

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
February 20, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER Vice President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Jack Hamm and John Thoming. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Jennifer Spaletta, Ora Van Steyn, Steve Deverel, and John Brodie. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (San Joaquin Farm Bureau) and Jenna Rodriguez (U.C. Davis/Gallo Winery).
- CONSENT AGENDA Approve meeting minutes as amended and other consent items as mailed.  
Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.
- TREASURERS REPORT John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.
- NRCS UPDATE Ora VS. reported there were some technical glitches related to Implementation of the new farm bill and they are being handled in Washington and Davis. Ora noted that both the BDI and drought programs remain open at this time. She also reported there will be few if any changes to local programs as a result of the new Farm Bill, however practice funding might not get to producers until May or June.
- RESOURCES Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE group held 2 meetings: one on agriculture issues and the other on concerns regarding wind energy and birds. She also reported the county fair was ceased to exist as previously but there is still an event for student agriculture at the fairgrounds that will now be called "Ag Fest). John B. reported the CRWFS group is finalizing a report on "connectivity" and is preparing to move on to its next module. John also reported the Moke WISE project is moving forward to the proposed project rating and evaluation stage. He also called the attention of Directors to details of the state's drought relief package.
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including: announcements for joint drought resources workshops, and a scheduled field day at the Lockeford Plant Materials Center. Allocated up to \$800 for field day lunches and refreshments. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.
- COMMUNICATIONS John B. called the attention of Directors to communications including the reappointment of Mr. Herrick to the RCD Board and a progress report from the PMC.
- AG WAIVER Steve D. gave a presentation on results of the groundwater characterization report focused primarily on the Delta. There were several questions and discussion

centered on reasons why monitoring might be suggested for different areas. John B. called the attention of Directors to minutes of the most recent Coalition Steering Committee meeting and the Coalition financial report. Mike W. reported he and Ms. Spaletta were recruiting Board members to meet with individual Regional Water Board members to discuss specific issues contained in the proposed WDR for the local Coalition. Pay for post card notices to go to members alerting them of opportunity to testify at Regional Board meeting 3/12/14 and draw from the Contingency Fund. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Olagaray, passed unanimously. The group discussed options for ILRP compliance if the “tattletale rule” remained in the WDR and what could be done to keep local growers under a third party umbrella if the RCD chose not to be the lead under the proposed new WDR. Mr. Rodriguez asked directors to analyze the options and be prepared to vote on the issue at the March Board meeting.

#### 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 March 20, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.