

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting

San Joaquin County Farm Bureau
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Thursday, February 19, 2026 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONSENT CALENDER

- A. Minutes for meeting on January 15, 2026

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

4. NRCS UPDATE (discussion/possible action)

- A. Program and Personnel Update

5. RESOURCES (discussion/possible action)

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts)
- C. RCD Administrator Update

6. IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM (discussion/possible action)

- A. Financial Report
- B. Steering Committee
- C. Membership Report
- D. Program Report
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. DWR Contract
- B. Land Development within SJC
- D. Noxious Weeds Program

8. NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

A. Future Meeting Dates – March & August - Ag Center, May Date – 5/20 or 5/22

B. Personnel Management Procedures

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel/Board Matters

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

11. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on March 19, 2026, at San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Phil Balmat, Ryan Hansen, Bill Koster, Diego Olagray, and Molly Watkins. Kamal Bagri (SJC Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer), Alyssa Drake, Sonya Miller (NRCS-Stockton), Krista McCoon (RCD), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Maureen Thompson (Valley Water Collaborative), and Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC) were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda for the February 19, 2026, meeting was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from January 15, 2026, was made by Ms. Watkins. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

VALLEY WATER COLLABORATIVE – Maureen Thompson

Ms. Thompson gave an overview of the program. The Eastern San Joaquin is currently doing well testing and drinking water replacement. She mentioned that while the program focus is nitrate testing, other grants allow them to do additional work. For Eastern San Joaquin Management Zone, there are 241 applications and 189 have been sent to the lab, of those 83 are receiving water. Final Management Zone Proposal was submitted on Monday, February 16.

NRCS UPDATE

Ms. Miller noted they are working through the applications received, which is a record amount. They requested additional information be received by February 27, to get through the ranking deadline. Part of the workload is going out of the county to keep Stockton office staff with the

county. They are working on streamlining the process, currently 5 computer programs are required to make a contract.

RESOURCES

- A. Ag Commissioner's Report – Ms. Bagri discussed nutria and the program failed and it's nutria are in the Bay Area. In 2026, the focus area is Mendota, and they are not looking in SJC, the last sighting was 2024. Japanese Beetle funding in Oregon is deregulated; there are already issues in Sacramento. All SJC will be served by Ava Community Energy opposed to PGE. There are two meetings - March 17, at 12 p.m., Zoom meeting and March 27, at the Ag Center to discuss this change. The change will happen in May. Disaster decelerations – 2024 Walnut Deceleration and 2025 Cherry Declaration are status quo with CDFA. Ms. Bagri has a meeting to discuss why California isn't getting the funds we needed. It's possible the Commissioners need to produce data in the same format as FSA to get things moving.
- B. CARCD (California Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts) Report – Ms. Watkins discussed that the Executive Director is ill and unable to attend a national meeting, where California has a seat at the table. She discussed that a communications agency is being hired.
- C. RCD Administrator Update – Ms. McCoon discussed the 700 forms are due.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

- A. Financial Report – All bills for the month were presented. Mr. Koster moved to pay coalition invoices as presented and accept and file the financial report. Mr. Olagary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Koster moved to transfer \$20,000 from coalition fund with the county to the debit card account. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steering Committee – No report.
- C. Membership Report – Ms. Mulrooney noted there are current 2,832 members, down 160 members from this point two years ago. The Coalition is down about 10,000 acres. Farm Evaluations and nitrogen reports are being done this year.
- D. Program Report – The program manager's report was included in the packet. Mr. Wackman reviewed exceedances. The storm event will trigger a storm testing.
- E. Delta Regional Monitoring Program – Mr. Wackman explained that nutrient monitoring is being conducted, pesticide monitoring is complete.
- F. CV Salts/Valley Water Collaborative – See Valley Water Collaborative above.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DWR Contract – Ms. McCoon discussed the new project contract and that RFP responses are due 2/23/26.
- B. Land Development within SJC – No report
- C. SJCRCD Procurement Policy – Mr. Thoming approved Resolution 2026-1, the SJCRCD Procurement Policy, as presented. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed with

Mr. Herrick in opposition.

- D. Noxious Weeds Program – Ms. McCoon launched program and is waiting for applicants, which will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

NEW BUSINESS (discussion/possible action)

- A. Future Meeting Dates – Kista discussed changes to dates/locations for upcoming meetings. The March and August meetings will be at the Ag Center. The May meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19.
- B. Personnel Management Procedures – Ms. McCoon reviewed Resolution 2026-1 describing SJCRCD Board Presidential authority.
Mr. Koster moved to approve resolution 2026-1, Authority of President of the Board. Mr. Balmat seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were included in the meeting packet.

CLOSED SESSION - the board went into closed session at 1:27 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:32 p.m.

Mr. Balmat moved to increase Krista McCoon and Ruth Mulrooney’s rate of pay to \$70 and \$80 per hour, respectively. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the board meeting on, January 15, 2026, was made by Mr. Koster. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

The next board meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the Robert J Cabral Ag Center.