

SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, May 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Mike Wackman. The agenda was accepted and minutes were approved by consent.

In attendance: Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), Mike Johnson (MLJ,LLC), Julianne Phillips (SJFB), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Amy Blagg (LDGGA), Sarah Lucchetti (SJCDWQC), Joe Valente (NSJWCD), Rachele Antonetti (MVA), Kamal Bagri (SJC Ag Commissioners Office), Melissa Turner (MLJ, LLC), Sam Severson (MVA), Phil Abba (Grower), Dave Forkel (MWD), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCO).

Financial Report – The financial reports were not available for review as the meeting date was prior to the 5/10/17 due date of invoices. Mike W. reported that the SJCRCO Board approved fees of \$4.00/ac for the 2017-18 membership dues.

Membership Report – Ruth M. reported that the Coalition mailed non-compliant 2014 and 2015 Farm Evaluation or Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report letters to our members. Annual membership invoices were mailed 5/1/17 and are due by 6/30/17.

Program Managers Report & WDR Implementation Report– Mike J. reported that the February sampling found diuron at Terminus Tract. This is the fourth exceedance at this site and now a management plan will now be required. Ammonium was found at Temple Creek in the March 21st sample, this may be due to manure run off. On May 1, 2017 MLJ, LLC submitted the 2016 annual report to the WB. The NMP Worksheets are to be completed by growers and kept on site by 6/15/17. Melissa T. reported that 141 postcards were mailed to growers on parcels that fell into the RUSLE model. She has received 84 responses, but only 2 will need SECPs completed. The 2016 farm surveys were due 4/15/17, so far 86% of the Farm Evaluations (FE) and 60% of the Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports (NMP SR) have been received. A late notice postcard will be mailed later in May reminding growers to turn in their FE & NMP SR surveys. Mike W. reported that the Northern and Southern Coalition groups are collectively working on a SWAP model to determine the amount of N released into the soil. This group has received a grant from NRCS to help with the costs of the study. Mike W. reported that the WB is working on the new general order. The WB wants the Coalitions to do even more reporting in regards to Nitrogen Summary Reports. Sarah L. reported that she has been assisting growers in completing past due FE & NMP SRs in addition to completing requests for SECP.

Old Business- Mike W. reported that the Regional Monitoring Program wants to redesign the monitoring program in the Delta as they did not find a pesticide issue in the previous program.

New Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

Adjourn 10:16 a.m. the next meeting of the SJCDWQC is June 12, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.