

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

**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 Secretary Colburn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0. Vice President Colombini was absent

**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 Colburn. Motion passed 4/0/0.

**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 Colburn, 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 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 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 March 31, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Board Clerk- Shasta Burns