

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

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

Monday, June 26, 2023

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 2:02 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting on June 26, 2022, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice Pres. Jason Colombini - Area 2
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4
Director Marden Wilber – Area 5

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel de Graaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

2. **Correspondence/Announcements-** No correspondence or announcements at this time.

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 May 22, 2023- A motion to approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes on May 22, 2023 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/1. Colombini abstained due to absence at the May 2023 Board Meeting.

B. Financial Matters

1. Receive and File June 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers and presented to the board- A motion to approve June 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report, including late bill from Sierra Controls and direct staff to look at operational expenses for Richard Rodriguez and make necessary changes to accounts in which bills are paid, by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.

2. Approve Payment of Bills- A motion to approve payment of bills listed on Summary of Bills, page 10 in the board meeting packet, with the operational expense categorization for Richard Rodriguez- by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0

3. California Special Districts Association Membership –A motion to become a member of the CSDA made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0.

4. **Resolution 2023-09**– Setting 2023-2024 Groundwater Charge – General overview from Legal Counsel. A motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 Imposing Groundwater Charge to Fund the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Public comments were received. Roll Call Vote; Starr; Aye, Wilber; Aye, Simpson; Aye; Valente; Aye, Colombini; Aye. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

5. 2023-2024- Budget- General Counsel Spaletta reviewed the attached budget in the board meeting packet. A motion to approve 2023-2024 Budget by Vice President Colombini, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.

6. Insurance/Emergency Plan- Secretary Simpson discussed a meeting with JPIA rep Chuck Wagenseller that he and President Valente attended. Wagenseller stated NSJWCD needs to develop an Emergency Plan. General Counsel will look at a sample from JPIA and bring back to the board for plan approval.

C. System and Projects

1. Engineer’s Report – Engineer deGraaf gave an overview of where the district stands – Report was presented at the start of the board meeting and is available upon request.

2. North System -

i. Temporary pump system – A motion to accept the quote from Pacific Southwest Irrigation for the amount of \$145,878.07 for the skid mounted pump and quote from Intake Screens Inc for the amount of \$43,300, accompanied with giving direction to General Counsel negotiate terms of an easement, all in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.

ii. Reynolds Recharge Project – Richard Rodriguez has been running the temporary pump and applying water to the west 40 acres. Fieldwork on the east 40 acres needs to be done to try and put water on the additional acres. Daniel will contact Richard Rodriguez or Dominic Borra to see who is available to do additional groundwork on the east 40 acres of the Reynolds property. Beginning July 1st de Graaf will coordinate delivery of NSJWCD’s stored water from EBMUD.

iii. North System Phase I Update – Bob Granberg reviewed WGA has completed design for phase I. WGA will have plans and specs to the district soon so we can get project out to bid.

3. South System

i. South System Improvements Phase II RFP – District Engineer deGraaf stated that Arnaudo Construction is halfway through the project. Construction window allows for project to be completed in the second week of July. Water delivery is estimated to be delivered July 17, 2023.

ii. East Side Ditch

1. Ditch bank maintenance – Dirt from the Phase II project will be used to improve ditch capacity. District Engineer deGraaf will work with landowners to

let them know what is being done.

iii. Miller Recharge Update – Water is currently being delivered. 7.5-acre feet has been delivered at this time. Richard Rodriguez is running the pumps. Recommendation to dry out the field for a few days for Mosquito Vector Control.

iv. Tecklenburg Recharge Update – 2100' of pipeline and 2 concrete boxes have been installed. Additional gravel and grading will be needed for long term access needs. Operations will start on July 17, 2023.

4. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – Manassero property is fallow at this time and could easily be prepared for recharge. Board consensus to proceed with potential Manassero Recharge Project lease. General Counsel will be in contact with the landowners.
5. Tracy Lake ID – Chris Misfud contacted the district due to some debris next to the pump.
6. Discuss Temporary Application to Appropriate Flood Flows in November 2023 and Additional of Points of Diversion – General Counsel reviewed application to divert water in November. Direction from the board to submit an Application to Appropriate Flood Flow in November and Additional Point of Diversions.

D. Grant Activity

1. Consero report -Petrea Marchand with Consero Solutions reported on memo in the board meeting packet. SWEEP Block has been submitted.

E. Strategic Plan Activity

1. General Manager Recruitment Update – Working with CPS on recruitment. Recruitment closes today, June 26, 2023. Sub Committee will meet to review resumes on Monday, July 3, 2023 at 10 am.

F. Contracts for 2023-24 Fiscal Year

1. Consero Solutions
2. Granberg & Associates
3. Spaletta Law PC
4. deGraaf Engineering

A motion to approve Contracts 1-4 in above action items to be approved for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0.

5. On-Call Surveyor List - Bob Granberg reviewed the On-Call Surveyor Memo attached in the board meeting packet. A motion to approve list of Qualified Surveying Firms to Provide On-Call Surveying Services and Directing the Interim General Manager to Issue Task Order Based Professional Service by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.

G. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – Ongoing meetings. Water Accounting Framework process is still taking place. General Counsel Spaletta and Vice President Colombini are attending the meetings.

H. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Ongoing meetings. SJ County has a grant to take water out of the river. RFP's have been received and interviews for consulting groups are taking place at this time.

- I. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – No update at this time.
 - J. Landowner Communications – Appeal calls and emails are being received and processed.
 - K. Board Planning Calendar- No update at this time
- 4. Director and Staff Reports**
- A. Director’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 – No report at this time.
 - E. Committee Reports – No report at this time.
 - F. Other – No activity..
- 5. Public Comment** –No comments..
- 6. Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 4:20 PM, came out of closed session at **4:25 PM** and returned to Open Session. President Valente reported there was no reportable action in Closed Session. Due to moving charges between accounts (see B1 and B2. above), an emergency motion to write a warrant to the County General Fund for \$50,000 to be deposited in General Checking Account and \$100,000 to be deposited into the North System Checking Account by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0.
- 7. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on June 26, 2023 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting July 31, 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 June 26, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary