

- SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, May 14, 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), Richard Newens (MLJ, LLC), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCD), Phil Balmat (SJCRCD), Joe Valente (Kautz Farms), Amy Blagg (LDGGA), Spencer Voss (MVA), Bob Ferguson (Ferguson Farms), Dave Forkel (MWD), Ben Weise (CCRCD), Michelle Leinfelder Miles (UCCE), Walt Luihn (SSJID).

Financial Report – Mike W. reviewed the financial report. 2018-19 annual membership fees were set at \$3.50/acre. The SJCRCD Board of Directors was able to reduce the fee by .50/acre because the previous year's water tests have been clean and analytical costs were less than expected.

Membership Report – Ruth reported that the 2018-19 membership invoices were mailed on 5/1/18 and will be due 6/15/18. The WB has two of our members that are facing enforcement action for failure to return their NMP Summary Reports.

Grower Workshops/Outreach – Sarah L. reported she has reaching out to the remaining five growers who must complete a Focused Outreach Survey. She has already contacted and received paperwork from the other six growers of the eleven that were mailed a survey.

Program Managers Report & WDR Implementation Report– (Please refer to the attached Program Managers Report) Richard N. reported that no pesticides have been detected in the samples taken October 2017 through April 2018. On the 4/15/18 sampling we will test for 19 pesticides of which 13 are new pesticides that the WB added to the list. We will no longer be monitoring for dioxin. Mike J. reported that along with other Coalitions in our area we submitted to the RB an E. coli management plan strategy. Every waterway in the Central Valley is above the E. coli standards imposed by the WB. MLJ, LLC has assisted Normans Nursery with their management plan, and it has been submitted to the RB. Mike J. reported on the GW trend monitoring program, our Coalition will have to rotate sites in 2018, as required by the general order. We will submit our list of new sites on August 1. To date the Coalition has received 76% of the 2018 Farm Evaluations and 77% of the Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports, these surveys were due to the Coalition on April 1st. Mike W. reported on the DWR Implementation, that only growers with property along "named waterways" will have to comply with pending changes to the regulations. Our updated General Order should be completed by the RB no later than August 1st. Mike J. & Mike W, said they doubt that the WB will meet individually with Coalitions to make changes to the updated General Order. The new NMP SR will add N water testing and irrigation information to the revised forms.

Old Business- Mike W. reported that the Delta Regional Monitoring Program wants a 3% increase in the fees collected from our Coalition, amounting to \$1,200.00 +/- additional costs. CV Salts group will meet with the RB on 5/31 and 6/1, this will be the largest program administered by the RB. They will be working on creating management zones for nitrates in the valley and discussing who will implement the program on the local level.

New Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

Adjourn 9:56 a.m. the next meeting of the SJCDWQC is July 9, 2018. They will not be a June meeting.

