

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
February 21, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER Vice President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:18pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Jack Hamm, Diego Olagaray, and John Thoming. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Ora Van Steyn, April Jernberg, Ruth Mulrooney, Jennifer Spaletta, Melissa Turner, Mike Johnson, and John Brodie. Guests present included Katie Patterson of SJFB.
- MINUTES The minutes of the January 17, 2013 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 PROGAMS John B. reported on progress for the Ecosystem Services Pilot project, noting the principles are meeting with businesses in the East Bay trying to determine interest in funding ecosystem services locally. Watershed coordinator duties are proceeding according to grant specifications.
- NRCS UPDATE Ora VS reported furloughs are not currently planned as a result fo the federal budget impasse, but added there are no guarantees that will continue to be the case. Ora also reported two group conservation planning workshops have been held under a grant from NRCS with one more scheduled. In personnel, April Jernberg was introduced to the Board. She is a new soil conservationist.
- CRAE Approve \$500 membership to support CRAE. M S P
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packets including a schedule for hearings on the county's general plan update preferred alternatives, scoping meetings by USACE on the Delta Islands and Levee Feasibility Sstudy, and a chance to meet with U.S. Rep. Mike Conway (R-TX).
- COMMUNICATIONS John B. called the attention of Directors communications including a comment letter on the San Joaquin National Wildlife Refuge, thank you notes from Pombo Scholarship recipients, and an NACD article on voluntary programs for regulatory compliance in agriculture.
- DETACHMENTS One detachment was reviewed without comment.
- AG WAIVER John B. called the attention of Director's to the Coalition financial report. John B. also asked Directors to note the minutes of the Coalition Steering Committee. Ruth M. reported that the regional board continues to identify un-enrolled parcels

in the Coalition area, and she is working with landowners to get those memberships current. Approve change of counsel from Herum\Crabtree to Spaletta law for Irrigated Lands Program lawsuit and Long Term Irrigated Lands Program negotiations. M S P

PRESENTATION

Contractors provided an overview of proposed changes contained within the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Long Term proposal. Coalition contractors will negotiate with regional board staff on particulars within in draft order.

ADJOURNMENT

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