

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

- CALL TO ORDER President Jack Hamm called the meeting to order at 11:40am.
- 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 Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Jennifer Spaletta, Steve Deveral, and John Brodie. Guests present included Julianne Phillips (San Joaquin Farm Bureau).
- CONSENT AGENDA Approve agenda 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
- COMMUNICATIONS John B. reported the draft letter to NRCS regarding the local work group function and combination of San Joaquin County with other counties for EQIP ranking purposes was incomplete.
- AG WAIVER Steve D. provided an update on his work assessing groundwater issues in the Delta. Steve noted that all available data has been collected and mapped and the draft report will be completed as scheduled in January. Steve also noted preliminary indications are that the so-called "high-vulnerability" area in San Joaquin County will be smaller than as currently designated by the regional board. Ruth M. reported some memberships continue to trickle in due to enforcement actions by the water board. John B. called the attention of Directors to the financial report, the minutes from the steering committee meeting, and a response from Karl Longley to the RCD's letter regarding the October Water Board workshop in Stockton. Ms. Spaletta reported that the public draft of the regulation has been released and comments are due January 18, 2014. She noted that the "small farm" designation as proposed in the East San Joaquin order was removed as requested. However, she noted that the so-called "tattletale rule" was reinstated by regional board staff. Several directors expressed concern and vowed to resign from the Board if the Coalition submitted names of growers to the regional board detailing non-compliance with the regulation.
- ADJOURNMENT The next business meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District is scheduled for 11:30am Thursday January 16, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center.