

SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, March 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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), Richard Newens (MLJ,LLC) Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCDD), Kamal Bagri (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), Shasta Burns (SJCRCDD), Phil Balmat (SJCRCDD), Richard Atkins (SEWD), Joe Valente (Kautz Farms), Amy Blagg (LDGGA), Michelle Leinfelder-Miles (UCCE), Terry Prichard (SJCDWQC), Spencer Voss (MVA), Gretchen Schnier (Kautz Farms), Jessica Rudnick (UCD), Ora Van Steyn (NRCS)

Financial Report – Mike W. reviewed the financial report. There was an increase in the mailing costs due to printing the grower survey packets in color. This was done to make it easier to differentiate between forms. The State Water Board fees will be paid in March. Mike W. will present the 2018-19 budget to the SJCRCDD Board on Thursday for their approval. Dues may change based upon the SJCRCDD Boards decision. There was an increase of \$50,000.00+ in dues paid due to increased membership. The 2018-19 budget will reflect the maintenance cost of the web portal, approx. \$5,000.00 in additional expense.

Membership Report – Ruth reported that the WB mailed 200+ certified letters to grower who had not returned their 2015 NMP SR. The Coalition has reached out to those members to provide assistance with paperwork.

Grower Workshops – Sarah L. reported that there is one more scheduled grower workshop. Grower turnout has been lighter than in years past. Melissa T. reported an increase in the submission of farm surveys using the web portal by primarily large growers. A total of 655 growers have signed up to use the web portal. Sarah L. finished the self-certification classes for SECP, and has a few remaining plans to develop. Melissa T. reported that 2017 FE surveys are 28%, NMP SR are 24% returned, while 2016 Fe 93% and NMP SR 93%. Focused Outreach meeting dates will be set later this week.

Program Managers Report & WDR Implementation Report– (Please refer to the attached Program Managers Report) Mike W. reported on the Groundwater Trend Monitoring stating that we have 40 wells that are all voluntary, but we need to have a total of 60 wells. Hydro Focus has developed the trend monitoring report. Mike J. stated that the State Water Board will be allowed to request access to the property where the wells are located. The WB is requesting specific wells to inspect, they are concerned about cracked cement around the well head, and that the ground be sloped away from the well head. Mike J. reported that we have not had any exceedances, since the new water year began. The Regional WB changed the list of pesticides that we are testing for, but we have only had detections, not exceedances. Melissa T. reported that we may do a storm sampling within the next week. Mike J. reported that we will have to turn in a management strategy for E. Coli by May 1st. It is possible an SECP could get the growers out of an E. Coli sampling requirement.

Old Business- Mike W. reported the CV Salts Program will hold a workshop in April..

New Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

Adjourn 10:25 a.m. the next meeting of the SJCDWQC is 4/9/18