

SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, February 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 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), Melissa Turner (MLJ, LLC), Dave Forkel (MWD), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCRCD), Tim Pelican (SJC Ag Commissioner), Ben Weise (CCCRCD), Terry Prichard (SJCDWQC), Phil Balmat (SJCRCRCD), Alvin Cortopassi (SEWD).

Financial Report – Mike W. reviewed the financial report. The budget is slightly over in membership fees collect due to members joining the Coalition. Melissa T. reported that analytical costs for next year will increase due to additional monitoring

Membership Report –Ruth M. reported that the WB is increasing enforcement efforts. Enforcement letters from the WB were mailed 2/12/18 members will have 15 days to respond to the letter or face fines for not returning their 2015 or 2016 NMP SR. Approximately 110 letters were mailed.

Program Managers Report & WDR Implementation Report– (Please refer to the attached Program Managers Report) Mike J. reported that the next sampling will occur on 2/20/18. No pesticide exceedances were found, but algae toxicity was present. The Coalition is now testing for additional pyrethroids and neonicotinoids as required by the WB. The Coalition received conditional approval of the Ground Water Management Plan, the updated version will require BMPs to be used for abandoned wells and unused wells. We have received comments from the RB on the Draft Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring plan the RB has requested that we test more wells. Compliance update: Farm Evaluations received 2016 91%, 2017 8%, Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report received 2016 90%, 2018 7%.The web portal has 609 members using it to submit farm surveys. Due to repeated algae toxicity in the Delta we will be mailing 11 Focused Outreach Surveys and holding a grower meeting. Sarah L. reported that the Coalition has held three NMP Self Certification classes with approximately 75 people in attendance. The CE NMP class have been full, and we currently have a waiting list. We anticipate holding additional classes in the fall. Sarah has held several SECP Self Certification class the next one is 2/14/18. Mike W. reported that the State Water Board passed the new ESJ order, changes include: every domestic well located on an irrigated ag parcel will have to be tested annually by a certified lab and the results uploaded to the public information site “geotracker”; all members will have to submit annually a NMP Summary Report that will newly contain every source of N (water, fertilizer, compost, manure) and calculate crop evaporation transportation rates; low vulnerability parcels will have to annually submit a NMP Summary Report, but they will not have to be self-certified; farm evaluations have been reduced to once every five years. The Coalition will not collect the data on the domestic well test, but will notify our members of the new requirements. Mike W also reported that the new Goundwater Trend Monitoring Plan will begin in late Fall, and that the RB wants more coverage of our test well sites (we currently have 20+/- wells), and that the surface water portion of the Plan will be peer reviewed by a panel.

Old Business- Mike W. reported the CV Salts Program will go before the WB in April for their review.

New Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

Adjourn 10:26 a.m. the next meeting of the SJCDWQC is 3/12/18

