

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
Board of Director's Meeting
August 15, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 12:22pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, John Thoming, Marden Wilber, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Bill Koster and John Herrick. Staff members and contractors present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, and John Brodie. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation), Stephanie Celli (landowner), and Heather Carr (landowner).
- CONSENT AGENDA Items in the consent agenda included the minutes of the July 18, 2013 meeting, and the Special Programs Report. 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
- PRESENTATION The presentation by the Range Camp student has been delayed due to transportation issues. John B. gave the teacher the option of allowing the student to make the presentation by video. The teacher noted the presentation would be made for the September meeting by video.
- NRCS UPDATE Ora VS reported the area received another \$500,000 in EQIP funds. Other Farm Bill Programs are unknown at this time as a new Farm Bill remains unfinished. She also noted negotiations continue on a new funding agreement for personell as well as an interim lease for the office while the search continues for appropriate new office space. John B. called the attention of Director's to a new vehicle use agreement from NRCS. It was deemed unnecessary to complete the agreement at this time because RCD staff does not drive NRCS vehicles.
- CRAE Ms. Watkins reported the group was working on a land use document that is incomplete. She anticipates having a document to review in September.
- NEW BUSINESS, ETC. Mike W. will attend the MokeWise meeting in place of John B. in September. John also called the attention of Directors to a precision irrigation workshop and a conference on fertilizer.
- COMMUNICATIONS There were no communications to review
- AG WAIVER John B. presented the financial report and called the attention of Directors to the minutes of the Coalition Steering Committee meeting. Mike W. reviewed the local meetings with growers and regional board staff on the proposed new WDR for the Coalition. Ruth M. reported membership was near expected levels but some members remain unpaid. Mail reminder postcards to all delinquent members

M S P. John called the attention of Directors to the report from the Groundwater Consultant. Mike W. discussed the regional board workshop to be held in Stockton October 3, 2013. It is still unknown what time or even whether the workshop will be scheduled morning or afternoon. Spend up to \$5,000 on mailings and newspaper ads to increase attendance at the October 3, 2013 workshop. M S P

CLOSED SESSION

Directors retired into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday September 19, 2013 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.