

SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, September 14, 2020

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Mike Wackman. The agenda was accepted and approved by consent.

In attendance: Mike Wackman (SJCDWQC), Ruth Mulrooney (SJCDWQC), Richard Newens (MLJ Environmental), Melissa Turner (MLJ Environmental), Sarah Lucchetii (SCJDWQC), Phil Balmat (SJCRCDD), Dave Forkel (MWD), Richard Atkins (SEWD), Ben Weise (CCC RCD), Terry Prichard (Consultant), Amy Bladd (LDGGA), Michelle Leinfelder-Miles (UC Ext),

Financial Report – The financial report was reviewed by Mike W. Expenses are on track for the year.

Membership Report – Ruth reported that the WB is reviewing the list of potential NOV letters, due to members not submitting their 2019 NMP SR. She has been contacting members and working to Sarah L. to get them to complete the NMP SR paperwork.

Program Managers Report– (Please refer to the attached Program Managers Report) Richard N. reported that the July surface water sampling at Union Island was 44 times the trigger limit and at Temple Creek it was two times the trigger. Both exceedances were for bifenthrin. These two test sites are already in a Management Plan, and ongoing Focused Outreach will continue. Ground Water Monitoring for N occurred in late August, 52 of the 53 wells were tested. Richard N. expects the results to be available in October. The membership portal was reviewed. We have added webpages listing the watersheds, monitoring results and maps. This will allow growers quick access to view where exceedances have occurred in their watershed and to adjust their Best Management Practices accordingly.

WDR Implementation- Melissa T. reported that the Preliminary Review Panel reviewed the ESJ model and had only a few comments. They suggested that the neo-nicanoid reporting limits be lowered to the level that research says impacts sensitive species. Mike W. reported that CV Salts is moving forward, our Coalition will have a couple of years before we will have to develop management plans and alternative drinking water sources. He will be watching the approach taken by other Coalition groups in the South Valley.

Workshops/Meetings Mike W. reported that he has been working with the SJC Ag Commissioners office to add a Water Coalition meeting component to their online grower meetings that will occur this fall. Focused Outreach meetings will be held tailgate style in small group. Mike W. and Sarah will be planning these as needed.

Old Business –. The Delta Regional Monitoring Program is continuing on.

New Business – None.

Public Comments- Richard Atkins, discussed the E Coli findings in the Calaveras River. Discussion occurred.

Adjourn 10:12 a.m.

The next meeting of the SJCDWQC is scheduled for Monday, October 12 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.