

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
January 16, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:14pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, John Thoming, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Diego Olagaray and Bill Koster. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Jennifer Spaletta, Ora Van Steyn, and John Brodie. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (San Joaquin Farm Bureau).
- CONSENT AGENDA Approve agenda as mailed. Motion by Mr. Herrick, Second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously.
- TREASURERS REPORT John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Wilber, Second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.
- NRCS UPDATE Ora reported a new Farm Bill is pending and staff is awaiting new rules before they are able to approve projects. There will be another Bay Delta Initiative pool of funding for the French Camp slough area. The total for BDI is \$1.5 million. The state office has announced a drought initiative to fund some drought practices. FAS has made a drought designation and there are loans available through them. In personnel matters, April Jernberg is moving to the NRCS office in Capitola. Sonya Miller was promoted to take her spot. It is unknown when Sonya's position might be filled.
- RESOURCES Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE group is not scheduled to meet until February. John B. reported the CRWFS is finishing up work on its connectivity report and is starting the process of moving on to the next topic, to be determined. John also reported the MokeWISE group has been working on conceptual goals and objectives and is in the beginning stages of formulating a project list.
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including annual meeting notice for California rangeland Conservation Coalition and the National association of Conservation Districts. Directors expressed interest in participating in the SLEWS academy and explore joining with local 4H, the Farm Bureau, and UC Cooperative extension.
- COMMUNICATIONS John B. called the attention of Directors to information on an environmental clean-up project in Lodi undertaken by PG & E.
- AG WAIVER Ruth M. reported mostly quiet on the membership activities. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including the financial report and minutes from the January Steering Committee meeting. A draft report

from the groundwater consultant is complete. Coalition consultants were directed to meet with the groundwater consultant to review the draft report and make recommendations for a presentation at the February Board meeting. Mike W. is attending upcoming meetings on a state nitrogen program and a regional monitoring program. Ms. Spaletta highlighted comments to be made to the WDR draft that will focus on reporting frequency. The Board was asked not to focus as much on the “tattletale rule” in comments at the regional board meeting in March. There was discussion of joining with the East San Joaquin Coalition and others on a Management Practices Evaluation Program. Motion by Mr. Herrick Notify East San Joaquin Coalition that we agree in principle to MPEP, and will resolve financial issues at the time if this Coalition is selected as the third party group by the regional board, second by Mr. Balmat. Ayes: Rodriguez, Watkins, Herrick, Wilber, Balmat. Nays: Thoming. Motion by r. Herrick: Accept the current Coalition area as described in the draft WDR with minor boundary adjustments but no expansion of the Coalition area, and to notify other areas on the map that they must seek compliance on their own. Second by Mr. Wilber, passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board retired into executive session to discuss existing litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday February 20, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.