

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
July 22, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 10:40am.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster, John Thoming, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Molly Watkins, John Herrick, and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie. Guests present included Lee Tecklenburg (PureSense), Julianne Phillips (SJ Farm Bureau), and Thomas Martin.
- MEETING AGENDA Accept meeting agenda. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously.
- IRRIGATED LANDS John B. reported approximately \$195,000 in the Contingency Fund. The amount previously paid to cover annual state fees was transferred in to cover remaining expenses. Ruth reported the state mailed approximately 6,000 letters to parcel owners in the Coalition area, causing confusion among growers and increasing the number of phone calls coming into the office. Because of all the phone calls, there is a delay in processing memberships, but the list will be submitted on time. Mike W. reported a footnote in state water board fee rules say a grower should be a member if ground has been irrigated within the past five years. It is a point of contention between state and regional boards. Local policy has been to allow members to drop once they stop irrigating.
- Mike W. reported the Groundwater Assessment Report is due 4/25/15. An outline describing what will be in the GAR, how it will be compiled and meet requirements of the regulation is due Thursday. It will be the first chance for regional board staff to comment. Farm evaluation plans are due for submission 6/15/15. The ESJ Coalition conducted workshops to help growers fill out the forms. We will seek to make some changes clarifying instructions. Local workshops should begin by 11/1/14. Sediment and erosion control plans must be certified. We will seek to create a self-certification program for local growers. A sediment and erosion report is due 4/15/15. A draft template is included in the meeting packet.
- Only one proposal was received for technical program manager, and it came from current TPM Michael L. Johnson LLC. Accept a not to exceed contract for MLJ-LLC as technical program manager. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously.
- MINUTES Approve minutes from June 10, 2014 Meeting. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Olagaray, approved unanimously.

NRCS UPDATE Ora reported nearly all the local applications for the National Air Quality Initiative were approved. Funding under EQIP for irrigation practices was greatly reduced in part because the special drought program took funds from other programs. The agency is offering practice funding through the RCPP program. John B. is in the process of developing a pre-proposal for submission in August. In personnel matters, Ora reported a new farm bill assistant position is needed for the office.

RESOURCES There was no report on CRAE. John B. reported the MokeWISE committee is in the process of prioritizing potential projects to benefit the groundwater basin. John also reported the San Joaquin County Ag Drought Task Force seems to have expanded its scope beyond agriculture. The task force continues to request weekly reports and meets monthly or bi-monthly.

WATERSHED COORD. John B. reported the Mokelumne River Stewardship Committee would like to see the RCD hire a replacement Watershed Coordinator. John also reported funds remain in the grant from EBMUD, and the funder is willing to consider a grant extension. John was directed to draw up a task list and job description to be posted to the RCD website and CARCD and Mokelumne listservs.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER John B. reported the Pombo Scholarship Dinner is scheduled Friday. Directors were encouraged to attend if they had not already committed.

ANNUAL MEETING Accept proposal from Croce, Sanguinetti, and VanderVeen to conduct annual audits for the next three years. Motion by Mr. Koster, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously. Accept draft budget as amended. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Rodriguez, approved unanimously. John B. was directed to make additions to the draft long range plan including promotion of a dredging program for the Delta. Elect Richard Rodriguez President. Motion by Mr. Olagaray, second by Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. Elect Diego Olagaray Vice President. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously. Elect Phil Balmat Treasurer. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Mr. Koster, approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS, ETC. John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet(s) including registration information for the CARCD Annual Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS John B. called the attention of Directors to communication items in the meeting packet including a letter from EBMUD regarding John Brodie.

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

EXEC.SESSIOIN REPORT John B. was directed to submit new contracts and scopes of work for subcontractors to the District.

ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday August 21, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 12 noon.