

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

Lodi Library Community Room, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi CA

**Monday January 25, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call** - President Valente called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM

President Joe Valente  
Vice President Tom Flinn  
Secretary David Simpson  
Treasurer Hugh Scanlon  
Director Marden Wilber

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta  
Special Legal Counsel Roger Masuda-Absent  
Consultant Walt Sadler  
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

**2. Public Hearing:** Regarding Establishing North San Joaquin Water Conservation District as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for those portions of the Cosumnes and Eastern San Joaquin Sub-basins within NSJWCD- The Public Hearing Opened at 2:04 p.m. Questions and comments came from four members of the public. Representatives from the City of Lodi were in attendance, and asked for the consideration of the District to remove them from their jurisdictional boundary. Answers and input given from all Board members and specific explanations from Special Counsel Spaletta. President Valente closed the Public Hearing at 2:20 p.m.

**3. Correspondence/Announcements**

During the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting in Closed Session, the Board approved the new role of General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta, and Special Counsel Roger Masuda for the District.

**4. Action Items**

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Financial Reports and Invoice/Expense Payments

Treasurer Scanlon reviewed the financial reports, the proposed list of invoices, and expenses to be paid. District annual taxes were collected on December 10, 2015. All bills for engineering designs and services were reviewed, and all still remain in the proposed budget. A motion to pay all invoices for expenses made by Secretary Simpson, and second by Director Wilber. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Tracy Lake Current Financial Reports

Treasurer Scanlon reviewed recent expenditures and account balances with the Board. The last bill to Ford Construction for the Tracy Lake Pump Station syphon breaker was presented. A security gate was installed and is currently in use. The final signs to identify the project are ordered and will be hung at the pump station. All bills to Ford Construction were reviewed and approved by the Tracy Lake coordinating committee. A

motion to pay all remaining invoices for the Tracy Lake Pump Station was made by Director Wilber, and second by Secretary Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution **2016-01** electing to establish NSJWCD as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for those portions of the Cosumnes and Eastern San Joaquin Sub-basins within NSJWCD.

Discussion to adopt Resolution 2016-01 today, and make all other decisions regarding excluding the City of Lodi, and other agencies within the Districts jurisdictional boundaries at a later date were discussed. A Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-01 electing to establish NSJWCD as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for those portions of the Cosumnes and Eastern San Joaquin Sub-basins within NSJWCD made by Vice President Flinn, and second by Treasurer Scanlon. Roll Call: Vice President Flinn: Aye, Secretary Simpson: Aye, Treasurer Scanlon: Aye, Director Wilber: Aye, and President Valente: Aye. 5:0 vote. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution **2016-02** to apply for WaterSMART grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the South System Pump Station Rehabilitation and Distribution System Improvements.

Consultant Sadler and Daniel Kramer from Petrologix filed the WaterSMART grant application. A motion to apply for WaterSMART grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the South System Pump Station Rehabilitation and Distribution System Improvements made by Vice President Flinn, and second by Secretary Simpson. Roll Call: Vice President Flinn: Aye, Secretary Simpson: Aye, Treasurer Scanlon: Aye, Director Wilber: Aye, and President Valente: Aye. 5:0 vote. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Update on DREAM Groundwater Banking Demonstration Project, Direction to staff regarding Landowner Meetings, Operational Agreements, and Cost Share Agreements. Current standings of the project were explained by Mark Williamson. The project is proceeding to move forward. Four important document schedules were discussed and include; an operations plan with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, San Joaquin County, and EBMUD. Funding Agreements with San Joaquin County, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, and EBMUD. Landowners who will participate in taking the recharge water, and lastly Easement Agreements with Landowners. The project proponents plan to apply for an export permit from San Joaquin County to be issued by June 2016. Project descriptions are now available and are being shared in public forums including the Farm Bureau, Advisory Water Commission, and landowners. CEQA documents are being prepared with a plan to circulate for public review by March 1, 2016.

G. Discussion on Tracy Lake Improvement District 2016 Operations Plan and O&M Budget.

The coordinating committee has agreed to meet before the February 29, 2016 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting to discuss the annual operating plan and budget. No action taken at this time.

H. Update of existing system and proposed projects map to include inclusion of Tracy Lakes, Mondavi Project, and DREAM Projects.

Maps discussing projects, and a map prioritizing sections of pipeline in need of the most structural work will be presented at the February 29, 2016 Board meeting. No action taken at this time.

## 5. Discussion Items

- A. Water Supply conditions- Special Counsel Spaletta gave water supply, which states above normal rain/snow fall this year to date.
- B. Review Map of South Distribution System Pipeline Segment Status after CCTV Inspection- Consultant Sadler will review at the February 29, 2016 board meeting.
- C. Report of Lodi Pump Evaluation of South System Station- Last week the propeller was set at the Pump Station and is currently running today. Consultant Sadler will have a written report to review at the next board meeting.
- D. Report of Records Storage Work Day- Secretary Simpson reported what documents were moved out to the County Records Facility. Also reported the findings of the original formation of the District and original pipelines.

## 6. Director and Staff Reports

- A. Presidents Report – Sediment Erosion and Nitrogen Plans are being done.
- B. General Counsel Spaletta – Possible March Board Meeting Conflict- to be addressed at the February 29, 2016 meeting. General Counsel Spaletta, Secretary Simpson, and Brandon Nakagawa from San Joaquin County will be presenting the DREAM Project at the Farm Bureau's Water Committee Meeting and are scheduling landowner information meetings.
- C. Consultant Saddler - No report at this time
- D. Committee Reports – Treasurer Scanlon reported that Comcast has updated rates and presented ways for the board to save money if bills were directly debited out the Districts checking account each month. Action item on the February Agenda. Vice President Flinn reported the Groundwater Baking Authority (GBA) boundary modifications authority by staff. Vice President Flinn attended the Advisory Water Commission meeting and reported Water Fix issues, and the current drought.
- E. Other –

## 7. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - No public comments at this time

## 8. Closed Session- The Board entered into closed session at **3:51 p.m.**

Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957:  
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT: Legal Counsel

Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(b):  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation related to California Water Fix Petitions for Change, Protest and Administrative Hearing Process

## 9. Return to Open Session – The Board returned to open session at **4:10 p. m.** President Valente reported that no reportable action taken.

## 10. Adjournment -

Motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, made by Vice President Flinn, second by

Secretary Simpson. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at **4:12 p. m.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting on February 29, 2016, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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David Simpson, Secretary

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Joe Valente, President