

SJCDWQC Steering Committee Minutes – Monday, November 9, 2020

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:31 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), Richard Rodriguez (SJCRCDD), Dave Forkel (MWD), Richard Atkins (SEWD), Terry Prichard (Consultant), Amy Blagg (LDGGA), Michelle Leinfelder-Miles (UC Ext), Brandon Nakagawa (SSJID), Tim Pelican (SJC Ag Commissioner), Joe Valente (NSJWCD),

Financial Report – The financial report was reviewed by Mike W. 97% of the dues have been collected. The SJCRCDD increased their overhead percentage.

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 surface water monitoring will occur 11/17/20. It will be for the new water year, and minimal sampling will occur due to the time of year. The WB has approved the 2021 schedule update. In August there were Pyrethroid exceedances at Terminous Tract, Union Island and Upper Roberts Island. In September Pyrethroid exceedances were found at Lone Tree, Union Island and Temple Creed. Ground water testing occurred in a total of 53 wells. Member wells accounted for 41, and public wells were the remaining twelve. This year there was one additional well that exceeded the Nitrogen levels, bringing the total to eleven. By the end of November all 41 well owners will receive their monitoring results. The Groundwater Assessment Report (GAR) is being completed by Steve Deveral with Hydro Focus. This report must be updated once every five years. Annual member packets will be mailed in January 2021 and will include the annual Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan. Farm Evaluation will also be included, but will only have to be done by grower once every five years.

WDR Implementation- Melissa T. reported Groundwater Protection Targets will be set for all growers within a Township. The goal is to reduce leeching of Nitrogen into the groundwater.

Workshops/Meetings Mike W. reported that all Coalition grower meeting will be online. He has uploaded a video to our website for our members. NMP Self Certification CE classes will be taken over by CDFA and will be online by December. The SJC Ag Commission's website will have CE classes available for grower who need their hours to maintain their applicator permit. Mike W. discussed the Fish Friendly Farming certification available for growers.

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

New Business – None.

Public Comments- None

Adjourn 11:51 a.m.

The next meeting of the SJCDWQC is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.