

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

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

Thursday, September 21, 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. CONSENT CALENDER

- A. Minutes for meeting on August 17, 2023

3. GUEST SPEAKER – Collette Hansen

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. CARCD Update
- D. RCD Administrator

6. NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQUIP
- 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. DWR Contract
- B. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant
- C. 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., **October 12 2023**, at San Joaquin County Farm Bureau.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, John Herrick, Bill Koster, Jim Thoming, and Molly Watkins. Collette Hansen (student), Krista McCoon (RCD), Sonya Miller (NRCS - Stockton), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), were also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Koster discussed a potential LAFCO issue regarding Pacific Gateway and possible issues regarding the proposed projects.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the September 21, 2023, meeting was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 17, 2023, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Collette Hansen gave her speech on ground water recharge. The board gave her pointers for improvement as she moves on in the CARCD speech contest representing SJCRCD.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

RESOURCES (Limited to 5 minutes/speaker)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – No report.
- B. CRAE Report – Ms. Watkins stated the group is meeting in a few weeks.
- C. CARCD – Ms. Watkins noted the state CARCD board president is going to be out and a replacement is needed.
- C. RCD Administrator – Ms. McCoon described an opportunity for the Board to sponsor a gift basket for a luncheon featuring county diversity. Ms. Watkins moved to approve a \$100 sponsorship for a gift basket. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. McCoon also

discussed sustainability work Campbells is doing in the County. A sympathy card was passed around for former Ag Commissioner, Tim Pelican, as his wife passed.

NRCS UPDATE

- A. EQIP Update – Ms. Miller noted the NRCS Stockton office is at the end of the fiscal year and funded 46 applications, totaling roughly \$5M. She did say that while it's the lowest number of applications funded, each is worth more than previous years. There are 280 unfunded applications. Ms. Miller discussed an upcoming conference/tour "Dam to the Delta". Mr. Koster moved to sponsor lunch at Penas on the second day of the conference, up to \$750. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. At the same time, November 1-2, the Latino Conference will be held in the County as well.
- B. Personnel – Throughout the state, 60 new people are being hired.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – Mr. Koster moved to pay invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Herrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Herrick moved to transfer \$52,995 from the Coalition account to the RCD account for the annual 2% overhead fee. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – The program manager's report was included in the packet.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney explained there are approximately 100 members that are at risk of being fined for not submitting their nitrogen management report.
- D. Program Report – Mr. Wackman noted there continue to be pyrethroid exceedances. He explained that 2/3 wells (of approx. 50) in the monitoring program will need switched out. He also discussed challenges SSJID is having and a potential partnership to ensure monitoring is being done correctly.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman explained the Delta RMP is moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – No update
- B. CDFA – Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Grant – Evaluations continue in the county.
- C. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – Mr. Wackman explained that Tess Dunham will be coming to the October meeting to discuss CV Salts.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 1:35. Upon return at 2:00, Mr. Herrick moved to approve the employee packet/contracts as presented. Mr. Koster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on September 21, 2023, was made by Mr. Koster. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023, at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.