

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

Roberts Union Farm Center
4925 W Howard Rd
Stockton, CA 95206

Thursday, January 20, 2022, • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll call/introductions of guests
- B. Acceptance of agenda – last minute additions/deletions
- C. Public comments – limited to 3 minutes per speaker

2. CONSENT CALENDER

- A. Minutes for meeting on December 16, 2021

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

4. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

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

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut
- C. DWR Contract
- D. 2017 Ceres Imaging Grant

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report
- B. CRAE Report

C. RCD Administrator

8. NRCS UPDATE

A. EQUIP

B. Personnel

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel Matters

B. Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (3 cases)

- *Monterey Coastkeeper, et al. v. Central Valley Regional Quality Water Control Board, et al.* (Case No. 34-2018-8002853)
- *Protectores del Agua Subterranea v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al.* (Case No. 34-2018-80002852),
- *Environmental Law Foundation v. State Water Resources Control Board,* (Case No. 34-2018-80002851),

All actions taken in closed session will be reported in open session.

11. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022, location TBD

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Minutes

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, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Diego Olagaray, and Molly Watkins. Brandon Bates (NRCS – Stockton), Jim Thoming (via phone), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) and Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the January 20, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Olagaray. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from December 16, 2021, was made by Mr. Olagaray. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

All bills for the month were presented. A motion to pay all invoices presented in the meeting packet and supplemental packet was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report - Monthly financial statements were reviewed. Mr. Koster move to accept and file the financial report and pay all the invoices, including those in the supplemental packet. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee - The program manager's report was included in the supplemental packet.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney explained the Water Board will be sending 500-600 letters to growers who have not sent in their required paperwork. Packets will go out by the end of the month.
- D. Program Report – Mr. Wackman explained the January grower meeting was canceled and an RSVP will be required for the February meeting. Grower outreach will be completed for those with nitrogen and Pyrethroid exceedances. Mr. Wackman will try to get Melissa to do a present the results of last year's water year (Sept - Oct)
Mr. Wackman discussed the potential to work with CURES, East Stanislaus RCD and others to apply for grant funding for irrigation efficiency projects. Mr. Herrick made a motion to authorize SJCRCD president, Richard Rodriguez, to sign/approve the grant application once he and staff are satisfied with the document. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman explained it's moving in the right direction. The contract with the RCD and USGS was signed. He will have the contract between DRMP and SJCRCD ready for signature at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Herrick discussed the positive progress made regarding a larger Paradise Cut/South Delta restoration project; stating that San Joaquin Area Flood Control Area (SJAFCA) will be the project lead with an advisory committee. He noted the RCD is close to no longer being in charge.
- B. DWR Contract – Ms. Noble will join the board meeting next month to discuss the project.
- C. 2017 Ceres Imaging Grant – The final payment was received, and payment sent to Ceres Imaging.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Koster made a motion to appoint Jim Thoming as an associate director. Mr. Olagaray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Covid testing is being offered at the Ag Center.
- B. CRAE Report – No report
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon discussed the Stagg FFA chapter and encouraged board members to reach out and assist as able. The board directed staff to send the remaining scholarship dollars, \$500, to the chapter, upon approval of the Pombo family. Ms. McCoon played the AgVenture water video, which SJCRCD sponsored. She also explained the process for board members wishing to reapply for another term or those wishing to fill a vacancy. In both cases, applicants need to fill out the application and submit to the county. No recommendation is needed from the SJCRCD board. Mr. Jim Thoming's application to fill a board vacancy will be reviewed at the Feb. 15, Board of Supervisors meeting.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP Update – Mr. Bates discussed the \$6.8M fund for cover cropping and encouraged folks to send in applications as there is still funding available. He also noted that office capacity is now at 25 percent.
- B. Personnel –

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the January RCD board meeting on January 20, 2022, was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 17, 2021, at the Roberts Union Farm Center.