

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
July 18, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:11pm.
- 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 Ora Van Steyn, April Jernberg, Mike Wackman, Jennifer Spaletta, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie. Guests present included Joe Karkoski, Chris Jimmerson (Region 5, Water Quality Control Board), Bruce Blodgett and Julianne Phillips (San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation).
- CONSENT AGENDA Items in the consent agenda included the minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting, the Special Programs Report, and Detachments. Approve 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
- ELECTIONS Re-elect the current slate of officers: President Jack Hamm, Vice President Richard Rodriguez, Secretary/Treasurer Diego Olagaray. M S P
- DRAFT BUDGET Approve the 2013-2014 Budget as presented. M S P
- NRCS UPDATE Ora VS reported the deadline for contracts was July 1 and contracts must be obligated by August 1. Most of the information was presented at the Local Work Group meeting prior to the RCD Board meeting. Ora also noted that Maria Pimentel resigned to accept a position with a private institution. John B. called the attention of Directors to a thank you letter from Mary in the meeting packet.
- CRAE There was no report on CRAE. Ms. Watkins reported the group was scheduled to meet again in two weeks. John B. was invited to be on the California Roundtable on Water and Food Supply (CRWFS). If accepted, he will seek a stipend to participate.
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packets including notice of a rice production workshop July 25 and the California Farm Bureau Annual meeting in December.
- COMMUNICATIONS John B. called the attention of Directors communications items contained in the meeting packet including an invitation to participate as a stakeholder in the CV SALTS process and a letter from the Board of Supervisors noting Director Appointments are on the agenda for the Supervisors' 7/23/13 meeting.
- AG WAIVER Mr. Karkoski discussed provisions in a proposed draft WDR for the Coalition. His discussion included background on the ILRP program, a discussion of the

current waiver program, and an explanation of the proposed new order including groundwater sampling and practices. There were also discussions of required report templates, the size of the proposed new Coalition area, and the state's anti-degradation policy as well as discussion of program costs. John B. called the attention of Director's to the Coalition financial report and minutes from the Steering Committee meeting. Mike W. called the attention of Directors to a letter requiring participation in a Mercury Exposure reduction Program (MERP). Mike will send in a letter proposing an alternative to paying the fee requested by the state. Directors discussed changing the times for tentative grower workshops on the impending WDR and directed staff to find locations to accommodate those meeting times.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Directors retired into executive session to discuss litigation in *SJCRCB et. al. vs. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region et. al.* There was no decision rendered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday August 15, 2013 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.