

(SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, May 12, 2019)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mike Wackman. The agenda was accepted and approved by consent.

In attendance: Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Joe Valente (Kautz Farms), Spencer Voss (MVA), Kamal Bagri (SJC Ag Commissioners Office), Phil Balmat (SJCRCD), Ben Weise (CCCRCD), Melissa Turner (MLJ Environmental), Dave Forkel (MWD), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCD), Richard Newens (MLJ Environmental), KiKu Severson (MVA), Sarah Lucchetii (JSCDWQC), Alvin Cortopassi (SEWD), Amy Blagg (LDGGA).

Financial Report – Mike W. discussed the financial report. We are currently under budget in monitoring costs, and on track in the other areas.

Membership Report –Ruth reported that the annual invoices were mailed 5/1/19 and are due 6/15/19. Late notice NMP SR postcards were mailed at the end of April, and members have been requesting assistance in completing their NMP SR paperwork. The WB emailed a list of growers to the Coalition, who will be receiving Directive letters.

Program Managers Report– (Please refer to the attached Program Managers Report) Richard N. reported that surface water sampling occurred 4/9/19. In March there were no exceedances in the surface water sampling. A sediment toxicity was found at Union Island drain, this site already has a management plan in place. The next surface water sampling will occur 5/20/19. Melissa reported that groundwater sampling will have to occur in the same month annually. Discussion occurred, and August was chosen as the month that our Coalition will sample groundwater wells. We have received 75% of the Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports that were due 4/1/19.

WDR Implementation- Mike W. reported at a Focused Outreach Grower Meeting will be held 6/1/19 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the SJFB conference room. The RB is developing a Methyl Mercury TMDL for outside of the Delta. The RB is trying to determine where Methyl Mercury is coming from in surface water. State WB fees in 2020 will increase to \$1.07/irrigated acre, they are currently \$.94/irrigated acre. Mike W. is on the Surface Water Monitoring Review Panel (SWMRP) Advisory Committee. They will make recommendations of who should sit on the advisory panel.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Public Comments- Kamal Bagri stated that DPR permit conditions are so stringent that many growers have reduced their use of chlorpyrifos. DPR has a two year plan to phase out its use.

Adjourn 9:45 a.m.

The next meeting of the SJCDWQC is scheduled for June 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m. at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau 3290 N. Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA.