

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
May 15, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Thoming, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Staff members and contractors present included Sonya Miller, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie.
- MEETING AGENDA Accept meeting agenda as amended to include informational items. Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.
- CONSENT AGENDA Approve consent items including minutes from April 17, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously.
- TREASURERS REPORT John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Wilber, approved unanimously.
- POMBO SCHOLARSHIP Directors reviewed scholarship applications. The top two selections were even in voting. Board members directed John B. to have the Pombo family select the first place winner and set scholarship amount(s).
- NRCS UPDATE Sonya M. reported delays caused by the new Farm Bill's implementation schedule continue to hold up processing of EQIP applications. Once the schedule is resolved, drought and NAQI applications will be processed first. In personnel matters, the agency is close to hiring a shared position that will work in both the Stockton and Concord offices. She also noted there was nothing new to report in the search for a new facility.
- RESOURCES Ms. Watkins reported CRAE has not met since the last RCD meeting. John B. called the attention of Directors to an information sheet on the Connectivity Report released by CRWFS on page 10 of the mailed packet. John also reported on progress by the MokeWISE group on a list of possible projects and sponsoring organizations. He called the attention of Directors to an informational sheet on additional funding for conservation projects contained in the governor's May budget revise.
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including notices about: drought tolerant landscaping workshops and the CARCD Annual Conference.
- COMMUNICATIONS John B. called the attention of Directors to a communication item in the meeting packet regarding a proposed expansion of the San Joaquin National Wildlife Refuge.

IRRIGATED LANDS

John B. called the attention of Directors to minutes of the most recent Coalition Steering Committee meeting and the Coalition financial report. Ruth reported mail is coming in with memberships and fees. Send a reminder postcard to members regarding June 15 deadline. Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously. John B. was directed to send draft MOUs to Ms. Spaletta for review before sending them to other RCDs. John was also directed to send out an RFQ/RFP for technical program manager and have HydroFocus submit its final report on groundwater characterization by the next RCD Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members retired into executive session for conference on anticipated litigation and personnel matters. John B. notified Board members his intention to resign under terms of his current contract on July 25, 2014. John is to continue his duties until then, and work with Board members on a job description, completion of current tasks, and ensuring a seamless transition to a new position and/or leadership structure.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday June 10, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center. Note the change in regular meeting date to avoid conflicts with San Joaquin County AgFest.