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**NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AND AGENDA FOR
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, April 28, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds- Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford St, Lodi CA 95240**

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- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda**
- 2. Correspondence/Announcements**
- 3. Action Items**

Any and all of **the following agenda items are subject to action** being taken by the Board of Directors by motion, resolution or ordinance.

Action items may be added to the agenda upon determination by a majority vote of the Board that an emergency exists, as defined by state law, or by a 2/3 vote of the Board that (1) there is a need to take immediate action; and (2) that the need for action came to the District’s attention after the agenda was posted.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on March 31, 2025 (*attachment 1*). Pages 5-8

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting on April 7, 2025 (attachment 2). Pages 9-10

B. FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Receive and Approve April 2025 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers (*attachment 3*) pages 11-13
2. Approve Payment of Bills (*attachment 4*) pages 14-15
3. Presentation from Christopher Potter from EBMUD re 2025 water supply year projections
4. Adopt Resolution Authorizing General Manager to Reimburse Spaletta Law for use of Office Space, File Storage, Materials and Copier (*attachment 5*) page 16
5. Provide Direction to Staff on formation of ID4 for the North System (*attachment 6*) pages 17-19
6. Receive Report from District Engineer on Master Plan (*attachment 7*) pages 20-22
7. Give Direction to Staff on USDA Handel Lateral Grant
8. Approve Final Bill to EBMUD for DREAM Close Out Costs in the amount of \$32,881.98 plus allocated Kautz Creek Pump Electric Costs as determined by staff (*attachment 8*) pages 23-24
9. Give Staff Direction of 2025/26 budget preparation and appoint budget subcommittee

C. CONTRACTS

D. SYSTEM AND PROJECTS

1. Engineer's Report and Operations Plan (*attachment 9*) pages 25-26
2. North System
3. South System
4. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge
5. Tracy Lake ID
 - i. Update Board on progress with Tracy Lake Pump repair discussions

E. Grant Activity

1. Consero report (*attachment 10*) pages 27-34

F. Strategic Plan Activity

G. Groundwater Charge

H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/ GWA Activity

I. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update

J. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements

K. Landowner communications

L. Board Planning Calendar

4. Director and Staff Reports

A. Directors Reports

B. Committee Reports

C. Other

5. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the jurisdiction of the NSJWCD Board. The time allowed for each speaker for comments made by the public is limited to 3 minutes. Matters presented under this agenda item may be discussed, but no action can be taken by the Board at this meeting except as follows:

- Briefly respond to statements made or questions raised.
- Ask a question for clarification.
- Provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information.
- Request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.
- An individual Board member or the Board itself may have the matter placed on a future agenda.

6. Closed Session – 4 items

Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) Existing Litigation
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, et al., Stanislaus County Superior Court, Case No. CV-20-001720*

Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) Anticipated Litigation – two cases Bay Delta/Flow Proceeding, and one case where facts shall not be disclosed because they are unknown to potential litigants

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Negotiations– a) South System Easements – Negotiators are General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta and General Manager Steve Schwabauer, b) Lodi CA APN 051-130-56 Negotiators are General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta and General Manager Steve Schwabauer for the District and Andrew Rotner for seller c) FloodMAR lease with Joe and Jenneatte Petersen 14320 N Alpine Road Lodi, Ca APN 063-070-61/62/63 and d) Recharge Lease with Maria Doi 14408 N Alpine Road, Lodi Ca APN 063-070-22.

Return to Open Session

All reportable actions taken in closed session will be announced in open session following the closed session and will be duly noted in the official minutes of the meeting.

7. Motion to Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting May 19, 2025 from 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds- Barrel Room

413 E. Lockeford St, Lodi CA 95240

Action may be taken on any item

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NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING AND CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA

Monday, March 31, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:02 p.m. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda of March 31, 2025 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Jason Colombini - Area 2
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4
Director Brady Colburn – Area 5

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel deGraaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary – Shasta Burns
General Manager – Steve Schwabauer

2. Correspondence/Announcements –

3. Action Items Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board meeting on February 25, 2025. A motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on February 27, 2025, made by Director Simpson, second by Secretary. Motion passed 5/0/0.

B. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Receive and approve March 2025 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers presented to the board. Perla from Butterfield + Company prepared financial statements for Board action. A motion to approve March 2025 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report and to exclude the warrant transfer due to grant revenues received after report was generated, made by Director Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0.
2. Approve Payment of Bills. A motion to approve payment of bills listed in the Board meeting packet, made by Secretary Colburn, second by Director Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
3. Receive Report on June 30, 2022 Audit – A motion to accept the Draft Audit presented for June 30, 2022 and to move forward with staff negotiating the next fiscal year audit to be performed made by Director Simpson, second by Treasurer

Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

4. Report on Cash Flow considerations of current operations – General Manager Schwabaurer and General Counsel Spaletta reviewed draft of cash flow considerations and current operations with reimbursements projections. Cash Flow reports will be done for all projects and monitored by staff.

5. Receive Report on Retirement Plan Options and Give Direction to Staff on Retirement Program Design

6. Adopt 2025 Irrigation Water Rates – A motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-01** Setting 2025 Water Rates for Surface Water made by Director Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll Call Vote; Simpson; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colburn; Aye; Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0 Vice President Colombini was absent.

C. CONTRACTS

1) Adopt CEQA Notice of exemption for North System Phase 1C Project and award bid funded by the SGMA grant and GW funds to replace the North System Pipeline in Tretheway Road and install the Lakso Recharge Basin. Continue this agenda item to a Special Board Meeting held on April 7, 2025 at the Grape Festival Barrel Room 12:00 pm.

2) Authorize General Manager to enter contract with Zanjero to analyze ET data and provide GW use for irrigated parcels in the District in years 2022, 2023, 2024 not to exceed \$40,000- A motion to enter into contract with Zanjero to analyze ET data and provide GW use for irrigated parcels in the District in years 2022, 2023, 2024 not to exceed \$40,000 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0

3) Approve Teichert Change Order for South System Phase 3 project to remove unmarked gas pipeline- A motion to approve Teichert Change order for South System Phase 3 to removed unmarked gas pipeline made by Director Simpson, second by Secretary Colburn. Motion passed 4/0/0

4) Authorize General Manager to Pay John and Helen Lakso \$4,500 for 2024/25 Winter FloodMAR lease- A motion to Authorize payment to John and Helen Lakso for \$4,500 for 2024/25 Winter FloodMAR lease made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0

5) Authorize General Manager to enter contract with Edwards Lein and Toso for \$4,000 to appraise Westwind Ranch property at Handel Road and Alpine Road. - Board discussion only. Table discussion for a later date and not to move forward.

6) Authorize General Manager to sign Recharge Basin Lease with John and Helen Lakso – A motion to sign Recharge Basin Lease with John and Helen Lakso presented in the board meeting packet made by Director Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

D. System and Projects

1. Engineer's Report and Operations Plan. District Engineer deGraaf gave an overview of where the district stands on each project. Report was presented

available upon request.

2. North System- Second skid pump was installed and tested and ready to operate as soon as water is available. With the additional pipe and berm work completed under phase 1C of the North System Improvements we will be able to maximize the full potential of both pumps.

3. South System – Phase III construction is nearing completion. The Mettler Box was poured last Friday and should be ready for backfill, final grading and installation of the valves and grating this week.

4. Cal-Fed Woodbridge – No current activity to report

5. Tracy lake ID – Pump test was performed, and very poor efficiency was identified for the pump. Staff met with the landowners and a second company to get an opinion. It was confirmed that pulling the pump will be required to assess the issues and determine a solution for repairs to the pump.

i. Update Board on progress with Tracy Lake Pump repair discussions

E. Grant Activity

1. Consero Report – Update on funding requests and grant opportunities.

F. Strategic Plan Activity – Special Meeting will be held to review additional activities and updates as needed.

G. Groundwater Charge-

1. Receive Staff report on schedule for 2025 Ground Water Charge adoption- Direction to Staff on Proposed Charge Amount for Purposes of the Notice and Hearing on the Imposition of the 2025-26 Groundwater Charge. A notice of hearing to impose a groundwater charge of \$20.00 per AF for the 2025-26 fiscal year for the June 2025 board meeting, and other related actions.

H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity- Draft budget will be brought forward to the next meeting. Money for hiring a new general manager/executive director and subbasin wide ET study. Looking to see a scope of work this work to be done.

I. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Final EIR for Board of Supervisors will be presented in September 2025

J. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – No update at this time

K. Landowner Communications – No additional updates at this time.

L. Board Planning Calendar – No additional updates at this time.

4. Director and Staff Reports

A. Director's Report –no reports at this time.

B. Committee Reports – No reports at this time.

C. Other – No reports at this time.

5. **Public Comment** – Woodbridge Irrigation District provided operational updates.
6. **Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session and came out of closed session. **Return to Open Session** – President Valente returned the meeting to open session and announced there was no reportable action.
7. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on March 31, 2025 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting March 31, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of March 31, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Board Clerk- Shasta Burns

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING AND CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA

Monday, April 7, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:02 p.m. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda of March 31, 2025 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
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Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
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Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
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- 2. Correspondence/Announcements** – Prop 1 retention reimbursement has been received and will be deposited.

3. Action Items Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)

- A.** Provide Direction to Staff on Process for adoption of New Strategic Plan – Direction from the board on how to move forward to help run strategic plan for production quality. Direction from the board is to focus on the Master Plan first, and keep the planning process for adoption of the strategic plan at a staff level and present over a few meetings to finalize and bring to the public in the future.
- B.** Award a Construction Contract to Arnaudo Construction, Inc in the amount of \$1,141,880 for elements 1, 2, 3 or alternatively \$731,600 for elements 1 and element 3 and a portion of element 2 of the North System Improvements – Phase 1C Project - General Manager Schwabauer reviewed bids received. A motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-02** award construction contract to Arnaudo Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,141,880 for elements 1, 2, 3 or alternatively \$731,600 for elements 1 and element 3 and a portion of element 2 of the North System Improvements Phase 1C Project, and to negotiate element 3 for best use of money with the District Engineer, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll call vote: Colburn; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Starr; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0
- C.** Provide Direction to Staff on Request for Deviation from Standard pipeline connection – Review from District Engineer. Direction to staff with direction on creating alternative Standard Details or allowing deviation from the standard details

for connections to District Facilities.

4. Director and Staff Reports

A. Director's Report –no reports at this time.

B. Committee Reports – No reports at this time.

C. Other – No reports at this time.

5. Public Comment –.

6. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on April 7, 2025 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting April 28, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of April 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Board Clerk- Shasta Burns

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Treasurer's Report April 2025 – Monthly Summary of Accounts As of April 28, 2025

The chart below is a summary of account information including account balances and transactions since the last scheduled Board meeting (March 2025). The attached reports are prepared by Butterfield + Co., CPAs, Inc. for the month of April 2025. Additional attachments that follow include accounts payable, recommendations for bill payments and transfers as noted herein.

NSJWCD Accounts Summary - March 31, 2025	Beg Balance as of 3/31/25 with approved transfers	Checks authorized after last meeting (See Note #1)	ACH/Autopays made after last meeting		Revenue Received after last meeting	Current Balance April 23, 2025	Proposed bills to be paid today	Proposed transfers	Ending balance April 28, 2025
F&M Checking	437,943.09	(2,344.00)	(23,886.09)	-	319,525.15	731,238.15	(199,827.60)	-	531,410.55
County GW Fund	11,842.06	-	-	-	1,504,171.91	1,516,013.97	-	-	1,516,013.97
County Account Fund	252,707.86	-	-	-	-	252,707.86	-	-	252,707.86
ID#3	207,363.97	-	(101,233.75)	-	329.51	106,459.73	-	-	106,459.73
Tracy Lake O&M	28,429.82	-	(283.21)	-	-	28,146.61	-	-	28,146.61
Totals	\$ 938,286.80	\$ (2,344.00)	\$ (125,403.05)	\$ -	\$ 1,824,026.57	\$ 2,634,566.32	\$ (199,827.60)	\$ -	\$ 2,434,738.72



	Payments after last meeting		Revenue Received after last meeting	Classes	Proposed bills to be paid today
AT&T	(195.81)	Prop 1 Grant	300,000.05	Dream	(152.00)
Bon Appetit	(118.73)	GW Charges	19,525.10	General Exp	(34,331.33)
Dropbox	(11.99)	ID3 Interest	329.51	GW Management	(20,912.32)
Microsoft	(48.00)	GW Charges	1,504,171.91	Handel Lateral	(142.50)
Payroll	(17,439.78)			NS Phase 1	(4,406.00)
PG&E	(4,478.64)			NS Phase 1B	(2,422.50)
Staples	(350.84)			NS Phase 1C	(25,285.95)
State Comp Ins	(1,210.32)			NS Pump Station	(9,196.00)
Zoom	(31.98)			Operations Fund	(12,447.03)
				Planning Fund	(310.00)
F&M Warrant-#9236	(101,233.75)			South System 1	(425.03)
				South System III	(88,789.94)
PG&E	(283.21)			TLID	(1,007.00)
Total	\$ (125,403.05)	Total	\$ 1,824,026.57	Total	\$ (199,827.60)

1. **SEE ATTACHMENT 1 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.**

2. **CURRENT PAYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS - SEE TABLE BELOW:**

Consero Solutions	310.00	March Services
Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander Veen	9,965.00	Audit Reports
Cumming Management Group, Inc.	924.00	March Services
deGraaf Engineering	45,995.59	March Services
Grandberg & Associates	2,565.00	March Services
HydroFocus, Inc.	6,227.32	March Services
LCPtracker, Inc.	4,119.00	Software Renewal
Moore Biological Consultants	5,288.50	March Services
Pacific Southwest Irrigation	159.03	Repairs
Richard Rodriguez Farms	5,600.00	April Invoices
Shasta Burns	4,867.63	April Invoices
Spaletta Law PC	800.00	April Rent + Copies Reimb.
Julie Lange, Notary Public	140.00	Notary services
Stoel Rives, LLP	23,153.00	January & February Services
Teichert Construction	87,067.50	April Invoice
Total payments recommended	\$ 199,827.60	

3. **REMAINING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – \$1,176,871.97**

- a. \$ 254,042.87 - Retention due to Arnaudo Construction, Inc.
- b. \$ 9,896.60 – Pacific Southwest Irrigation.
- c. \$ 912,932.50 – Teichert Construction.

4. **WARRANTS PAYABLE**

- a. \$399,988.17 – F&M Bank

5. **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE – \$332,561.90**

- a. \$ 330,673.90 – San Joaquin County – Project 4 North System Improvement Component Phase 1 Period 10/01/23-09/30/2024 – Reimbursements.
- b. \$ 1,888.00 – ID3 Assessment Installment #7.

Note #1

- Larry & Gloria Bodner - check #10712 dated 4/8/25 for \$2,344. (Easement)

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Unpaid Bills by Vendor All Transactions

Type	Date	Num	Source Name	Memo	Account	Class	Open Balance
Arnaudo Construction, Inc.							
Bill	05/31/2023	RET- SS II App No. 1	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	Progress Billing - (Retainage \$31,885.50)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 2	31,300.50
Bill	05/31/2023	RET- SS II App No. 1	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	Handel Lateral Junction Box	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 2	585.00
Bill	12/26/2023	RET-SS II- App No. 4	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	48" RCP - (Retainage \$32,568.24)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 2	30,603.00
Bill	12/26/2023	RET-SS II- App No. 4	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	Miller Recharge Project	6205 - Repairs & Maintenance	-Groundwater Management	654.24
Bill	12/26/2023	RET-SS II- App No. 4	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	Cleaning SS pump	6205 - Repairs & Maintenance	.Operations Fund:South System O&M	1,311.00
Bill	01/19/2024	RET NS 1B - App No1.	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	42" Pipe - (Retainage \$10,550)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1	10,550.00
Bill	02/09/2024	RET NS 1B- App No. 2	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	42" Pipe - (Retainage \$59,080)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	59,080.00
Bill	03/31/2024	RET NS 1B- App No. 3	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	Pipe related work. (Retainage \$8,130)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	8,130.00
Bill	04/30/2024	RET SS II - App No.6	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	SS Phase II - (Retainage \$4,842)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 2	4,842.00
Bill	04/30/2024	RET NS 1B-App No. 4	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	NS Phase 1b - (Retainage \$9,335)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	9,335.00
Bill	05/18/2024	RET NS 1B - App No.5	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	NS Phase 1b - (Retainage \$26,740)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	26,740.00
Bill	06/25/2024	RET NS 1B - App #6	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	NS Phase 1b - (Retainage \$34,016.40)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	34,016.40
Bill	09/30/2024	RET SS II Ret App #7	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	SS Phase II - (Retainage \$10,871.07)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 2	10,871.07
Bill	09/30/2024	RET NS 1B Ret APP #7	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	NS Phase 1b - (Retainage \$15,363.46)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	15,363.47
Bill	11/11/2024	RET NS-1B App 8	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	NS Phase 1b - (Retainage \$3,237.19)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	3,237.19
Bill	11/25/2024	RET SS Phase II	Arnaudo Construction, Inc.	SS Phase II - (Retainage \$7,424)	6115.5 - Pipeline	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 2	7,424.00
Total Arnaudo Construction, Inc.							254,042.87
Bockmon & Woody Electrical Co., Inc.							
Bill	04/02/2025	J023677	Bockmon & Woody Electrical...	Labor	6115.1 - Automation/SCADA	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 1	425.03
Total Bockmon & Woody Electrical Co., Inc.							425.03
Butterfield & Co.							
Bill	03/31/2025	107216	Butterfield & Co.	Accounting	6180.1 - Accounting	-G&A	2,221.00
Total Butterfield & Co.							2,221.00
Consero Solutions							
Bill	03/31/2025	2104	Consero Solutions	Funding Research	6180.3 - Consulting	-Planning Fund	310.00
Total Consero Solutions							310.00
Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander Veen							
Bill	04/03/2025	21887	Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander ...	Special Districts Financial Report - 06/30/2023	6180.2 - Auditor	-G&A	550.00
Bill	04/03/2025	21887	Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander ...	Local Government Compensation Report - 2023	6180.2 - Auditor	-G&A	285.00
Bill	04/03/2025	21887	Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander ...	Audited Financial Statements - 06/30/2022	6180.2 - Auditor	-G&A	9,150.00
Total Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander Veen							9,965.00
Cumming Management Group, Inc.							
Bill	03/31/2025	166164	Cumming Management Grou...	Wage Compliance Services	6180.12 - Labor Compliance Consultant	-G&A	836.00
Bill	03/31/2025	166165	Cumming Management Grou...	Wage Compliance Services	6180.12 - Labor Compliance Consultant	-G&A	88.00
Total Cumming Management Group, Inc.							924.00
de Graaf Engineering, Inc.							
Bill	04/04/2025	1255	de Graaf Engineering, Inc.	General	6180.4 - Engineering Expense	-G&A	3,636.70
Bill	04/04/2025	1255	de Graaf Engineering, Inc.	Dream	6180.4 - Engineering Expense	Capital Outlay:Dream Project Pipeline	152.00
Bill	04/04/2025	1255	de Graaf Engineering, Inc.	SS	6180.4 - Engineering Expense	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 3	839.94
Bill	04/04/2025	1255	de Graaf Engineering, Inc.	NS	6180.4 - Engineering Expense	.Operations Fund:North System O&M	6,688.00
Bill	04/04/2025	1255	de Graaf Engineering, Inc.	NS Phase 1C	6180.4 - Engineering Expense	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1C	24,475.95
Bill	04/04/2025	1255	de Graaf Engineering, Inc.	TLID	6180.4 - Engineering Expense	TLID #1	1,007.00
Bill	04/04/2025	1255	de Graaf Engineering, Inc.	NS Pump	6180.4 - Engineering Expense	Capital Outlay:North System Pump Station	9,196.00
Total de Graaf Engineering, Inc.							45,995.59
Granberg & Associates							
Bill	04/04/2025	32	Granberg & Associates	South System Handel Lateral	6180.7 - Project Management	Capital Outlay:Handel Lateral	142.50
Bill	04/04/2025	32	Granberg & Associates	SGMA Grant Adm	6180.7 - Project Management	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	1,852.50
Bill	04/04/2025	32	Granberg & Associates	Grant Adm	6180.7 - Project Management	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	570.00
Total Granberg & Associates							2,565.00
HydroFocus, Inc							
Bill	04/11/2025	5658-32	HydroFocus, Inc	Hydrologist	6180.5 - Hydrologist	-Groundwater Management	6,227.32
Total HydroFocus, Inc							6,227.32
LCPtracker, Inc,							
Bill	04/15/2025	IR-31616	LCPtracker, Inc,	Software 04/17/25-04/17/26	6110 - Computer Software Fees	-G&A	4,119.00
Total LCPtracker, Inc,							4,119.00
Moore Biological Consultants							
Bill	12/03/2024	3524/11-24	Moore Biological Consultants	South System	6180.11 - Biological Consultant	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 3	882.50
Bill	04/15/2025	4241/03-25	Moore Biological Consultants	North System	6180.11 - Biological Consultant	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1	4,406.00
Total Moore Biological Consultants							5,288.50
Pacific Southwest Irrigation							
Bill	09/05/2024	104271	Pacific Southwest Irrigation	Pumping Station for 4000 GPM#2	6115.6 - Pump Station	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1B	9,896.60

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Unpaid Bills by Vendor

Accrual Basis

All Transactions

Type	Date	Num	Source Name	Memo	Account	Class	Open Balance
Bill	03/19/2025	296926	Pacific Southwest Irrigation	Parts	6205 · Repairs & Maintenance	.Operations Fund:North System O&M	159.03
Total Pacific Southwest Irrigation							10,055.63
Richard Rodriguez Farms							
Bill	04/14/2025	5209	Richard Rodriguez Farms	Lakso Project	6205 · Repairs & Maintenance	.Operations Fund:Recharge Project O&M	4,700.00
Bill	04/14/2025	5210	Richard Rodriguez Farms	Tecklenburg	6205 · Repairs & Maintenance	.Operations Fund:Recharge Project O&M	600.00
Bill	04/22/2025	0925	Richard Rodriguez Farms	Lakso Project	6205 · Repairs & Maintenance	.Operations Fund:Recharge Project O&M	300.00
Total Richard Rodriguez Farms							5,600.00
Shasta Burns							
Bill	04/04/2025	Reimbursement	Shasta Burns	Reimbursement - Staples	6145 · Meeting Supplies	-G&A	92.30
Bill	04/04/2025	Reimbursement	Shasta Burns	Reimbursement - Staples	6145 · Meeting Supplies	-G&A	7.66
Bill	04/07/2025	Reimbursement	Shasta Burns	Reimbursement - Staples	6145 · Meeting Supplies	-G&A	92.37
Bill	04/22/2025	225	Shasta Burns	April Invoice	6180.8 · Board Clerk	-G&A	4,217.50
Bill	04/22/2025	225-Mileage	Shasta Burns	April Invoice	6228 · Travel	-G&A	457.80
Total Shasta Burns							4,867.63
Spaletta Law PC							
Bill	04/22/2025	April Rent	Spaletta Law PC	April Rent	6142 · Lease Expense	-G&A	700.00
Bill	04/22/2025	April Rent	Spaletta Law PC	Reimbursement	6145 · Meeting Supplies	-G&A	100.00
Total Spaletta Law PC							800.00
Julie Lang							
Bill	04/15/2025	4.15.25	Julie Lang	Notary Services	6180.63 · General Expense	-G&A	70.00
Bill	04/18/2025	4.18.25	Julie Lang	Notary Services	6180.63 · General Expense	-G&A	70.00
Total Steve Schwabauer							140.00
Stoel Rives, LLP							
Bill	04/16/2025	8065752	Stoel Rives, LLP	March Services	6180.6 · Legal	-G&A	5,314.00
Bill	04/16/2025	8065753	Stoel Rives, LLP	March Services	6180.6 · Legal	Capital Outlay:North System Phase 1C	810.00
Bill	04/16/2025	8065753	Stoel Rives, LLP	March Services	6180.6 · Legal	-G&A	2,344.00
Bill	04/16/2025	8065754	Stoel Rives, LLP	March Services	6180.6 · Legal	-Groundwater Management	14,685.00
Total Stoel Rives, LLP							23,153.00
Teichert Construction							
Bill	01/31/2025	1056580	Teichert Construction	SS Phase III	6115.5 · Pipeline	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 3	1,000,000.00
Bill	04/30/2025	1058111	Teichert Construction	SS Phase III	6115.5 · Pipeline	Capital Outlay:South System Phase 3	91,650.00
Total Teichert Construction							1,091,650.00
TOTAL							1,468,349.57

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
P.O. Box 334, Victor, CA 95253

From: Steve Schwabauer, General Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution Authorizing General Manager to Reimburse Spaletta Law for use of Office Space, File Storage, Materials and Copier.

DISCUSSION: The District General Manager and Board Clerk are currently using an office, copier, and office materials paid for by Spaletta Law. The arrangement was expected to be short term while the office prepared to close. Moreover, the arrangement initially involved more use by the law office and less use by the District. The District currently pays \$700 per month for the office space and a per copy charge. District staff recently asked Spaletta law if they might be willing to extend the tenancy if the District shared a greater share of the lease cost.

Spaletta Law pays the following monthly expenses for the 225 W Oak office.

Rent	\$1,700
Clark Pest Control	\$ 105
City of Lodi (water, wastewater, trash)	\$ 205
PG&E (average)	\$ 75
Internet	\$ 40
Total:	\$2,125

The copier maintenance cost is about \$150 per month and the District makes by far the most copies on the system since its agendas are produced there. Spaletta law proposed that we split the copier cost 1/3 and 2/3rds to District in-lieu of having to keep track of your copy counts)

Based on increased useage, and Spaletta Laws interest in continuing the lease if it can get additional assistance with ongoing costs, and that the cost remains below market for similar office space, I recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to reimburse Spaletta Law \$1,062.50 per month for the District’s share of these expenses and \$100 per month for copier useage effective May 1, 2025 through the end of the District’s occupancy of the office.

I further recommend that the given the short term and revocable nature of the use that it be paid on invoice from Spaletta Law rather than an official sub lease.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution Authorizing General Manager to Reimburse Spaletta Law for use of Office Space, File Storage, Materials and Copier \$1,162.50 per month.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately \$13,950/year

From: Steve Schwabauer, General Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide Direction to Staff on formation of ID4 for the North System

DISCUSSION:

1. The ID#4 Project

To move forward with forming ID#4, we have to define the “Project” that is the subject of the improvement district. Staff recommends the following Project description:

Project Element	Status	Cost
Two Temporary pumps and fish screens (15 cfs total capacity)	Installed	\$600,000 (fully grant funded)
NS Phase 1B Acampo Road ¼ mile new pipe	Installed	\$1,400,000 (fully grant funded)
NS Phase 1C replace steel pipe along Tretheway Road	Install summer 2025, contract awarded	\$880,000 (grant funded for \$695,000; \$185,000 unfunded)
NS Phase 1D replace or add pipe Powell driveway	Not awarded	\$715,000 estimate (not grant funded)
Total:		\$3,595,000 (\$900,000 unfunded)

Although the Board has not approved the Powell driveway pipeline replacement, it must be replaced to continue to service ID4 and accordingly is appropriate to include in this cost share analysis. This Project DOES NOT include completing a new 40-60 cfs North Pump Station and DOES NOT include improving or replacing additional segments of the pipeline down Acampo Road.

With the Project described above, the district can deliver 4000 afa during the May-September time period and additional water during other months for recharge at the Lakso basin.

2. Proposed Petition for Formation of ID#4

There is no current funding identified to continue to replace the pipeline down Acampo and few landowners have expressed interest in receiving water from the system. At this time only two landowners have expressed an interest in joining an Improvement District. While the District would ordinarily look at a much larger service area given current budget constraints and limited landowner interest staff recommends the Board consider a limited ID#4 at this time.

The ID concept includes having landowners agree to assess themselves for part of the capital cost of the system in return for lower surface water rates that generally include just the O&M cost, as well as priority to the water available. ID members also receive a 50% discount on groundwater charges based on the assumption that they only use groundwater half of the time.

The Improvement District process begins with a petition from landowners to the District with the terms they agree to. Staff presents below proposed terms for a limited ID4. The major proposed terms are:

1. Landowners agree to be in ID4 contractually – we do not force it.
2. Landowners pay an acreage assessment of \$55/acre for ten years
3. Need 200 acres to form ID4. 354.34 acres are requesting to join now.
4. 650 acre limit as currently constructed expandable to 1500 acre limit
 - a. 650 acre limit is based on the limits of our current 15 CFS pump capacity. Although the pump could theoretically serve more land if it operated 24 hours a day seven days a week, that is not consistent with irrigation practice. The expandable 1500 Acre limit is based on the limits of our current Permit 10477 water supply.
 - b. We have 20,000 af max. If we deliver 3,000 to Tracy Lake and 12,000 to South System, we have 5,000 afa left. 1500 acres x 3 af/ac/yr irrigation demand is 4,500 afa.
If we get access to more water or find that demand is less, and increase the capacity of the pump station, we can increase this in the future with vote of the ID members.

The two landowners requesting to join are Creekside, 97.34 acres and Lakso, 240 acres. Even though Lakso will have 80 of its acres dedicated to recharge and will not pay GW charge on those acres during the Lease period they have requested to have that land join the ID so that it will be entitled to discounted water rates and discounted GW charges in the future.

In the near term most of the capacity of the North System will be dedicated to the Lakso Recharge Basin. Staff estimates we will place 2,500 AF per year on the site. The requesting properties total 354.34 acres with a planted capacity to take 885.85 AF per year at an average 2.5 AF/year assumed water usage or 26 percent of north system water (3,385 total AF/885 AF ID4 water). The system as currently constructed however could serve as many as 650 acres. At 2.5 AF per acre that would total 1625 AF/year or 4,125 total AF/1625AF = 39 percent. 39 percent of total district costs for the current system totals \$354,600. With 650 acres joining, that equates to \$545 per acre over ten years or 55 per acre per year over ten years. If all 650 acres sign up the ID would raise \$354,600 total over the ten year life of ID 4 and could be dedicated to a reserve for the Powell Driveway Pipeline Replacement or allocated toward the pipeline portion of NS Phase 1C.

District Staff will continue to work with landowners to gain more customers. As we do so, the costs and acreage served will expand in tandem. As such new landowners may ultimately pay higher costs to join an ID since this effort does not include construction costs for the entire system. There is a risk of going early that we don't end up with enough members to fund the covered areas cost of these improvements. However, with limited interest at this time, the alternative of denying these two land owners interest seems the lesser of the two risks. Moreover, the cost remains within a similar range to our other ID projects. Additionally staff would like to get direction from the Board on the permanent north pump station.

RECOMMENDATION: Provide Direction to Staff on formation of ID4 for the North System. If the Board agrees with this approach Staff will discuss the financials with the interested landowners and assist them with bringing forward a petition for formation.

FISCAL IMPACT: Dependent on Board Direction.

Prepared by: Daniel de Graaf, District Engineer

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion only

DISCUSSION:

The Board approved a budget and scope of work to complete an Infrastructure Master Plan and 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The scope of the Master Plan includes an analysis and summary of existing infrastructure, evaluation of current and future water use projections, conceptual project design and cost estimates, project evaluation and prioritization, and a proposed 10-Year CIP.

Work completed to date includes detailed evaluation of both the North System and South System, mapping of existing infrastructure including newly replaced pipelines, evaluation of recharge rates across the district, and development of conceptual projects for the future build out of the North and South Systems.

Work to be completed includes final mapping of all District infrastructure, development of conceptual projects to complete buildout of the systems, development of project cost estimates and the CIP, preparation of the Draft and Final Master Plan document.

The proposed timeline to complete the work described above and to prepare the DRAFT Master Plan document is by the end of June 2025. A final document will be prepared following review and comment by staff and the Board.

A DRAFT Outline for the report is attached. Staff is looking for direction to include any subjects that are not currently covered or to remove any unnecessary topics. Typically, a document of this type has a large emphasis on improving existing infrastructure to meet customer needs. Since the bulk of the work that will be proposed under this document is new infrastructure, the decision points will be focused primarily on the purpose of the facilities and their primary objectives, such as building facilities primarily for recharge, for irrigation, or a combination of both. For example, prioritizing recharge will likely result in projects closer to the pump stations and land acquisition being rated higher over long stretches of mainline that would be used to distribute irrigation water.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

This project was included in the fiscal year 24-25 budget and District Engineer's scope of work for an amount of \$50,000 of which \$42,751.17 remains prior to billing for work completed in April.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

N/A

Attachments

1 – Draft Outline

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District – Infrastructure Master Plan

DRAFT Outline/Table of Contents

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 - III. Cal-FED
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 - ii. Mainline
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- IV. Tracy Lake
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 - I. Systems
 - i. North System
 - ii. South System
 - iii. Cal- Fed
 - iv. Tracy lake
 - v. Others
 - II. Project Development and Prioritization
 - III. Capital Improvement Plan
- 5. Recommendations

Prepared by: Steve Schwabauer, General Manager
Jennifer Spaletta, General Counsel
Shasta Burns, Board Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Final Bill to EBMUD for DREAM Close Out Costs in the amount of \$27,018.03 plus allocated Kautz Creek Pump Electric Costs as determined by staff.

DISCUSSION:

The DREAM Agreement between the District and EBMUD calls for costs for pump station maintenance to be allocated first between the District's use of its pumps for non Dream purposes and DREAM purposes. Once that first allocation is made the DREAM share of pump station operation costs are then allocated 50 percent to EBMUD and 50 percent to the DREAM irrigators up to their maximum water rate. Most of the O&M cost categories are consistent across the project. However, electricity was supplied both through a generator and PG&E over the life of the project. Generator costs were already allocated at our April 29, 2024 meeting, billed and paid by the irrigators and EBMUD. However, PG&E and other O&M costs for the South Pump Station still need to be allocated related to the District's delivery of the last of the Dream Water and O&M costs for the Pixley Pump Station in 2023 when the District delivered the last of the Dream Water to the irrigators.

South Pump Station O&M Costs in 2023 total:

1) Electricity:	\$ 60,917
2) Oil:	\$ 297
3) Repairs	\$ 32,622
4) Weed Control	\$ 7,767
TOTAL:	\$101,603

Costs are allocated first between the District and EBMUD water deliveries for the South pump station. Electricity on one Pixley pump was provided in part by a generator which has already been allocated and in part by PG&E. Electricity on the Second Pixley Pump was provided by Kautz and needs to be billed and reimbursed to Kautz. However we realized we need daily electricity usage to make the allocation and are awaiting those numbers.. The District Pumped 1158 AF for non-DREAM related uses and pumped 460.61 AF for DREAM purposes. Accordingly, 28% is allocable to EBMUD and the irrigators for a total of \$28,913.30. These costs are then split 50/50 between EBMUD and the irrigators with the District billing \$14,456.65 to EBMUD

Pixley Pump O&M Costs in 2023 total:

1) PG&E Electricity:	\$25,122.76
2) Kautz Electricity:	\$ (waiting for numbers from Kautz)

3) Oil:	\$0
4) Repairs:	\$0
5) Weed Control	\$0
TOTAL:	\$25,122.76

Pixley Pump costs are solely allocated 50/50 between the irrigators and DREAM since all water pumped in 2023 from Pixley was related to the DREAM Project resulting in an additional \$12,561.38 billable to EBMUD. We are still awaiting detail to allocate Kautz creek pump costs between Kautz's use of that meter to run its GW pumps and its creek pump.

Accordingly, District Staff requests that the Board authorize staff to issue a final DREAM Bill to EBMUD in the amount of \$27,018.03 plus any amount we are able to allocate for the Kautz Creek Pump Electricity Costs. As noted above the irrigators were already allocated their share.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

\$27,018.03 on revenue to the District.



Memorandum

To North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
From Daniel de Graaf, P.E.
Subject District Engineer Report
Date 4/28/2025

The following summarizes the status of current projects, upcoming work to be completed, and the anticipated schedules and project milestones.

South System

Phase III construction is nearing completion. Grating and valve installation is complete. Final grading and installation of air vent covers remains outstanding prior to final project acceptance.

The second pump has been installed, electrical should begin this week with SCADA to follow at the end of May.

Handel Lateral

No current activity to report. See Staff Report

Eastside Ditch

No current activity to report.

DREAM Project and

Pixley Pipeline

No current activity to report.



Tecklenburg Recharge Basin

Staff is working to complete the easements for the complete 24" lateral and execution of the construction contract so operation of the basin can continue when water is available.

Tracy Lakes Improvement District

A pump test was performed, and very poor efficiency was identified for the pump. Staff met with the landowners and a second company to get an opinion. It was confirmed that pulling the pump will be required to assess the issues and determine a solution for repairs to the pump.

North System

Phase 1C of the North System was awarded and Staff is working with Arnaudo Construction to develop an alternative grading plan that reduces the overall scope for the east 36 acres and includes berms for the west 40 acres. Submittals are being received and approved for ordering materials. With the lack of water, the project will be scheduled to be completed likely in August.

Cal-Fed Pump

No current activity to report.

Monitoring Wells

Staff made final determinations for the well locations and held a field meeting with the driller to confirm access to the locations. We will be working to begin construction as soon as the contract is executed with the driller.

P.O. Box E, Victor, CA 95253

PREPARED BY: Petrea Marchand, Consero Solutions
Steve Schwabauer, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION: Receive Update on North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Project Funding Requests and Grant Opportunities

BACKGROUND:

Consero Solutions provides monthly reports on funding opportunities for which the District has applied or for which the District is considering applying. Proposition 4, passed by the voters in November 2024, contains \$193 million for the California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Program, \$100 million for integrated regional water management, \$40 million for the State Water and Energy Efficiency Program (SWEEP), and \$200 million for the Department of Conservation’s Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program.

On April 21, 2025, Environmental and Energy Consulting (EEC) shared the Legislature’s discussions about water sector expenditures in the State budget have been limited so far and have instead focused conversations on spending for wildfire resilience. Budget negotiations will continue in advance of budget revisions in early May. As a result, the District has opportunities to talk to legislators and join with other local agencies to request changes to funding allocations before the Governor releases the May Revise of the 2025-26 budget, which usually occurs on or before May 14.

The District should prepare for upcoming opportunities by developing projects consistent with State guidelines, including focusing on development of a Master Plan and associated funding strategy in 2025. Projects included as a priority in a Master Plan will be more competitive for grant funding.

DISCUSSION:

1. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Program

Project Name: South System Modernization Project, Phase 4

Amount Requested: \$3 million (compared to \$5 million in FY 2024)

Amount of Cost Share: 50%

Application Submitted: October 4, 2024

Status: **ON HOLD**

Status: The Trump Administration has suspended this grant program temporarily. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s (Bureau) WaterSMART website has not changed since January 31, 2025, when the Bureau replaced a graphic with a timeline for the grant process (including an award announcement date of March 2025) with an update stating applications are “under review.”

Context: The General Manager worked with Consero Solutions to submit the FY 2025 WaterSMART grant application on October 4, 2024. The WaterSMART Drought Response Program is an annual program which receives money through the annual federal appropriations process but also received an infusion of funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The program limits applications to \$2 million and only provides between \$30 million and \$40

million in awards. In late March 2025, Consero Solutions asked Shelby Neff, manager of the WaterSMART program regarding the status of the program and received this response, “Current WaterSMART NOFOs have been paused and are under review until further notice. We have no further information on the status of these NOFOs and will provide additional information as soon as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience and understanding.”

2. California Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program

Project Name: N/A

Amount Requested: TBD

Amount of Cost Share: TBD

Release Request for Grant Application: TBD

Application Due: TBD

Status: The Department of Conservation (Department) held virtual stakeholder meetings on March 26, 2025 and April 4, 2025 to present revised language for the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program guidelines and solicit further feedback. The Department website now states staff “will seek to finalize the revised guidelines based on feedback received from grantees” in mid-April, rather than mid to late-March as previously stated. Consero Solutions recommends reviewing the guidelines carefully once finalized and if acceptable, explore submitting an application with local partners in FY 2025-26.

Context: The Proposition 4 Expenditure Plan contains a total of \$12 million for the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program in 2025-26 and \$51 million in 2026-27 (see Chapter 2 table in Attachment A). The Department is in the process of revising the program guidelines (see Attachment B for excerpt) to include language clarifying how groundwater recharge achieved through the program must be treated in a groundwater sustainability agency’s water budget. The Department completed its second round of revisions and responded to initial public comments on the first round of revisions. The District has declined to apply to the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program in the past because the program did not allow the District to count groundwater recharge or demand reduction through program-funded projects towards its water budget. The new concept is that groundwater recharged with program funded projects still cannot be included in the water budget as water that pumpers can extract. However, project outcomes such as groundwater demand reduction, indirect or speculative supply benefits, and passive recharge resulting from the enhancement or restoration of natural conditions may be reported as related outcomes but are not direct groundwater recharge resulting from program funding. District staff will continue to review the guidelines as they are changed and determine whether the District should apply.

3. California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Program

Project Name: N/A

Amount Requested: TBD

Amount of Cost Share: TBD

Release Request for Grant Application: TBD

Application Due: TBD

Status: On April 18, 2025, Keith Wallace, Assistant Deputy Director of Sustainable Water Management Division of the California Department of Water Resources, shared there have not been any changes to the Governor’s proposals for SGMA through the legislative budget process but noted “the budget subcommittee process is ongoing, which means there is still the potential for Legislative changes before the budget is finalized.” The District may wish to submit a letter to its legislators to request more funding for SGMA in 2025-26.

Context: Section 91012 of Proposition 4 states: “Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), one hundred ninety-three million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$193,125,000) shall be available for projects that increase groundwater storage, or are for groundwater banking, and support implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division 6 of the Water Code).” The Governor proposed \$10 million from Proposition 4 funds for “groundwater storage/banking/recharge & instream flow” in 2025-26 and \$15 million in 2026-27 (see Chapter 2 table in Attachment A), with \$358 million from Proposition 4 allocated to “out years.” In late February 2025, the Department of Water Resources indicated the State will use 2025-26 funds to update grant guidelines and therefore will not release a new grant program in 2025-26. The State Legislature may change this allocation and Consero Solutions therefore recommends the District write a letter to its legislators as soon as possible requesting more funding for this program in 2025-26 and 2026-27.

4. California Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management Program

Project Name: N/A

Amount Requested: TBD

Amount of Cost Share: TBD

Release Request for Grant Application: TBD

Application Due: TBD

Status: On April 18, 2025, Keith Wallace, Assistant Deputy Director of Sustainable Water Management Division of the California Department of Water Resources, shared there have not been any changes to the Governor’s proposals for IRWM through the legislative budget process. Consero Solutions continues to recommend the District advocate to its legislators before the May Revise to request more funding for this program in 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Context: The Governor’s proposed 2025-26 budget includes \$500,000 from Proposition 4 funds for “Integrated Regional Water Management” in 2025-26 and \$3 million in 2026-27 (see Chapter 2 table in Attachment A), with the rest of the \$100 million from Proposition 4 allocated to “out years.” Proposition 4 states these funds should be used for “integrated regional water management to improve climate resilience on a watershed basis. The department shall update and revise the guidelines for the integrated regional water management program to address

impacts associated with climate risk.” Consero expects the Department will develop a new program because of this language.

5. California Department of Food and Agriculture Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP)

Project Name: N/A

Amount Requested: TBD

Amount of Cost Share: TBD

Release Request for Grant Application: TBD

Application Due: TBD 2025-26

Status: In an April 2, 2025 California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee 4 hearing, subcommittee members noted bond language requires SWEEP to focus on funding “multiple-benefit projects that improve resilience to climate change and save water on California Agricultural operations.” The California Department of Food and Agriculture’s Environment Farming Act Science and Advisory Committee Panel will host a discussion on May 15, 2025 about how to meet the intent of the bond language. Consero Solutions expects the Advisory Committee is starting to develop the definition of “multiple-benefit projects” in the context of SWEEP and recommends a District representative attend the May 15 Advisory Committee Panel to learn more about the direction of the program and opportunities to develop multiple benefit projects in the District which may be eligible for funding.

Context: The Governor’s proposed 2025-26 budget includes \$38 million from Proposition 4 funds for SWEEP in 2025-26 and \$700,000 for SWEEP in 2026-27 (see Chapter 7 Table in Attachment A). Proposition 4 states these funds “shall be available for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program to promote onfarm water use efficiency with focus on multiple-benefit projects that improve resilience to climate change and save water on California agricultural operations.” The Department released the SWEEP Direct-to-Producer Grant Program guidelines and request for applications on November 28, 2023 and then postponed the solicitation to 2025. On March 19, 2025, Carolyn Cook, Assistant Director of the Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability at the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), shared that CDFA is likely to run a solicitation for the SWEEP Block Grant Program in the 2025-26 fiscal year. Consero Solutions encourages the District to apply, given the District’s success with implementing the Pilot Block Grant Program.

Chapter 2. Safe Drinking Water, Drought, Flood & Water Resilience

(\$ in Millions)

Department	Program	2025-26	2026-27	Out-Years	Pending Allocation
State Water Resources Control Board	Water Quality & Safe Drinking Water	\$183	\$160	\$242	\$0
	Tribal Water Infrastructure	\$11	\$13	\$1	\$0
	Multibenefit Urban Stormwater Management Projects	\$1	\$39	\$70	\$0
	Water Reuse & Recycling	\$153	\$78	\$154	\$0
	Cross-Border Rivers & Coastal Waters (Tijuana & New River)	\$9	\$21	\$20	\$0
Dept. of Water Resources & State Water Resources Control Board	Water Data Management & Stream Gages	\$1	\$2	\$12	\$0
Dept. of Water Resources	Groundwater Storage/Banking/Recharge & Instream Flow	\$10	\$15	\$361	\$0
	Brackish Desalination & Salinity Management Projects	\$0.2	\$6	\$56.7	\$0
	Regional Conveyance Projects & Repairs to Existing Conveyances	\$0.7	\$11	\$64	\$0
	Water Conservation in Agricultural & Urban Areas	\$0.3	\$5	\$69	\$0
	Various Flood Management Projects	\$173	\$222	\$155	\$0
	Dam Safety & Climate Resilience	\$232	\$232	\$17	\$0
	Integrated Regional Water Management	\$0.5	\$3	\$96	\$0
	Riverine Stewardship Projects	\$0.1	\$0.4	\$50	\$0
	Urban Streams Restoration Program	\$0.3	\$23	\$1	\$0
Dept. of Conservation	Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program	\$12	\$51	\$137	\$0
California Water Commission	Water Storage Investment Program	\$74	\$0	\$0.6	\$0
Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	Climate Resiliency & Protection of the Los Angeles River Watershed	\$0.6	\$8	\$31.0	\$0
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy		\$15	\$10	\$14	\$0
State Coastal Conservancy	Santa Ana River Conservancy	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$0
	Coyote Valley Conservation Program	\$3	\$0	\$22	\$0
	West Coyote Hills Program	\$0	\$0	\$25	\$0
	Wildlife Refuges & Wetland Habitat Areas	\$0.2	\$23	\$1	\$0
Natural Resources Agency	Clear Lake Watershed	\$0.1	\$19	\$1	\$0
	Nature, Climate Education & Research Facilities Grants	\$0.1	\$19	\$1	\$0
Natural Resources Agency & Dept. of Water Resources	Salton Sea Management Program	\$148	\$1	\$11	\$0
To Be Determined	Salton Sea Conservancy or Salton Sea Authority	\$0	\$0	\$0.1	\$10
Wildlife Conservation Board	Lower American River Conservancy	\$3	\$0	\$7	\$0
	Stream Flow Enhancement Program	\$21	\$1	\$79	\$0
	Habitat Enhancement & Restoration Program	\$11	\$1	\$39	\$0
Total		\$1,074	\$972	\$1,744	\$10

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(\$ in Millions)

Department	Program	2025-26	2026-27	Out-Years	Pending Allocation
Dept. of Food & Agriculture	Healthy Soils Program	\$36	\$26	\$3	\$0
	State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program	\$38	\$0.7	\$2	\$0
	Invasive Species Account	\$20	\$0	\$0.2	\$0
	Certified Mobile Farmers' Markets	\$10	\$10	\$0.9	\$0
	Year-Round Certified Farmers' Markets	\$10	\$10	\$0.9	\$0
	Urban Agriculture Projects	\$19	\$0.4	\$0.9	\$0
	Regional Farm Equipment Sharing	\$0.2	\$14	\$0.7	\$0
	Tribal Food Sovereignty	\$0.2	\$14	\$0.7	\$0
Dept. of Conservation	Protection, Restoration, Conservation and Enhancement of Farm and Range Lands	\$2	\$9	\$3	\$0
	Improve Land Access and Tenure for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers, Ranchers, or Tribal Producers	\$0	\$0	\$0.2	\$30
Dept. of Community Services & Development	Farmworkers Housing Component of the Low-Income Weatherization Program	\$0	\$0.2	\$10	\$0
California Vanpool Authority	Deployment of Vanpool Vehicles, Clean Technologies and Infrastructure	\$0	\$0	\$0.1	\$15
California Dept. of Education	Grants to Postsecondary Education Institutions to Develop Research Farms to Improve Climate Resiliency	\$0	\$0	\$0.1	\$15
Total		\$134	\$84	\$22	\$60

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On a case-by-case basis, the Department may approve use of funds to implement projects outside of an eligible groundwater basin if that project can be shown to:

- 1) Reduce groundwater use in an eligible groundwater basin interconnected with surface water,
- 2) Improve groundwater supply in an eligible groundwater basin interconnected with surface water , or
- 3) Improve baseflows in rivers and streams in an eligible groundwater basin.

For the Department to consider such projects for funding, the GSA responsible for the eligible groundwater basin must provide a letter attesting to the benefits the project would provide to the eligible groundwater basin.

~~The Public Resources Trailer Bill (AB 211, Ch. 574, Stat. of 2022) requires that any groundwater recharge achieved through these strategies and projects must be subtracted from any calculation by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency from the groundwater available for extraction by water users for the duration of the benefits paid for by the program. Payments for benefits must be linked to the achievement and delivery of the defined conservation outcomes for the project and the duration of those outcomes.~~

In accordance with the Budget Act of 2021, Stat. of 2022, Ch. 574, Sec. 35(e)(3), "Any groundwater recharge achieved with this funding shall be subtracted from any calculation by the groundwater sustainability agency of groundwater available for extraction by water users for the duration of benefits paid for by the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program." Positive groundwater supply benefits which directly result from substantive actions undertaken as part of a land repurposing project using program funds (e.g. major construction or alteration of recharge infrastructure, the purchase and application of water for the express purpose of facilitating groundwater recharge, etc.) shall be considered groundwater recharge achieved. Outcomes such as groundwater demand reduction, indirect or speculative supply benefits, and passive recharge resulting from the enhancement or restoration of natural conditions may be reported as related outcomes but are not direct groundwater recharge resulting from program funding.

Where it is determined, as part of the implementation project review process, that a project provides direct groundwater recharge benefits, it is the responsibility of the groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) to ensure, under their existing authorities, that this water is not made available for extraction. Grantees are required to obtain GSA certification at the time of project submittal that groundwater recharge will be accounted for within the GSA's water budget. An updated certification may be required if the scope of the project changes or it is otherwise determined that the achieved benefits vary from those claimed at the time of project submittal. Individual water rights will not be reconfigured, and GSAs may use their discretion to determine the most effective way to balance their water budgets. As with all benefits of the program, groundwater recharge benefits must be reasonably durable. All GSA certifications must be valid for the duration of the benefit, and proportional to the investment of the program in the benefits achieved.