

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

Teleconference Meeting

Monday January 25, 2021

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 2:01 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting on January 25, 2021 and to move Action item I up in the Agenda, made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. 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-** Community Development mailings were reviewed. Mosquito Abatement Letter was reviewed and the district will provide a letter of support if needed.
3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2020 – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - B. Financial Matters
 - a. Receive and File NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report– Monthly Treasurer's Report in the board meeting packet was reviewed. A motion to review and approve NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's report for the month of January made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. A motion to write two warrants to the County for a transfer of funds in the amounts of \$50,000 for a deposit into the General Trustee Checking Account, and \$130,000 into the DREAM Checking Account, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0
 - b. Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's Report. A motion to review and approve the TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - c. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's report. Annual assessments are coming in at this time. No action at this time. A reconciliation report for payment of interest on warrants will be drafted for the next scheduled board meeting and presented for approval.

- C. Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed storage, releases and flows. The current water year is looking like it will be “critically dry” which means NSJWCD will not receive “stored” water during the summer months.
- D. Review and Consider Adoption of Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2020 Addendum (Resolution 2021-01) – A motion to approve **Resolution 2021-01** Adopting the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2020 Addendum, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll Call vote: Flinn: Aye; Simpson: Aye; Starr: Aye; Wilber: Absent; Valente: Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0.
- E. South System Projects -
 - a. South Pump Station Project – District Engineer reviewed gate on South System catwalk will be galvanized and installed and finished in the coming months.
 - b. Brandt/Tretheway Project – District Engineer reviewed delayed parts and projected finish in March.
 - c. East Side Ditch Project – Arnaudo Construction will start at the end of February, and will be working with District Engineer.
 - d. Dream/Pixley Pipeline –
 - i. Status Report/Schedule –The pipe has been delivered and ready for installation.
 - e. WaterSMART Grants – No updates at this time. Still evaluating applications at this time.
 - f. Improvement District No.3 Updates – Interested property owners have contacted District wanting to join ID#3 and will amend ID#3 in February. A meeting on February 4th will be set up to discuss timelines.
- F. Pump Station Maintenance Report –
 - i. Clean-up Status– Secretary Simpson reviewed Delo Electric for the completion of Delo Electrical services for \$1,700 which was \$700 over the amount authorized at the December Board meeting. The Board would like to wait until there is water available and a pending grant application is awarded.
 - c. South Pump
 - i. Vegetation control, fallen tree – A review of Jessie the Tree Guy’s quote for cleanup and removal of fallen trees in the pump station area. A motion to authorize quote for \$5,000 for maintenance removal and clean-up of South Pump Station vegetation made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0. Funds will come from South System Construction Budget Account for maintaining system that was just constructed.
 - d. Tracy Lake
 - i. Staff Gages – Secretary Simpson and President Valente met with Mike Quartaroli (surveyor), who will provide information on staff gauges and placement.
 - ii. Lake Elevation Sensor – Discussion above. No action at this time.
 - iii. Tesco web interface Sensor – Monthly meetings will be held until project completed. General Counsel will email options for additional meetings.
- G. North System Prop 68 Grant Application – No update at this time.
- H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – No update at this time.
- I. Discuss Strategic Plan Process/Public Outreach – Petrea Marchand with

Consero Solutions joined the call and reviewed updates made to the Strategic Plan and further efforts to move forward with Public Outreach efforts in COVID times including growers and associations involvement and looking forward to in person meetings in the months to come. The Board would like to include the Consultants into meetings with growers and associations. A motion to approve presented public outreach strategy proposal set forth by Consero Solutions made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.

- J. Landowner communications – No updates at this time.
 - K. Discussion of Revised Board Policy Manual – Will be brought back for suggestions at the February Board Meeting.
 - L. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – Working draft presented and will update on the Districts Outlook Calendar.
- 4. Director and Staff Reports**
- A. President’s Report – No report at this time.
 - B. General Counsel Spaletta – Reviewed State Water Resources Control Board pending application for filed water-right Application 29657 that was never processed and hearings for February 16, 2021 and will attend Status Conference for action purposes to protect Districts interest and will report back to the board.
 - C. District Manager/Engineer – No report at this time
 - D. Committee Reports – No report at this time
 - E. Other – No reports at this time.
- 5. Public Comment** – Public comments were addressed.
- 6. Closed Session** – The Board will be entering into Closed Session at 3:48 pm. President Valente did not be participate in the Closed Session to avoid the perception of any conflict-of-interest.
- 7. Adjournment** - The Board came out of Closed Session at 4:21 pm with Directors Flinn, Starr and Simpson present. Vice President Flinn reported there was no reportable action. Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on January 25, 2021 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Meeting adjourned 4:22 PM. Motion passed 3/0/0.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting February 22, 2021, 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 January 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary