from restrictions State-wide because the pest risk has been determined to be low. The Governor signing a Bill for medical marijuana was discussed last, with CDFA requesting the Ag Commissioner's office to estimate the number of legal growers in the County. |
|                    | SJFB reported that the legislative session ended; a Bill passed with a budget that will make information pertaining to all well locations, depths, etc now available to the public. It was reported that Waters of the US was enforceable as of August 28 <sup>th</sup> in CA; it was/is not enforceable in 13 other States with pending litigation. Details as to the implications to Ag were discussed. The Williamson Act was discussed in regard to property owners making requests for   |

lot line adjustments to avoid taking property out of Williamson Act; concerns of these actions jeopardizing the future and continuity of the Williamson Act were noted.

It was reiterated that the next CRAE meeting is Tues, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>; in lieu of sponsorship, the RCD will be donating almonds, walnuts and apples.

The CARCD convention in Yosemite Nov 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> was discussed. Two hotel rooms have been booked for Thursday and Friday night, but conference fees have not yet been paid.

The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator reported that the annual RCD audit could now be conducted, but would also serve as a good way to familiarize a new hire with RCD files. A Hydrogel contract the RCD holds with DWR is also being researched. It was noted that the remainder of items pertinent to this report will be discussed throughout the remainder of the meeting topics.

#### GRANT UPDATES

It was reported that the Paradise Cut planning grant application discussed during the last meeting had been submitted by American Rivers on behalf of the RCD.

#### NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that information/feedback is still pending for both the tunnel acquisition letter and MokeWISE letter of support.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Directors' attention was called to communication items in the meeting packet. It was noted that the EBMUD Annual Pardee BBQ is likely cancelled due to the fires. Attention was also called to the Estuary News, which featured articles on the Delta Fix and Tracking Tiny Toxins.

#### IRRIGATED LANDS

Coalition financials were reviewed. Approve financials. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously. The 1% of membership dues fee for service payable to the RCD for administration was discussed (\$28,483.45 covering membership dues paid 5/2/2014-6/30/2015 totaling \$2,848,344.74). Transfer \$28,483.45 from Drain Monitoring Fund (45744) to RCD General Fund (45701) to cover 7/1/2014-6/30/2015 RCD Fee for Service. Motion Mr. Wilber, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

A brief steering committee report was provided, with details relating to MPEP and RMP. The hope is that participation in MPEP will benefit growers in the long run by finding effective nitrogen practices and reducing leaching to groundwater. It was discussed that MPEP participation is ongoing from year to year, and SJCDWQC coordinates with other neighboring coalitions so studies are not conducted on the same crops. It was further noted that grants are applied for (FREP through CDFA, & EPA) and leveraging fertilizer companies is being explored. \$60K has been budgeted for MPEP participation this year; steering committee members commented that the expense will be significantly greater than expected; \$200K will likely need to be budgeted for next year.

A membership report was provided noting that 500 postcards had been mailed the beginning of September; \$87K of the outstanding \$250K had been collected to date. \$2.4mln of the expected \$2.6mln in membership dues has been deposited; \$158K remains outstanding, with one member owing \$42K. It is anticipated that membership dues will remain \$116K short of the \$2.6mln budgeted, as it is a voluntary program with many previously irrigated parcels not currently being irrigated, and some acreage being developed. It was also reiterated that 14,000 acres will be added to the SJCDWQC as of January 1, 2016 through the transfer of members from East San Joaquin's Coalition, at \$2.50/acre (for half year membership).

It was noted that a program report was contained in the meeting packet.

The RMP (Regional Monitoring Program) was discussed with regard to the meeting previously held with the Assistant Director. It was noted that although participation is voluntary, the General Order can be revised to make it mandatory. Approve to accept \$37,665 in monitoring site exchange costs for this year, with Board to revisit future participation in RMP and associated costs next year. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board members retired into closed session to discuss the RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator positions, contracting considerations and financial matters.

Upon adjourning from closed session, the Board approved offering the RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator contracted positions to Jenna Rodriguez at \$50/hr.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Adjourn meeting at 2:05 p.m. Motion Mr. Thoming, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.

# **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

USDA Stockton Service Center

3422 W. Hammer Lane, Suite A Stockton, CA 95219

**Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:00 noon– 2:00 pm**

### **AGENDA**

- 12:00noon**    **1. CALL TO ORDER**  
                  ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
                  ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
                  PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES/SPEAKER
- 12:05pm**    **2. CONSENT AGENDA** (including minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting)
- 12:10pm**    **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** presentation of bills, income received
- 12:20pm**    **4. NRCS UPDATE**  
                  A. EQIP  
                  B. Personnel
- 12:30pm**    **5. RESOURCES**  
                  A. Ag Commissioner's Report  
                  B. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Report  
                  C. CRAE Report  
                  D. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Report  
                  E. CARCD Convention
- 1:00pm**    **6. NEW BUSINESS**  
                  A. Tunnel Acquisition Letter  
                  B. MokeWISE Letter of Support
- 1:15pm**    **7. COMMUNICATIONS**  
                  A. NACD 2016 membership
- 1:20pm**    **8. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM**  
                  A. Financial Report  
                  B. Steering Committee  
                  C. Membership Report  
                    1. Membership refunds  
                  D. Program Report  
                  E. Regional Monitoring Program
- 1:40pm**    **9. CLOSED SESSION**  
                  A. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 54956.9 (1)  
                    SWRCB Petition Proceedings.  
                  B. RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Positions  
                  C. Contractors/Insurance Discussion  
                  D. Financial Matters Discussion
- 2:00pm**    **10. ADJOURN**

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 noon Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

October 15, 2015

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| CALL TO ORDER      | President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.  |
| ATTENDANCE         | Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Marden Wilber, Phil Balmat, Bill Koster, Jack Hamm, and John Herrick. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Jonna Spaletta. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Margaret Smither-Koppler (NRCS Lockeford PMC), Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner), and Shasta Burns (RCD).  |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS    | There were none.   |
| MEETING AGENDA     | Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the September 17, 2015 meeting made by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.  |
| TREASURER'S REPORT | Income and bills to be paid for both the RCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. <u>Accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the bills.</u> Motion by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.  |
| NRCS UPDATE        | It was reported that the office has \$7 million in EQIP applications, with 158 contracts and stands number 5 in the state. An update on NRCS personnel was provided, noting that there is a new 7-day window for application. This new application period automatically closes after this short window. Meaning inside personnel has had the opportunity to apply, and this position still remains unfilled. Concerns with NRCS' current hiring process were discussed, along with the number of times each job position has been filled. Discussion of a possible letter to be written to the WDC to help out. Margaret Smither-Koppler is grateful for the two staff members at the PMC. Margaret is trying to coordinate a "Soil Health Network" which would coordinate between farmers who are already doing trials and practices. There is funding to hire a part-time coordinator through the ESRCD. The next meeting for this will be held at the beginning of November to further discuss. An invitation has been given to the board to attend the Bay Delta Area Meeting and the SJFB office on October 28, 2015 from 10:00-1:30 p.m. |
| RESOURCES          | The Ag Commissioner's office reported that the annual crop report will be presented to the Board of Supervisor's October 20 <sup>th</sup> . November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brandon Nakagawa and Tim Pelican will be giving a presentation on Lotus. November 10 <sup>th</sup> will be an Apiary Symposium at the Ag center. Inviting all growers and commissioners. This symposium will be held from 10:00-3:00 p.m. (register on the DPR website). The Governor signing a Bill for medical marijuana was discussed, and CDFA requesting the Ag Commissioner's office to estimate the number of legal growers in the County. The Ag commissioner's office is highly involved in regulating the industry. Stating laws that you cannot have one big "grow." Each plant must be registered and specifically  |

tagged. Funding will come from the registration of the plants. The foreseen problem will be Recreational Marijuana on the 2016 ballot open for voting. An update on light brown apple moth (LBAM); noting that funding for this program may be cut in the next few months. Lastly, looking at new regulations for pesticides being used around schools. December this will be open for public comment, and regulations may be set into place as soon as July 2016. Regulations may state that there will be no pesticide use within a quarter mile of any public schools. Currently there are 630 schools in San Joaquin County. This regulation will be set within one hour before school hours begin, and able to apply again 2 hours after school has adjourned. Schools may be exempt from county planning.

SJFB reported that the Grower self-certification will start this January with the Coalition. There will be an upcoming informational meeting regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act on November 18, 2015 at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, 10:00 a.m.

CRAE meeting report from the Sept 29<sup>th</sup> meeting was not a typical meeting. It was held at UC Davis. Secretary of Agriculture spoke in regards to Ecosystem Services, and the “cap and trade” water implementations that may occur in the future. Karen Sweet spoke about rangeland easements. Lastly, Sierra Nevada Conservancy gave a report and is looking to partner with Agriculture for upcoming projects. There will be another meeting held at the end of the year, location TBA.

The CARCD convention in Yosemite Nov 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> was discussed. Two hotels rooms have been booked for Thursday and Friday night, but conference fees have not yet been paid. Ms. Watkins will be attending this meeting

The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator reported that the annual RCD audit could now be conducted, but would also serve as a good way to familiarize a new hire with RCD files. A Hydrogel contract the RCD holds with DWR is also being researched. It was noted that the remainder of items pertinent to this report will be discussed throughout the remainder of the meeting topics.

#### GRANT UPDATES

Grant writing call for proposal December 2, 2015. Sustainable Ag- Farmer and Rancher involvement for \$25k. This would involve anyone interested in studying Farm Stream water by the areas burned upland from the recent Butte Fire

#### NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that information/feedback is still pending for both the tunnel acquisition letter and MokeWISE letter of support. Letter was presented at the meeting, board agreed to move forward and send the letter. Motion Mr. Balmat, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

MokeWISE- Groundwater Banking Authority- John Herrick will draft a letter based on the GBA for possible funding from the state. (\$820k from the state)

John Brodie will be receiving the Beeler award. This award will be presented at the Christmas meeting. RCD will be working with Kathy Grant who is part of the LMRWSSC in preparing and presenting this award to him.

#### IRRIGATED LANDS

Coalition financials were reviewed. Approve financials. Motion Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously. A review of the Budget to Actuals for the year were reviewed.

A brief steering committee report was provided; it is recommended to the RCD board about the upcoming meetings for the self-certification programs. Dates of these meetings for certification

are 1/7/16, 1/12/16, 1/20/15, 2/11/16. The coalition will not charge growers, and the Ag Commissioners office will be donating the meeting room free of charge, and CURES received a grant to help pay for half of the cost of the trainers. \$ 15k was set aside in the CURES budget to help fund this certification program. Some specifics were explained regarding this Nitrogen Certification- Farmers can only self-certify the property they own and operate, not a neighbor.

COMMUNICATIONS A membership report was provided. There is a \$77k deficit in member revenues. Also, additional outstanding members that have not yet paid their membership. Ms. Mulrooney will be mailing a pink "past due" post card as a reminder. Also a few memberships were lost due to dairy program. Discussion of MPEP for \$200k-\$300k/year for the next five years, starting in 2016. 3 refund checks will be issued for members that are already apart of the Westside. These checks are being issued so there is no double payment of members. Motion by Mr. Hamm, second by Ms. Watkins. Passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION The Board members retired into closed session to discuss the RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator positions, contracting considerations and financial matters.

Upon adjourning from closed session, the Board approved offering the RCD Administrator/ Watershed Coordinator contracted positions to Shasta Burns at \$40/hr, and to attend meetings as directed. Wendy Grupe's hourly wage is \$25/hr in contract. Motion by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Hamm. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 noon. Adjourn meeting at 1:59 p.m. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Ms. Watkins. Passed unanimously.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

November 19, 2015

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| CALL TO ORDER      | President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.   |
| ATTENDANCE         | Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Marden Wilber, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, John Thoming, and John Herrick. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Shasta Burns. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS Lockeford PMC), and Tim Pelican (Ag Commissioner).  |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS    | There were none.  |
| MEETING AGENDA     | Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting made by Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.  |
| TREASURER'S REPORT | Income and bills to be paid for both the RCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. A correction was made to the financial report for a warrant written and accounted for in the Excel Spreadsheet Financial report for the amount of \$550.00 written to Spaletta law. <u>Accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the bills, including new warrants written to Molly Watkins for reimbursement, and also Ruth Mulrooney for lunch reimbursement.</u> Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Hamm, approved unanimously.   |
| NRCS UPDATE        | Update on NRCS personnel was provided. Positions still remain unfilled. Concerns with NRCS' current hiring process were discussed, along with the number of times each job position has been filled. Discussion for a letter to be written to the WDC to help out. A concern for work that needs to be done, that may not get serviced due to this staffing issue. The letter will be written by the December meeting for Board review. Mrs. VanSteyn gave an update of employees being promoted in the company. This leaving 6-9 positions open for hire. Mrs. VanSteyn has been contacted by local Ag Teachers who are interested in the SLEWS and the SWEEP's program. There is potential to have a connection made with LMRWSSC and Stanislaus RCD (with a written Memorandum of Understanding- MOU) for local schools for support. This MOU will be written with the consent of Stanislaus for a contract of 1 year, hopefully by the December or January board meeting. |
| RESOURCES          | The Ag Commissioner's reported that the first Grower Meeting held on November 18, 2015 had an attendance of 300+ people. The Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution requesting the Lotus be over turned and was in favor by the House and Senate Bill. Also, the Ag Commissioner's office is waiting for the second Supervisors meeting to hear if the County will become a GSA for the whole county. There were over 4,000 people in attendance at the AgVenture program. The Governor signing a Bill for medical marijuana was discussed.   |

SJFB reported that she attended the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Seminar held at the Lodi Grape Bowl. Other reports were, RAIN! New Melones Reservoir is at 111% of average for this time of year.

CRAE meeting report was a very brief telephone report, about topics for the next meeting.

The CARCD convention in Yosemite Nov 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> was discussed. Mr. Olagaray will be attending this meeting in place of Ms. Watkins

The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator reported that she has been working to get familiarized with the current duties of the position. Ms. Burns would like to move forward with the communication for the extension for the agreement with the LMRWSSC ending December 31, 2015 to renew for the following 2016 calendar year. The Beeler Award will be presented to Mr. John Brodie at the February 18, 2016 Board Meeting, held at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau office, with a small reception to follow. RCD will be working with Kathy Grant who is part of the LMRWSSC in preparing and presenting this award to him.

GRANT UPDATES      Grant writing position is still available

NEW BUSINESS      No new business at this time

IRRIGATED LANDS      Coalition financials were reviewed. Approve financials, and late bills included in the supplemental packet. A check written for CURES in the amount of \$1404.13, and the invoice from Spaletta Law from the RCD account written for \$550.00. Motion Mr. Olagaray, second Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously. A review of the Budget to Actuals for the year were reviewed.

A brief steering committee report was provided; a transaction for the 1% administration fee in the amount of \$28,483.45 was transferred to the RCD General Account

COMMUNICATIONS      A membership report was provided. Walk ins and phone calls have picked up due to the mailing of the membership post card that was mailed out. Notice of Violation letters have been mailed. It was discussed that if two well-known businesses have received letters, and have not made an attempt to respond. This will conclude with a fine, and an indefinite removal. It is noted that there have been several attempts for correspondence with these members. Ms. Mulrooney presented the board with a Coalition logo. This logo will be represented at the Farm Bureau office. Approval of the Logo design was made by the board. Motion by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Olagaray. Passed unanimously.

Grower meetings have started. These meetings count towards Continuing Education. The January and February meeting will be held with the monthly Coalition meeting. There has been contact from Central Valley Salts. A letter will be coming to the Coalition with hopes that we will become more involved in their business. It is likely that it will be \$25,000.00 per year to participate with CVS. The board would like to wait and see what the financial responsibilities are before making a decision. The board will revisit at the December board meeting.

HYDROFOCUS      A letter received needing approval regarding the Groundwater Assessment Report. HydroFocus has performed work for the Coalition in the past and has a standing reputation. Mr. Wackman recommends that the board amend the contract and have HydroFocus do the monitoring again.

Suggestions from board members include sending this current project out for Request For Proposal so that the Board can see what other companies have to offer. Mr. Wackman will present a quote from HydroFocus to the board at the December meeting for the Development Trend Monitoring Program.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board members retired into closed session to discuss the RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator position review of contract.

Upon adjourning from closed session, the Board approved offering the RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator contract for Shasta Burns.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 11:00 a.m. Meeting will Adjourn at 12:00 p.m. for Christmas Lunch. Adjourn meeting at 1:53 p.m. Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Olagaray. Passed unanimously.

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director's Meeting

December 17, 2015

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| CALL TO ORDER      | President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:05 p.m.  |
| ATTENDANCE         | Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Jack Hamm, John Thoming, and Bill Koster. Staff members and contractors present included Ora VanSteyn (NRCS), Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Shasta Burns. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS Lockeford PMC).   |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS    | Mr. Koster made an announcement of what a great President Mr. Rodriguez is.  |
| MEETING AGENDA     | Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from the November 19, 2015 meeting with the correction made for Waters of the US "WOUS" made by Mr. Olagaray, second Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously.   |
| TREASURER'S REPORT | Income and bills to be paid for both the RCD and Coalition were presented, along with current financial reports. <u>Accept the Treasurer's report and pay all the monthly bills, including a late warrant written by Ms. Burns to Pre-Sort Center that was approved at the October 2015 monthly meeting, and a transfer of funds to the Coalition Debit card in the amount of \$5,000.</u> Motion by Mr. Koster, second Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.  |
| NRCS UPDATE        | Update on NRCS personnel was provided. Positions still remain unfilled. Concerns with NRCS' current hiring process were discussed, along with the number of times each job position have been filled. A letter from President Richard Rodriguez was presented for the board to review and scheduled to be sent out this week to the WDC with hope to get this area some help. President Rodriguez would like to meet with Carlos Suarez (State Conservationist) to discuss this matter personally. Mr. Wackman suggested that he could potentially put the two in contact for a meeting. Mrs. VanSteyn gave an update of employees being promoted in the company. This leaving 6-9 positions open for hire. Mrs. VanSteyn has been contacted by local Ag Teachers who are interested in the SLEWS and the SWEEP's program. Mrs. VanSteyn and Ms. Burns have discussed potential interaction with ESRCD. Ms. Burns will continue the SWEEP/SLEWS conversations after the first of the year. There is potential to have a connection made with LMRWSSC and Stanislaus RCD (with a written Memorandum of Understanding- MOU) for local schools for support. This MOU will be written with the consent of Stanislaus for a contract of 1 year. |
| RESOURCES          | No Ag Commissioner's report at this time<br><br>Ms. Phillips from the SJFB reported that she will also send a letter of support to the Chief in Washington DC regarding NRCS personnel matters as well.<br><br>No CRAE meeting report  |

The RCD Administrator/Watershed Coordinator reported that she has been working on monthly duties, and making connections for potential grant writers for the district. Daniel Kramer, from Petrologix is a person of interest and ask for the boards permission to invite him to the next monthly board meeting to discuss potential grant writing opportunities. Petrologix is a local company that specializes in geophysics, environmental, and geological practices. Ms. Burns would like to move forward with the communication for the extension for the agreement with the LMRWSSC ending December 31, 2015 to renew for the following 2016 calendar year. The Beeler Award will be presented to Mr. John Brodie at the February 18, 2016 Board Meeting, held at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau office, with a small reception to follow. RCD will be working with Kathy Grant (LMRWSSC), and Rick Leong from EBMUD in preparing and presenting this award to him.

Ms. Watkins has been in contact with a potential grant writer in the Watsonville, CA area by the name of Kathleen Robins. Her name was given to Ms. Watkins by John Brodie. There is a grant proposal coming up that will be due March 4<sup>th</sup>, but nothing critical to move forward with at this meeting. Ms. Watkins will follow up with the board at the January board meeting. Ms. Watkins also received emails from Karen Burh regarding SWEEPs that need to be made by April 30, 2016, and will forward this information and moving forward the point of contact for this will be Ms. Burns.

Mr. Olagaray attended the CARCD Convention in Yosemite and gave a brief update on Resolutions that were presented. A Resolution Audit passed, for state funding to help low funded RCD's with audits. This is a statewide issue.

#### GRANT UPDATES

Grant writing position is still available. 3 potential candidates will likely make presentations at the January Board meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mail correspondence for lot line adjustment put in the board packet for review.

#### IRRIGATED LANDS

Coalition financials were reviewed. Approve financials, and late bills included in the supplemental packet. A late warrant was written, but approved at the November board meeting for Pre-Sort Center. Possibly over budget on mailings, this is due to all of the mailings going out for reminders and grower certifications. Motion Mr. Koster, second Ms. Hamm, approved unanimously. A review of the Budget to Actuals for the year were reviewed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

A membership report was provided. Self-Certification reminder mailings have gone out to growers. This Self -Certification is statewide. Upcoming billing of 200 parcels from East towards the end of the month. Review of an email sent to Mr. Wackman regarding a membership letter that was included in the board packet. Mr. Wackman explained to the board the area of land that the disgruntled member was talking about. The land owner is asking for a refund in the amount of \$2,400. It is stated that this piece of land is dryland farmed, and not covered under the irrigated lands program. The board has agreed to give a refund for the past 2014, 2015 years, in the amount of \$869.77.

#### HYDROFOCUS

No report at this time

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session at this time

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 21<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12:00 a.m. Adjourn meeting at 11:57 a.m. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Olagaray. Passed unanimously.