San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Board of Director’s Meeting

September 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER President Richard Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

ATTENDANCE Members of the Board present included Richard Rodriguez, Molly Watkins, John Herrick, Marden Wilber, Jack Hamm, Phil Blamat and, John Thoming. Members absent excused included; Diego Olagaray, and Bill Koster. Staff members and contractor present included Ora Van Steyn, Mike Wackman, Ruth Mulrooney, Mike Johnson (MLJ-LLC), Melissa Turner (MLJ-LLC), Steve Deverel (HydroFocus), and John Brodie (via conference call). Guests present included Lee Tecklenburg (Pure Sense) Julianne Phillips (SJFB

MEETING AGENDA Correction of the consent agenda, minutes date incorrectly typed as 7/10/14, correction noted as 8/21/14. Motion Mr. Hamm, second, Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously.

Accept meeting agenda and approved minutes from August 21, 2014 meeting. Motion Mr. Herrick, second Mr. Wilbur, approved unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT Ruth M. presented the lists of income and bills to be paid. Pay the bills. Motion by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick, approved unanimously. Complete financial reports were unavailable from Mr. Brodie.

NRCS UPDATE Ora V. reported that she and her staff have completed obligating contracts for this year. She reported that NRCS will begin a new pilot program to fund contracts monthly, instead of yearly. Applications will be continually accepted. The screening, ranking, site visits and funding will be ongoing throughout the year. Ora hired a new farm bill assistant through the Lucia Employment Agency; this person will begin work in October. Ora will attend a meeting at the end of October to finalize the move to a new office location. The Local Work Group meeting will be 10/8/14 at 11:00 am. RCPP proposals will be discussed.

RESOURCES Molly reported on CRAE. On September 22nd CRAE will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. MokeWISE and the Mokelumne River Coordinator had nothing to report.

IRIGATED LANDS Steve Deverel reported that HydroFocus has a GAR draft report due to the Coalition by 1/30/15 and a final report due to the RB by 4/15/15. The data gaps in the current report need to be further researched. HydroFocus will present the report at the February 2015 Board meeting.

Approve up to $85,000.00 to HydroFocus for completion and filing of the Groundwater Assessment Report. Motion by Mr. Hamm, second Mr. Balmat, approved unanimously. Direction was given to legal counsel to develop guidelines for public records requests. Mike Johnson and Melissa Turner presented their proposal to manage the Farm Evaluation Surveys. Approve budget of $84,016.20 to Michael L. Johnson-LLC and to purchase the Farm Evaluation Survey database from the East San Joaquin Water Coalition. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Thoming, approved unanimously. Mike W. reported that he will be presenting information regarding the Coalition at grower meetings beginning in November. Ruth M. reported that the Coalition has collected dues in excess of budget projections.

GRANT UPDATE John B. reported via conference call, that he will submit the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant proposal at the beginning of October.

NEW BUSINESS Reimburse contingency fund for funds paid to Hydrofocus for groundwater characterization report. Motion by Mr. Herrick, second by Mr. Hamm. Approved unanimously. John B. will refer to the expenditures and determine the exact amount to be transferred. Discussion occurred that legal expenses should be part of the regular operating budget. Accept the CA DWR Prop 50 Water Use Efficiency grant funds. Motion by Mr. Thoming, second by Ms. Watkins, approved unanimously. After reading agreement, Mr. Rodriguez will then sign the contract.

COMMUNICATIONS Ruth M. called the attention of Directors to communication items in the meeting packet.

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

 The Board directed Ruth M. to place ads in the San Joaquin Farm Bureau News, Stockton Record, Lodi News and the Capital Press to advertise for a SJCRCD Director and a Mokelumne River Coordinator. Begin SJCRCD Board meetings at 11:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Motion by Mr. Hamm, second by Mr. Herrick. Approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Board is scheduled Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the USDA Stockton Service Center at 11:00 a.m. Adjourn meeting at 2:40 p.m. Motion by Mr. Balmat, second by Mr. Wilbur. Approved unanimously.