

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, February 24, 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 January 27, 2025 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

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

- 2. Correspondence/Announcements** – Wednesday the LDGGA and NSJWCD will hold a Water Forum meeting from 9:00 am-11:30 am.
- 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 January 27, 2025. A motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on January 27, 2024, made by Director Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0.

**B. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Receive and approve February 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 February 2025 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0.
2. Approve Payment of Bills. A motion to approve payment of bills listed in the Board meeting packet, made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0.
3. Report on Cash Flow considerations of current operations – General Manager Schwabauer 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.

**C. CONTRACTS**

1) Authorize General Manager enter Employment Agreement with Lisa Noffsinger for part time assistance with Budget and Cash Flow Management – A motion to approve Employment Agreement with Lisa Noffsinger for part time assistance with Budget and Cash Flow Management, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0

**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.

i. Provide Direction to Staff on Landowner Meter Selection and Automation- On going board discussion topic.

2. North System-

i. Authorize General Manager with agreement of the Board President, General Counsel, and District Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and issue bid package to replace North System Steel Pipeline with remaining SGMA Grant Funds – A motion to authorize General Manager with agreement of the Board President, General Counsel, and District Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and issue bid package to replace North System Steel Pipeline with remaining SGMA Grant Funds to present at the next scheduled board meeting made by Director Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr

ii. Authorize General Manager together along with staff to enter into a contract with Arnaudo Construction, to install a valve in steel pipeline at the north end of the Lakso Recharge Project – A motion to authorize General Manager together along with staff to enter into a contract with Arnaudo Construction, to install a valve in steel pipeline at the north end of the Lakso Recharge Project made by Director Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0

3. South System –

i. Authorize General Manager with agreement of Board President, General Counsel, and District Engineer to enter contract with a VFD contactor to repair South Pump Station VFD, not to exceed \$40,000 – A motion to authorize General Manager with agreement of Board President, General Counsel, and District Engineer to enter contract with a VFD contactor to repair South Pump Station VFD, not to exceed \$40,000 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Director Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0

4. Cal-Fed Woodbridge – The Costa field recharge project was operational while water was available. Pump test was performed on Friday, February 14, 2025 and as expected, the efficiency of the pump could be improved. Discussion about options to improve efficiency, included installation of a VFD or replacement of the pump bowls to better match the system demand. Both options will be explored.

5. Tracy lake ID – Pump test was performed, and very poor efficiency was identified for the pump. Delta Pump was contacted to evaluate the cause of poor efficiency

and a plan to repair and improve the pump that is being developed- General Manager will meet to authorize agreement with board president, General Counsel, and District Engineer to enter contract with Delta Pump to repair Tracy Lake Pump, not to exceed \$40,000- A motion to approve General Manager to meet and approve agreement with Tracy Lake landowner representatives to enter contract with Delta Pump to repair Tracy Lake Pump not to exceed \$40,000, made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Simpson. Motion approved 5/0/0

**E. Grant Activity**

1. Consero Report – Update on funding requests and grant opportunities. Climate Bond has passed, including SWEEP funding and WaterSMART. WaterSMART grant is now on hold due to budgets.

**F. Strategic Plan Activity –** Staff is in the process of updating the report card at this time and will be presented at the Town Hall Meeting on February 26, 2025. Additional work be done to update Strategic Plan in the future for presentation purposes.

**G. Groundwater Charge-** Property tax bills have been mailed and received by landowners. Additional appeals and phone calls are being made at this time.

**H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity-** Meeting will be held on Thursday and Vice President Colombini will attend.

**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 February 24, 2025 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed

5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

**The next regular scheduled Board Meeting March 31, 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 February 24, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Board Clerk- Shasta Burns