

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

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023 • 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. GUEST SPEAKER – James Pearson, East Bay MUD

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes for meeting on December 15, 2022

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

5. RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

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

6. NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP
- B. Personnel

7. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report
- B. Steering Committee
- C. Membership Report
- D. Program Report

E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut
- B. DWR Contract
- C. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant
- D. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMUNICATIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel/Board Matters
- B. Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (3 cases)
 - *Monterey Coastkeeper, et al. v. Central Valley Regional Quality Water Control Board, et al.* (Case No. 34-2018-8002853)
 - *Protectores del Agua Subterranea v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al.* (Case No. 34-2018-80002852),
 - *Environmental Law Foundation v. State Water Resources Control Board,* (Case No. 34-2018-80002851),

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

11. ADJOURN

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m., February 16, 2023, at San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

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Minutes

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, Phil Balmat, Jack Hamm, Bill Koster, Jim Thoming, and Molly Watkins. Kamal Bagri (SJC Ag Commissioner), Krista McCoon (RCD Administrator), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), James Pearson (East Bay MUD), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the January 19, 2023, meeting was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from December 15, 2022, was made by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKER – James Pearson, East Bay MUD

TREASURERS REPORT

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

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Kamal Bagri discussed disaster relief, noting it's unlikely the 30% threshold per commodity will be met. Instead, the total number of acres under flooding will be presented. A disaster relief letter was also submitted for the '22 walnut crop due to heat. Avian Influenza has been detected in a backyard flock. Spray safe will be held on January 28. She also encouraged board members to attend an upcoming meet and great with the Undersecretary of Agriculture. Finally, she noted Alpine helicopter does not have a permit to operate in the county, until further notice.
- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins noted the CRAE meeting was that following week. She discussed a working group meeting help with Harrold Singer, CARCD Treasurer. CARCD has presented itself as a pass thru organization for a large block grant, but RCDs must be a member to receive funding. She also expressed concern regarding what the state organization wants to do regarding lobbying.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon discussed the work she's been completing with Paradise cut. Additionally, she discussed a letter of support she submitted regarding potentially hosting a Stanislaus State intern, depending on receipt of grant funding. She also noted the list of audit needs hasn't been received, she is following up.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. McCoon discussed that NRCS has an old printer/copier they were willing to donate to the RCD. The board is interested in accepting and Ms. McCoon will work with Mr. Bates to determine next steps.
- B. Personnel –

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – Mr. Wackman reviewed the financials. Mr. Koster moved to pay invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report.
- B. Steering Committee – No meeting.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney stated that INMP packets are being prepped for January mailing. Electronic packets will be available for larger producers.
- D. Program Report – Mr. Wackman discussed that grower outreach meetings are taking place and being fairly-well attended/received. State Water Board fees are being set and will likely increase. Those who didn't complete nitrogen summary reports are getting violation notices.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman noted they'd be meeting with in the week and would get an update USGS contract.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paradise Cut – Mr. Herrick reviewed the project and noted the planning team is currently working on editing down memos and reports for the outreach meeting, which has been postponed until spring.
- B. DWR Contract – No update.
- C. CDFA – No update.
- D. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Koster moved to send a letter of opposition to Community Development Department regarding the Forward Inc. development. Mr. Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the December RCD board meeting on January 19, 2023, was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.