

SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, November 13, 2017

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), Mike Johnson (MLJ,LLC), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Sarah Lucchetti (SJCDWQC), Rachelle Antonetti (MVA), Kay Mercer (MKI), Melissa Turner (MLJ, LLC), Dave Forkel (MWD), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCDD), Phil Balmat (SJCRCDD), Tim Pelican (SJC Ag Commissioner), Ben Weise (CCCRCD), Mike Machado (P & M Farms), Amy Blagg (LDGGA), Joe Valente (Kautz Farms), Gretchen Sehauer (Kautz Farms), Walt Luihn (SSJID), Bob Ferguson (Grower), Bruce Fry (Grower).

Financial Report – The financial reports were available for review. The Coalition paid \$123,000 +/- for our outstanding membership dues to CV Salts.

Membership Report – Ruth M. reported that the WB is increasing their efforts on NMP SR compliance and has mailed letters to members who have not submitted their 2016 report. The Coalition is contacting members who have outstanding reports and assisting them in completing their paperwork.

Program Managers Report & WDR Implementation Report– (Please refer to the attached Program Managers Report) Mike J. reported that the next sampling will occur on 11/14/17. Due to the Delta RMP monitoring swap have the same number of sites, but the number of constituents will be reduced at each site. We will no longer be testing for flat head minnow toxicity. The Annual Management Plan Completion request will be submitted to the WB. We are requesting that sites be removed from Management Plan Monitoring. Melissa T. reported that the Focused Outreach Surveys (FO) for 2017 has been completed, and they are beginning to work on the 2018 FO survey packets. The Membership Portal is up and running, approximately 450 members have logged in and created password. She anticipates this number to increase as grower begin to submit their FE & NMP paperwork in the spring. Mike W. reported that the dates have been set for all of the grower meetings, classes and workshops. Letters were mailed to Coalition member's listings the dates and additional information can be found on the website. The WB wants every Coalition member with a parcel along a waterway to have completed an SECP, this is in response to repeated E Coli exceedances. Mike W. reported that the ESJ revised Order has been released. He believed it will be challenged in court as the WB did not define WQ limits within specific geographic limits for Nitrates. The State Water Board may soon require a Bio Assessment (collecting live insects) along waterways as a means to determine the "health" of the waterway. Mike W. will continue to monitor this proposal. In 2018 the Coalition will have to begin Groundwater Trend Monitoring. The WB is encouraging our Coalition to join the Central Valley Groundwater Collaborative, Mike W. is refusing as we have already developed our own Groundwater Trend Monitoring Program.

Old Business- . Mike J. reported that the Delta Regional Monitoring Program will have a vacancy of one of its Co-Chairpersons. Mike W. is being considered to fill the vacancy. Mike W. reported that the CV Salts is moving forward on the Basin Plan amendments.

New Business – None.

Public Comments – Ben Weise reported that the Contra Cost RCD has hired a new director, Chris Lynn (sp?)

Adjourn 10:12 a.m. the next meeting of the SJCDWQC is December 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau.

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