

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

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi CA
Zoom - Teleconference Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER RELAXING BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS DUE TO COVID-19**

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:02 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda and for the meeting on March 27, 2022, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

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

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel de Graaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

2. **Correspondence/Announcements-** No correspondence or announcements at this time.
3. **Presentation –** Chris Potter from EBMUD- presented the current and historical Mokelumne River Basin water supply conditions. Report available upon request.
4. **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 March 27, 2023- A motion to approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes on March 27, 2023 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0

B. Financial Matters

1. Receive and File April 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers and presented to the board- A motion to approve April 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report , excluding the Cash Flow Loans Between Accounts, which needs to be revised, by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

2. Approve Payment of Bills- A motion to approve payment of bills listed on page 14 in the board meeting packet- Summary of Bills made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0

C. System and Projects

1. Engineer's Report – Engineer deGraaf gave an overview of where the district stands in lieu of the recent storms.

North System – WGA is currently developing draft project alternatives for evaluation.

South System – Operation of the South System pump and testing of the control and function of the system was conducted over the past several weeks. During testing of the equipment a few issues were identified which included an issue with the power supply, and fish screen sediment. Both will be addressed the week of April 24th.

Eastside Ditch – Evaluation of the ditch was performed. Several issues including debris blocking the discharge to Bear Creek, sediment and debris in the culverts under highways 12 and 88, an abundance of vegetation making parts of the ditch inaccessible and other dumped trash. Arnaudo Construction completed cleaning the culvert and ditch near highway 88 and is in the process of working with a company to get a vac truck on site to clean the culvert under highway 12. A meeting with Larry Miller was held to evaluate his ability to utilize water for irrigation as well as a potential recharge project on his property utilizing a temporary pump. Direction from the board to discuss and sign an agreement to do recharge on the property. A motion to move forward with an agreement for a recharge project on the Miller property with an amount not to exceed \$15,000 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr.

Motion passed 4/0/0

Handel Lateral – No further work has been completed on this project at the board direction as other projects to increase delivery of water this year were identified as priorities. Next steps include further landowner outreach, finalizing the list of parcels that will be included in the ID and performing topographic and boundary survey to complete the design of the project. The tasks will take place over the next several months.

Dream Project- PG&E has the plans and is working with EBMUD to complete the application process. Once given the go ahead, the district will be able to complete installation of the service pole and complete installation of the electrical equipment to hook up the pump.

Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – No further operation of the Cal Fed pump has occurred. Operation of the system is planned to resume after grape harvest.

Tracy Lake ID – Tracy Lake remains full and has no capacity to receive water from the river. The district will continue coordinate irrigation scheduled and possible diversions into Tracy Lake this spring and summer to maximize the use of surface water in lieu of groundwater for irrigation.

Tecklenburg Recharge Basin – A conceptual site plan and Engineer's Estimate has been prepared for the project. Discussion with adjacent landowners are ongoing for planning and acquisitions of permanent easements for the project.

2. North System -

i. Temporary pump system – Arnaudo Construction is currently installing a temporary pump and fish screen in the Mokelumne.

ii. Reynolds Recharge Project – Project area needs to be disced, bermed up and have delivery pipeline installed. De Graaf is working with Pacific Southwest Irrigation on the pipeline. Reynolds family will prepare the recharge area.

3. South System

- i. South System Improvements Phase II RFP – No action needed.
- ii. East Side Ditch
 - 1. Survey and Easements – General Counsel reviewed survey work authorized, and what needs to specifically be done with landowners in attendance at the board meeting. Also reviewed the California Conservation Corps cleanup project which was completed at minimal cost.
 - iii. Recharge Parcels Update -verbal update given on Locke project.
 - iv. Tecklenburg Purchase Update – Almost ready to close escrow.
- 4. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – No activity. Need to update landowner agreement.
- 5. Tracy Lake ID – Resolution 2023-06 adopting budget and setting Operations and Maintenance Assessment- A motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 adopting budget and setting Operations and Maintenance Assessments made by Vice President Colombini second by Treasurer Starr. Roll call vote: Starr; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0
- D. Consero Grant Activity report – Grant Activity report in the Board Meeting packet.**
 - 1. Motion to approve application for a \$5M Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant for the South System Phase 3 Project – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed this large grant opportunity. A motion to allow staff to submit application for a \$5M Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant for the South System Phase 3 Project, made by Vice President Colombini second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - 2. SWEEP Block Grant Opportunity with SEWD – Consensus to move forward.
- E. Strategic Plan Activity**
 - 1. Draft Board Policy and Procedures Manual – General Counsel reviewed draft Board Policy and Procedures prepared by staff. A motion to approve Board Policy and Procedures Manual made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - 2. General Manager Recruitment Update – Working with CPS on recruitment and should have the job out the week of May 8th for solicitation.
- F. Draft 2023-24 Budget -Discussion only**
- G. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – Steering Committee Meeting was held, President Valente attended on behalf of Vice President Colombini.**
- H. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Stakeholder meeting was held, all potential stakeholders on the river will review the information before application is submitted to the State Board of Water Resources.**
- I. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – No update at this time.**
- J. 2022/2023 Groundwater Charge – Secretary Burns and District Engineer deGraaf are working to update the 2022/2023 Groundwater Change with the County. A few last minor appeals have been sent in. New roll has been received, and will be reviewed for 2024.**

1. Letters to landowners with proposed charged and appeal information – Letters will be mailed in the next few weeks.

K. Landowner Communications – No update at this time

L. Board Planning Calendar- No update at this time

5. Director and Staff Reports

A. Director's Report – No report at this time.

B. General Counsel Spaletta – No report at this time.

C. District Manager/Engineer – No report at this time.

D. Consero Solutions – No report at this time.

E. Committee Reports – No report at this time.

F. Other –Jason Colombini updated board on logo and website information. A motion to approve logo presented for the District's logo made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0 (Motion was made because Vice President Colombini will not be in attendance again until the districts June Regular Scheduled Board Meeting)

6. Public Comment – SEWD General Manager Justin Hopkins invited the board to the 75th anniversary celebration on June 9th.

7. Closed Session – The Board entered closed session at 4:06 PM, came out of closed session at **4:45 PM** and returned to Open Session. President Valente reported there was no reportable action in Closed Session.

8. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on April 24, 2023 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting May 22, 2022, from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Location and method TBA due to COVID-19 Executive Order.

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of April 24, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary