

SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Tuesday, 12/10/19

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), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Joe Valente (Kautz Farms), Jesse Fowler (SJC Ag Commissioner's Office), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCDD), Richard Newens (MLJ Environmental), Melissa Turner (MLJ Environmental), Sarah Lucchetii (SCJDWQC), Michelle Leinfelder-Miles (UCCE), Emily Sheldon (OID), Amy Blagg (LDGGA), Phil Balmat (SJCRCDD).

Financial Report – Mike W. the financial report was not available.

Membership Report –Ruth reported that the annual grower meetings in conjunction with the SJC Ag Commissioners meetings are well attended. She and Wendy are updating the DB to prepare for the annual grower survey packets that will be mailed in January.

Program Managers Report– (Please refer to the attached Program Managers Report) Richard N. reported that surface water sampling occurred 12/2/19, and the next sampling is planned for 1/17/19. No exceedances for pesticides have been detected in Sept., Oct., or Nov. In November sediment toxicity was found at two locations. The Ground Water Trend monitoring detected three additional wells with N concentrations above the limit. Currently, there are twelve Ground Water Trend monitoring wells that have exceeded the safe drinking water standard. Each of the landowners were mailed a packet explaining the results and requiring them to submit a notification form to the WB and the person using the domestic well. The NMP Summary Report was submitted to the WB on 11/30/19. A letter was submitted to the RB on behalf of the Coalition requesting to remove nine management plans and eight sights from continued monitoring, we are awaiting their reply. Discussion occurred of the web portal update and how to implement the pesticide monitoring results, so that members can see on a map where the exceedances are occurring. It is estimated that the 2019 grower survey packets will be mailed 1/24/20, and due by 4/1/20. A late reminder postcard scheduled for 4/15 for any members who do not submit their paperwork.

WDR Implementation- Mike W. reported that CV Salts will begin implementing the Prioritization Study in the central valley. This will cause our costs to increase by approx. \$10,000.00/year for an overall cost of approx. \$45,000.00/year. The Delta Regional Monitoring Program is researching the possibility of forming a JPA to govern the program. Approx. sixty members will be required to attend a Focused Outreach meeting over four watersheds, the meetings will be held in February 2020. Mike W., Mike J and Melissa will be attending a Delta Tour along with the Expert Panel who will make recommendations to the WB about the implementation of the General Order. This tour will occur in January 2020.

Workshops/Meetings- Sarah L. reported that a SECP class is scheduled for 2/13/20 at SJFB.

Old Business –. None.

New Business – None.

Public Comments- Amy Blagg, stated that a Water Forum will be held At Jackson Hall, Lodi Grape Festival Grounds on 12/19/19, hosted by the NSJWCD. The Water Forum will discuss SGMA, groundwater recharge, and how to get surface water from the NSJWCD system.

Adjourn 10:10 a.m.

The next meeting of the SJCDWQC is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau 3290 N. Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA.