Minutes January 18, 2024

Laguna NRCD

Mark Kuechel called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Mr. Kuechel made a call to the public there was no response.

Israel Camacho made a presentation on a new system to identify if the plants are receiving the desired nutrients and if sodium levels are below the root system. They test the plant and have collecting columns at 8 12 24 inches. The column has a vacuum to collect soil solution to test in a laboratory. He is working in Imperial County with the NRCD and Farmers. The state is encouraging growers to monitor fertilizers to keep the groundwater uncontaminated.

AACD officers will be attending the NACD in San Diego February 10-14. All NRCD supervisors may attend.

AZ game and fish were not present.

BLM: Mark Kuechel reported on Betty’s Kitchen. The pump has a hole in the intake so he is not able to irrigate until the pump is fixed. It has been in the river for approximately 15-20 years. The new shades are up at the learning center are up. Seating is part of the grant and needs to be installed.

Robert Masson reported that the UofA has several field studies going and are harvesting product. If anyone knows of a chemical that is being touted to have the company contact the UofA and a field study can be done.

Conservation Garden: Sheryl Christenson reported that Carson is having surgery on February 1, 2024. She has been sitting the garden and had over 100 people over the weekend. A scout troop has arranged for an overnight and volunteer time at the garden.

Presentations were made for Conservationists of the year to:

Sheryl H Christenson and Hugh Vine Sr. for Laguna NRCD

 Steve McIntosh for Yuma NRCD

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20