

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
January 17, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:19pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Bill Koster, John Herrick, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Diego Olagarray, Molly Watkins, John Thoming and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Ora Van Steyn, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie.
- MINUTES The minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting were previously mailed. Approve the minutes as mailed. M S P
- TREASURERS REPORT John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. M S P
- SPECIAL PROGRAMS John B. reported on progress for the Ecosystem Services Pilot project, noting the working group continues to try and set metrics for benefits provided by growers that conduct habitat enhancement restoration. John also reported that project is taking up most of the available hours for watershed coordinator funding.
- NRCS UPDATE Ora VS reported \$1.5 million has been allotted to the BDU area for the fiscal year. Ora also reported most contracts will go out in May, though some may go earlier. She also noted that the agency was operating on a continuing resolution until March, and a new soil conservationist would start in February.
- AG WAIVER John B. called the attention of Director's to the Coalition financial report. A 2013 budget proposal was reviewed by the board. Increase attorney fee allocation to \$100,000 and approve 2013 Coalition Budget. M S P Set 2013 Membership fee at \$2.75 per parcel acre. John B. also asked Directors to note the minutes of the Coalition Steering Committee, a copy of the RFP for groundwater assessments in the Coalition area, and an email sent by regional board staff regarding "Surveillance Inspections." Authorize up to \$800 for a laptop computer to replace computer stolen from filing cabinet in Hammer Lane office. M S P
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packets including a Delta Conservancy meeting this afternoon in Walnut Grove and a Small Farm Direct Marketing workshop scheduled for March. John also noted he has been asked to serve on a California Agriculture Committee producing a white paper on cap and trade payments for agricultural producers that could result from carbon markets trading under AB 32.
- COMMUNICATIONS John B. called the attention of Directors communications including a progress report from the USDA NRCS Lockeford Plant Materials Center and an offer to

provide feedback to the CA Farm Bureau on its website as they go through a redesign.

DETACHMENTS

There were no detachments to review.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will feature presentations on how the new irrigated lands regulatory program requirements will affect operations of the local Coalition. The presentations will use the WDR approved for the East San Joaquin Coalition as the basis for comparison with the current program.

ADJOURNMENT

The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday February 21, 2013 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.