

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

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

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

SPECIAL 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 2:03 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting on March 28, 2022 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Tom Flinn - 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-** Landowner communications and phone calls and emailed reviewed. Newsletters have been mailed.

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

- A. Proposed Groundwater Charge-** action as needed

1. Review Landowner Workshop Input – President Valente meeting attendance and feedback received. General Counsel Spaletta reviewed comments and feedback she received regarding residential parcels. Public comments were received. Letter handed out to the Board from Mr. Pilkington.
2. Engineer's Report (Administrative Draft Attached) – District Engineer Reviewed Draft Engineer's report provided in the board meeting packet and received public comments. General Counsel reviewed options regarding landowner parcel size for residential parcels that the district would like to impose the Groundwater charge on or not. A motion to move forward with the Groundwater Charge made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. President Valente removed himself from the meeting for the discussion of residential parcels being charged or exempt as he owns a parcel in the 0-5 acre range. Vice President Flinn lead the discussion for this portion of the meeting regarding residential parcels. Board discussion. Public comments were received. A motion to exclude parcels less than 5 acres (5.0 acres and larger will be charged) and direct staff to proceed to the next step of assembly, review and distribution of parcel information to the election company made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 3/0/1 President Valente was not in the room for this motion. President

Valente returned to the room and resumed leadership of the meeting. President Valente stated that, as a member of the Board that recommended the groundwater charge, his parcel be charged, even though it is less than 5 acres.

3. Notice, Ballots, Public Hearing. General Counsel Spaletta reviewed necessary steps to move forward. The Public Hearing will be held on June 14, 2022 in Jackson Hall located at the Grape Festival Grounds. Time TBA. General Counsel provided a draft Written Protest Form for Proposed Groundwater Charge and is seeking feedback on the draft. The election company will be in charge of all aspects of the election.

- B.** Governor's Executive Order regarding Drought – Action as needed- General Counsel reviewed the Executive Order issued by the Governor of California and reviewed the State of Emergency due to the drought in California and its limits. General Counsel reviewed item 9 of executive order included in the board meeting packet and its provisions. NSJWCD will develop a policy and procedure for this order. A special meeting will be scheduled for this topic on April 14, 2022 at 2PM. Location will be posted on the district website.
- C.** Assembly Bill 656 – Action as needed – General Counsel reviewed support letter template in the board meeting packet from Stockton East Water District (SEWD) to remove SEWD water rate cap. A motion to send letter of support for Stockton East Water District on behalf of NSJWCD for Assembly Bill 656 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0
- D.** 2022-23 Budget
 - 1. Committee Meetings- April 19th Budget Committee Meeting at General Counsel Spaletta's office.

4. Non-Action Items

- A. NSJWCD Annual Water Report – Report has been submitted on time.
- B. Madera County GSA Rate Study – Madera County GSA is proposing a rate study and details of study were explained.

5. Director and Staff Reports

- A. President'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 – N/A
- E. Committee Reports – No report at this time.
- F. Other – No report at this time.

6. Public Comment – Public comments were received.

- 7. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on April 6, 2022 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting April 25, 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 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:
Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary