

SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, November 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Mike Wackman. The agenda was accepted and approved by consent.

In attendance: Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Sarah Lucchetti (SJCDWQC), Melissa Turner (MLJ Environmental), Richard Newens (MLJ Environmental), Phil Balmat (SJCRCO), Dave Forkel (MWD), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCO), Terry Prichard (SJCDWQC), Joe Valente (Kautz Farms), Richard Atkins (SEWD).

Financial Report – Mike W. reviewed the financial report. The budget reflected the cost of the Ground Water Trend Monitoring. Next month we will pay approximately \$25,000.00 for our participation in the CV Salts program. Dues collected are behind last year at 92%.

Membership Report – Ruth reported that the WB is getting closer to imposing enforcement action on members who did not submit their 2017 Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report and/or their Farm Evaluation. The Coalition has done outreach to the growers who received registered letters and compliance of NMP SR is now at 98%.

Program Managers Report– (Please refer to the attached Program Managers Report) Melissa reported that only two exceedances occurred in the 2018 water year. Those were in June at Temple Creek for chlorpyrifos and in August at French Camp for bifenthrin. The October pesticide results are pending, this will be the first sampling of the 2019 water year. Ground Water Trend Monitoring occurred on 10/22, 10/23 and 11/5. 42 of the 53 wells were tested. Of the remaining eleven wells five are public wells and six belong to Coalition members. Ruth will attempt to contact the Coalition members and schedule sampling. Melissa will be meeting with Steve Deveral and Mike W to discuss additional options if these well sites are unavailable. The MPEP work plan revision will be submitted by 12/1, the Biostimulatory document review is due 12/7. Staff at MLJ Environmental are currently preparing member packets that will be mailed in mid-January 2019. FE Surveys are at 91.4% for 2017 and NMP SR are at 98% for 2017.

WDR Implementation (Old Business) – Mike W. reported that our New WDR should be approved by February 2019. Mike W. will be meeting with the RB in December to determine if Farm Evaluations for the 2018 crop year need to be collected from our growers. The annual grower meetings have been posted on our Coalition website and a letter was direct mailed to our members. Mike W. reported that CV Salts will hold an outreach meeting on 12/12 in Modesto for Priority 1 areas, they have invited POTWs and Water Districts. Our Coalition are is in a Priority 2 area and will have a meeting at a later date..

New Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

Adjourn 10:07 a.m.

The next meeting of the SJCDWQC is scheduled for December 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau 3290 N. Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA.