

Minutes – Monday, January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Mike Wackman. The agenda was accepted and November meeting minutes were unanimously approved Joe V/Richard A. No meeting was held in December.

In attendance: Tim Pelican (SJC Ag Commissioner), Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), Mike Johnson (MLJ,LLC), Melissa Turner (MLJ,LLC), Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Sarah Lucchetti (SJCDWQC), Joe Valente (NSJWCD), Cristine Vana (MVA), Rachelle Antonetti (MVA), Phil Balmat (SJCRCD), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCD), Richard Atkins (SEWD), Walt Luihn (SSJID), Ben Wallace (CCCRCD), Ben Weise (CCCRCD), Terry Prichard (SJCDWQC).

Financial Report – Reports were available for review, Mike W. discussed the budget. MLJ, LLC is under budget in their expenses. An additional expense line item will be added to the budget to reflect the payment to CV Salts. Mike W. has not received the monthly reports from SJC, so the budget is not current.

Membership Report –Ruth M. that she had been contacted by the WB. They emailed a list of over 700 small parcels that will noncompliance letters. The WB believes these parcels are being farmed and will need to join the Coalition. They will mail the letters in late January. Reservations are being made for the NMP Self Certification classes to be held in Jan., Feb., and March.

Program Managers Report & WDR Implementation Report– Mike J. reported that there were not any water quality issues in the November or December samples. The Coalition is required to monitor two storm events between January and March. MLJ, LLC was able to conduct one of the storm event tests last week. Melissa T. reported that only 68% of the NMPs have been returned for the 2015 crop year. 79% of the 2015 Farm Evaluations have been returned. The 2016 packets will be mailed in January. Those packets will contain NMPs and FEs and will have a due day of April 15, 2017. Daniel Geisseler has submitted a report of Nitrogen removed values for 70 crops, the final decision regarding the interpretation of his results is pending. 2016 Focused Outreach Surveys are awaiting one grower's response. Ruth will attempt to make contact with this grower.2017 Focus Outreach surveys will be in three locations and cover 19 growers. MLJ, LLC recently submitted the 2016 Management Plan Completion letter, we are awaiting RB approval. The Ground Water Trend Monitoring Plan that was submitted on 12/19/16 by Hydro Focus will be finalized at a later date by the RB. Sarah L. reported that the additional late notice postcards that were mailed to grower who have not returned their 2015 NMP has generated telephone calls and emails. She is assisting growers in completing their late paperwork.

Old Business- Mike W. reported that the Regional Monitoring Program is moving forward, the finance committee will meet 1/10/17.

New Business – None

Public Comments – Joe V. stated that the UC Ext has open positions for Farm Advisors and recommended that qualified applicants apply.

Adjourn 10:43 a.m. the next meeting of the SJCDWQC is February 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

