

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
June 10, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:12pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, and John Thoming. Members absent excused included Bill Koster, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Staff members and contractors present included Margaret Smither-Kopperl (NRCS PMC), Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie. Guests present included Lee Tecklenburg (PureSense)
- MEETING AGENDA Accept meeting agenda as amended to include informational items. Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.
- CONSENT AGENDA Approve consent items including minutes from April 17, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion by Mr. Thoming, 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. Thoming, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.
- NRCS UPDATE Ora reported the agency is processing approximately 600 applications for assistance via various programs including EQIP and NAQI. NRCS staff is working hard to clear back log created by implementation of requirements contained in the new Farm Bill. Ora also reported the agency is considering placing San Joaquin County in a pool with other counties for EQIP. Possibilities include Contra Costa, Solano, and Sacramento Counties. In personnel, Ora reported a new Soil Conservationist which will be shared with Contra Costa County will start in the Stockton office Monday. Margaret thanked Board members for their support of the Plant Materials Center through the years.
- RESOURCES Ms. Watkins reported the CRAE meeting coincided with the RCD Board meeting. John B. reported he has dropped from the CRWFS group. John also reported on progress by the MokeWISE group on a list of possible projects and sponsoring organizations. He noted that being a sponsor meant an organization would lead or manage the project based on available outside funding rather than being a funding sponsor. John noted he listed the RCD as a sponsor of a number of projects, including habitat restoration on the Lower Mokelumne River and a watershed coordinator for the same. John B. and Ora reported on activities of the county Ag Drought Task Force.
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including notices about: a call for abstracts for the Bay-Delta Science Conference and a regional conservation partnership.

## COMMUNICATIONS

John B. called the attention of Directors to a communication item in the meeting packets including: a Delta Restoration Planning effort by the Delta Conservancy and a drought status report from the state of California.

## 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 continues to come in at a high volume. Hire Sydney Olagaray to assist Ruth with membership processing at a rate of \$15/hour. Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Rodriguez. Ayes: Hamm, Rodriguez, Watkins, Thoming. Nays: none. Abstain: Olagaray. A majority was not reached. Ms. Olagaray was hired by executive committee majority pending ratification by the full board at the July meeting. Accept amendments and begin implementation of MPEP contract. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously. Approve and sign licensing agreement with SureHarvest. Motion by Ms. Watkins, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously. Approve existing contract terms for Terry Prichard through 6/30/14 and invoices for the same time period. Require Mr. Prichard to submit a proposal for a new contract for consideration at the next RCD Board meeting. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members retired into executive session for conference on anticipated litigation and personnel matters as listed on the agenda.

## EXEC.SESSIOIN REPORT

Members discussed agendaized Executive Session items. No action was recommended on any items.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Tuesday July 22, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center. The meeting is to begin at 10:30am with an Irrigated Lands Program discussion followed by the Board's annual meeting. Note the change in regular meeting day and date.