

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
June 20, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:19pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Molly Watkins, Richard Rodriguez, John Thoming, and Marden Wilber. Members absent excused included Bill Koster, John Herrick, Diego Olagaray, and Phil Balmat. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Ora Van Steyn, Ruth Mulrooney, Jennifer Spaletta, and John Brodie. .
- MINUTES The minutes of the May 16, 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
- CONSENT AGENDA John B. called the attention of directors to information on recommendations for items to be included in a consent agenda. Mr. Hamm requested the information to help the meetings move more quickly. Adopt a consent agenda including meeting minutes and written reports. M S P
- DRAFT BUDGET The Budget discussion was tabled until the July meeting.
- POMBO SCHOLARSHIP Directors made the scholarship selections. The final winner(s) will be determined after a discussion with the Pombo family. John B. will also discuss scholarship numbers and amount(s) with the family.
- NRCS UPDATE Ora VS reported July 1, 2013 is the deadline for contracts. Ora also noted there was still much uncertainty about any additional funding for the county as in previous years because a Farm Bill still must be passed. Board members and staff will work together to set a time for the local work group meeting on July 18.
- SPECIAL PROGAMS John B. reported a meeting on the Ecosystem Services Pilot project is scheduled for the Lodi area at the end of June. He also reported on completion of a smart phone app for the Mokelumne watershed including a weed identification function and the ability to tie into the "watershed Users' Guide" once it is completed.
- CRAE There was no report on CRAE. John B. noted he has been asked to serve on the California Roundtable for Water and Food Supply. Their next meeting is in July.
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packets including notice of a meeting on Long Term Ag Research. Board members suggested it might be a good meeting for Ora to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS

John B. called the attention of Directors communications items contained in the meeting packet including excerpts from an article on proposed food safety regulations.

DETACHMENTS

There were no detachments to review.

AG WAIVER

John B. called the attention of Director's to the Coalition's financial report and minutes from the Steering Committee meeting. Mike W. reported a provision in the governor's budget will raise fees charged by the state water board from \$.56/acre to \$.88/acre. Ruth M. reported memberships were coming in as projected. John B. called the attention of directors to an economic analysis of Irrigated Lands Program costs conducted for Kern County. Directors reviewed a letter from a Coalition member and deferred further discussion until the next meeting. Jennifer S. reported no final ruling has been issued in the Coalition lawsuit against the programmatic EIR. The timetable for adoption of the Coalitions order is expected to be and administrative draft released in July, a board workshop in October and adoption as soon as December. Schedule local workshops for growers to alert them to provisions in the draft order and request regional board staff attend those meetings. M S P

ADJOURNMENT

The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday July 18, 2013 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.