

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

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

Monday August 26, 2019

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:03 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting of August 26, 2019, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0

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

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

2. **Correspondence/Announcements-** Secretary Simpson announced email correspondence.
3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 29, 2019 – A motion to approve and file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0/0
 - B. Receive and File NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Reports June, July, and August – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed monthly financial reports and attachment for monthly financials procedures. A motion to receive and file the NSJWCD General Fund, TLID #1, ID #3, Amended Monthly Treasurer’s Report for June, July, and current Treasurers report for the month of August, and to prepare a Warrant to the County for the transfer of funds into the NSJWCD General Checking account in the amount of \$100,000.00 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0/0
 - C. Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer’s Reports June, July, and August – Motion taken in Action Item 3B.
 - D. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer’s Reports June, July, and August – Motion taken Action Item 3B.
 - E. Pre-approve NSJWCD and TLID bills for payment between monthly meetings - General Counsel Spaletta reviewed routine monthly expenses for routine monthly District billing, and a recommended list for payments. A motion to pre-approve NSJWCD and TLID bills for payment between monthly meetings as listed on handout in Board Meeting packet, made by Vice President Flinn, second Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0/0

- F.** Water Supply Conditions Report – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed flows in the river. Gauge flows show that the Mokelumne river is a “gaining stream” at this time of the year.
- G.** SGMA/JPA Update – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed outreach slides printed, and available to the public at the meeting, and include the following:
1. August 2019 Outreach Slides and State Water Resources Control Board information packet- Also available on the District website.
 2. Draft GSP Chapter Bundle #1, #2, and #3 (available at esjgroundwater.org home page) – The Board would like to adopt the GSP at the November 2019 Board Meeting. The Draft GSP is available online at esjgroundwater.org Hard copies of the Draft GSP are available at the District Office and Lodi Public Library. A link to the Draft GSP will also be placed on the NSJWCD web site. General Counsel Spaletta reviewed the comments that have been submitted within the NSJWCD jurisdiction and reviewed comments and next steps.
 3. Notice to Adopt Plan - SGMA regulations requirements, additional notice for public outreach to educate about the Districts plans for additional newspaper ads, social media, and website updates as necessary. A motion to spend \$1,000 on additional public outreach for the Notice of the GSA Plans for the District, made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0/0
- H.** Tracy Lake Improvement District
1. Discuss operations for 2019 – Daniel de Graaf reported that the pumping numbers are roughly the same as last month and are expected to remain the same until post-harvest irrigation begins. Daniel de Graaf will be meeting with Biologist Diane Moore to inspect the tree removal process.
- I.** South System
1. Update on Pump Station Project - Flows have gone down allowing construction to resume. Daniel de Graaf reported on modifications to the staircase at the pump station. KSN is working with Arnaudo to start construction on staircase catwalk portion. Estimated completion date is the end of September due to fishery pulse flows in the river.
 2. Review Pump Station Budget and Contracts – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed the current status of the project and its approved phases for reference. A motion to prioritize and Pump Station for completion for June 2020 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0. Daniel de Graaf will prioritize contract proposal for Phase 2b for board approval in December.
 3. Bureau of Reclamation Grant \$300,000 Grant for Pump Station – BOR has issued a Notice to Proceed with construction and the District will be reimbursed for \$300,000 – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed the Draft Contract attached in the Board Meeting packet. A motion to approve the presented contract subject to the final negotiation, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0/0
 4. ID #3 New Landowner Process for 2019 – General Counsel discussed the process of adding additional landowners to ID #3. The process, described in the water code, was reviewed. A motion to approve General Counsel Spaletta’s recommendations made by Flinn, Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0/0
 5. South System On-farm Recharge Meeting – General Counsel Spaletta is in communication with Sustainable Conservation and efforts will be made to

schedule a landowner meeting to discuss the possibility of additional projects and the costs and benefits of doing so. A December meeting date will be scheduled and a draft invitation list will be prepared.

J. Board Direction on Grant Effort

1. Priority Projects- Consero Solutions has been tasked to find Grants for priority projects list and the recommended prioritized list will be given to Consero Solutions to start.

2. New Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart RFP – Drought Resiliency Grant – General Counsel reviewed the RFP Drought Resiliency Grant, and advanced notice of two rounds of application periods for funding. Additional information listed in the Staff Report included for this agenda item. A Board consensus is to keep the Drought Resiliency Grants on hold at this time.

K. Dream Project – No update at this time.

L. Maintenance

1. Pixley Slough Maintenance –The County has started Pixley Slough Maintenance.

M. Cal-Fed –

1. Manassero Project –Update at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

2. Costa On-farm Recharge Project - Al Costa is interested in proceeding with the project and has offered to perform groundwork. Additional updates at the September Board Meeting. A landowner meeting will be held following the August 26 Board Meeting.

N. North System -

1. Investigation Proposal – No update at this time.

O. Advisory Water Commission

1. Report from July Meeting – Treasurer Starr presented Integrated Water Management Planning Coordinating Committee MOU, and will be given to General Counsel Spaletta to review and brought back for board action at the September Board Meeting.

2. Proposed SJC Flood Control Assessment – A meeting will be held on August 27, 2019 at 5 pm at Farm Bureau.

3. IRWMP Process Status –General Counsel Spaletta reviewed County’s need to for a new Group for IRWMP for the NSJWCD District’s area. Clarifications on the process. Update only at this time.

4. Potential Victor Stormwater/Tecklenburg Recharge Pond Project – No update at this time.

P. Updates/Discussion

1. Public Education and Outreach

i. Website – Current at this time

ii. Newsletter – Newsletter has gone out

2. Planning and Admin Projects

i. Surface Water Rules - Letter to landowners and adjacent to the pipeline and potential to take water have been sent out, and the letter will ask for feedback and comments regarding Surface Water Rules.

ii. Strategic Plan will be discussed at future Board Meetings

iii. Bylaws/Board Policy Manual will be discussed at future Board Meetings

iv. Procurement Policy will be discussed at future Board Meetings

General Counsel Spaletta has been working on items ii, iii, and iv. Will present at September Board Meeting

3. Bay- Delta Water Quality Control Plan Revision –Moving along at this time.

4. Director and Staff Reports

- A. President'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. Committee Reports – No report at this time
- E. Other – No reports at this time.

5. **Public Comment** – Public comments were addressed regarding District's recharge projects, and the upcoming meeting regarding Flood Control Assessment.

6. **Closed Session** – General Counsel Spaletta stated there was no need for Closed Session at this time.

7. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber, motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM.

**** The next regular scheduled Board Meeting September 30, 2019, at the Lodi Library Community Room 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM****

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of August 26, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary