LOWER MOKELUMNE RIVER WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP

STEERING COMMITTEE

July 3, 2014 Meeting

Committee Members Present

Kathy Grant (City of Lodi) James Jones (EBMUD)

Margaret Smither-Kopperl (USDA NRCS PMC) Rick Leong (EBMUD)

Charlie Starr

Lodi Rules

Mamie Starr Hanno Bezuidenhout

Kevin Soucie Linda Hatterle (Hatterle Vineyards)

Doug Lind Stephen Perrin

Bettyann Spenker (Spenker Winery)

Staff

John Brodie

Call to Order, Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:11pm. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 6, 2014 meeting were approved as transmitted.

Old Business

1. Ecosystem Services Pilot Project—John B. gave brief overview of the program. The next steering committee meeting will be held in September
2. MokeWISE Program Update—John B. gave a brief overview of the program. John reported that the group is working through a proposed project list submitted by working group members. He noted that the group is working through ranking of project priorities, including funding for watershed coordinator(s) and habitat restoration/enhancement projects in the local watershed.
3. Irrigated Lands Program Update—John B. reported staff is working to compile the membership list which is due for submission 7/31/14. John also reported that the regional board is mailing out letters to owners of parcels not on the most recent membership list letting them know they must comply with the regulation. The letters are generating a lot of phone calls to the Coalition, hampering efforts to compile the membership list. The next deadline is August 15, 2014 for those who have not previously been members to join.
4. Community Outreach
5. NSJWCD—Mr. Starr reported the District Board met 6/31/14. Mr Starr outlined difficulties the District is having moving the Tracy Lake Project forward, including the inability to secure required permits from the U.S. Army corps of Engineers. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled 8/7/14.
6. Art in Public Places—Ms. Grant reported the watershed bench is in place by the Lodi Post Office. Art on the bench was created by local citizens during one of the Lodi Farmers markets.
7. John B. reported to the Committee that the RCD Board wants to maintain the watershed coordinator position and will work to hire a new coordinator in the coming months to replace John. Mr. Leong noted that funding remains in the current watershed coordinator grant, and Partnership Committee is open extending the current agreement.

# Next Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Steering Committee is scheduled 12 noon Friday August 1, 2014 at the USDA NRCS Plant Materials Center.