LOWER MOKELUMNE RIVER WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP

STEERING COMMITTEE

February 7, 2014 Meeting

Committee Members Present

Kathy Grant (City of Lodi) Matthew Hoffman (LWC)

Margaret Smither-Kopperl (USDA NRCS PMC) James Jones (EBMUD)

Lodi Rules

Linda Hatterle Robert Bishofberger

Madeline Spano John Lakso

Staff

John Brodie

Call to Order, Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Agenda

The agenda was approved as mailed.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 20, 2013 meeting were approved as transmitted.

New Business

John B. gave a report on the MokeWISE program, a collaborative grant-funded project that brings together upper and lower watershed interests in an effort to improve groundwater resources in San Joaquin County. The conjunctive use project could also provide some dry year water for a variety of uses.

Old Business

1. Ecosystem Services Pilot Project—John B. reported on a conference call he had with Sustainable Conservation regarding duties and responsibilities as well as a time commitment for a possible program administrator for the project. The administrator would help growers monitor benefits and report to funders.
2. SLEWS/FARMS Leadership Update—John B. reported on the most recent field day—a trip to Durham Ferry school to talk about drought and a tour of the Bartelink Dairy.
3. Irrigated Lands Program Update—John B. reported an adoption hearing is scheduled in March. It is unknown which date the hearing will be for the local order. John noted the regional board re-inserted the “tattletale” rule into the regulation, which is causing considerable concern for the RCD and others. The RCD has not yet decided what action it will take if the tattletale rule remains in the regulation.
4. Watershed Users Guide Update—the guides have been printed. Ms. Grant distributed copies of the printed and bound document. The next step is to get the word out to the public and begin train the trainer workshops. John B. is to contact Mr. Wood about announcing the completion at a Lodi City Council meeting, and perhaps arranging for city council and or city staff to go through a guide workshop.
5. Community Outreach
6. Watershed Open House—Dr. Smither-Kopperl announced the date for the Open House is April 1, 2014 with a focus on soil health and cover crops. It was discussed that the Committee should have a booth/table at the Open House to promote the Watershed Users Guide. John B. is to contact the Lower Mokelumne River Partnership to assist with lunch/refreshments for the event.
7. NSJWCD—No report

# Next Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Steering Committee is scheduled March 7, 2014 at the USDA NRCS Plant Materials Center.