

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
Weekly Update
Friday December 8, 2023



NSJWCD's Tracy Lake's Pump Station at Sunset

District Resumes Pumping and Recharge Activities: District Staff has been monitoring releases from Camanche, the Elliot Gage which appears to be repaired and reading logically again, WID Diversions and the flow below Woodbridge Dam. Based on that data we see at least 20 cfs gain below Camanche that is available for diversion under the Permit 10477 direct diversion right. The District resumed pumping and recharge activities at 3 pm Thursday, putting 2.7 CFS from the Temporary North Pump Station onto the Reynolds Recharge Project. It was a welcome opportunity to showcase and active project on our District Tour today. We expect to have the Costa property ready to take CalFed Water next week.

Temporary North Station Replacement Project Fish and Wildlife Permit Almost Across the Line: Fish and Wildlife published the Permit for the Temporary North Pump Station Replacement today. It is the first part of a multi stage process of getting the final permit. However, it is effectively the final word on what terms will be required in the permit. We expect to have a final issued permit by the middle of next week which times well with Arnaudo Construction's expected completion date for the Phase Two South System Pipeline Replacement Project.

South System Construction Update: Arnaudo Construction completed the Harney Lane Crossing in a single night last night but will be returning to finish the roadway. They expect to have another week to finish the last 500 feet north of Harney Lane. Board President Valente and I have both stayed in close contact with Harney Lane Winery staff who are so far pleased with the progress of the project.

District Tour A Success: The District Tour was a sell out today. We had representation from area landowners, growers, SSJID, Stockton East, WID and local media. The Kautz family graciously hosted a lunch afterwards that was enjoyed by all. The District got a quick complimentary write up by Mike Dunbar, in the Valley Solutions Newsletter, a non profit project of Adam Gray who is running for California's 13th congressional district.

Valley Solutions

Today's Headlines

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Welcome to the Valley Solutions Newsletter, a roundup of today's Valley News from Fresno to Sacramento.
About the author: Mike Dunbar, aka MAD, is an award-winning journalist who worked for McClatchy Newspapers, including as the editorial page editor for The Modesto Bee, Merced-Sun Star & Los Banos Enterprise for 30 years. He continues his work as a journalist, having written and produced more than a dozen films about the Valley. Mike also worked for the State Assembly. If you do not want to receive these emails, please unsubscribe [HERE](#).

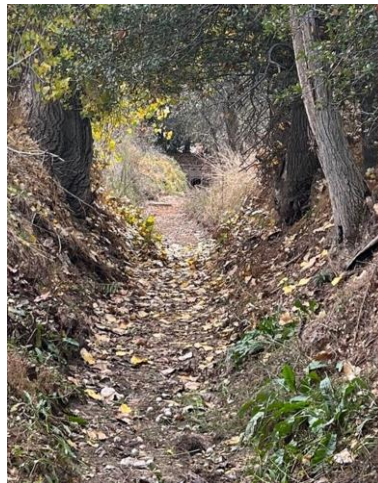
Valley Solutions editor 'on assignment'

Valley Solutions. Editor Mike Dunbar traveled to Lodi on Friday morning to take part in a tour of the Northern San Joaquin Water Conservation District, which covers 150,000 acres stretching from Galt to south of Lodi. The district has developed partnerships, working agreements and a host of projects to secure water for its growers. That's not easy, considering the district has only junior rights on the Mokelumne River. Attorney Jen Spalletta explained the district is able to "leverage" its unique water-banking opportunities in an effort to comply with SGMA. She and GM Steve Schwabauer also explained some of the regulatory hurdles the district must clear - including those that kept it from maximizing its groundwater storage capacity this year.

MAD Note: Below are some of the stories that we couldn't quite fit into the daily newsletter

Resources Bond Advocacy: The advocacy meeting has been moved again this time to Senator Eggman's Stockton Office on January 26.

East Ditch Work Complete: The California Conservation Corp Crew completed the clean up of the East Ditch. The District gained a lot of appreciation from area residents who all responded positively to the work and welcomed the district onto their property to perform various portions of the work. The first photo below is after several loads of blackberry vines were removed. And the second two are after and before photos of the East Ditch after it crosses 88 on the old Lockeford Springs Golf Course. If you golf a visit to the ditch could well save you ever needing to purchase another ball...The East Ditch is in now in far better condition than Pixley slough. Both, from statements of area residents, used to be maintained by the County.



Lakso Recharge Almost Ready: District Staff secured the monitoring well easement and the recharge lease on the Lakso property this week. We will meet with Richard Rodriguez and the Lakso's to plan the berm plan next week. District Staff was treated to an area wide tour via side by side with Mr. Lakso who, at 88, is far tougher than your average bear. The District's pump station access easement proved in better shape than expected, but it was nevertheless an exciting ride in a side by side.



Dry Well Reporting: District staff held meeting with DWR to go over Dry Well reporting funding. As expected DWR funds dry well response through Self Help Enterprises but expects GSA's to handle pumping related failures. We have reached out to Self Help to determine if there are opportunities for the District to secure their services and are awaiting a response. Staff from SSJID and NSJWCD also began a conversation with Catholic Charities about providing outreach and training to access EGBA dry water well response services.

Constellation Funding Opportunity: District Staff met directly with Constellation Representatives this week to discuss opportunities for Constellation to sponsor recharge activities. The focus of the efforts shifted to a three-year sponsorship of the Tecklenburg basin which better fits Constellations corporate needs. Staff will be responding to Constellation with a cost and performance proposal next week.

Instagram Channel. The District's Instagram Channel is back in action posting information on the SWEEP grant and various District initiatives. Be sure to like and follow and refer your friends as it is a great way for the District to reach our constituents and raise awareness of the District's programs and value!

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APPLY FOR STATE WATER EFFICIENCY AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (SWEEP) FUNDING TO IMPROVE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM!

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is soliciting applications from growers for water and energy efficient irrigation improvements

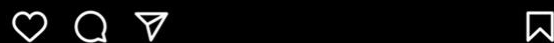
The Department will release the grant application on November 28, 2023; guidelines are available on the [SWEEP website](#).

Applications are due January 19, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time.

Growers are eligible for up to \$200,000

Start your pre-application work **NOW**, such as completing a pump efficiency test and collecting the required receipts and bills!

For more info, please contact the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District's General Manager, Steve Schuabauer, at steve@NSJWCD.com



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