

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Director's Meeting  
September 19, 2013

- DISCUSSION An informational discussion was held on the Delta Groundwater Characterization Study until a quorum was reached.
- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.
- ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Jack Hamm, Richard Rodriguez, John Thoming, John Herrick, and Phil Balmat. Members absent excused included Diego Olagaray, Molly Watkins, Bill Koster and Marden Wilber. Staff members and contractors present included Mike Wackman, Ora Van Steyn, Ruth Mulrooney, Jennifer Spaletta, Steve Deverel, and John Brodie. Guests present included Julianne Phillips of San Joaquin Farm Bureau.
- CONSENT AGENDA Approve consent items. M S P
- TREASURERS REPORT John B. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. M S P  
Pay \$1,000 annual dues to CARCD. M S P
- NRCS UPDATE Ora VS reported the EQIP application deadline is set for November but may be subject to change depending on passage of a Farm bill. Ora also reported funding for all programs is down compared to 2012. In personnel matters, it was noted that Ora is seeking applicants for the position that opened when Maria resigned. She also called the attention of Directors to new state NRCS policy on the ranking of irrigation systems.
- RESOURCES There was not report on CRAE. John B. reported the first CRWFS meeting was held 9/16. He attended as a guest and full membership is pending.
- NEW BUSINESS John B. called the attention of Directors to items in the meeting packet including an upcoming meeting of the San Joaquin River regional Forum.
- COMMUNICATIONS John B. called the attention of Directors to communications received including a thank you letter from one of the Pombo Scholarship Recipients and CDFA's solicitation of dairies for digester project proposals.
- DETACHMENTS There were no detachments to review.
- AG WAIVER John B. called the attention of Director's to the Coalition financial report and minutes of the coalition steering committee meeting. Mike W. reported that he and Coalition Counsel Jennifer Spaletta were meeting with individual regional water board members prior to the October 3 meeting in Stockton. John B. reported he was scheduled to meet with Regional Water Board and County Ag Commissioner staff regarding set up of the room(s) for the meeting. Board

members reviewed designs for newspaper advertisements scheduled to run prior to the meeting. Final reviews/comments are due to Ruth by the Middle of next week. An ad budget was approved at the August meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 12 noon Thursday October 17, 2013 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.