

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Weekly Update

Friday December 15, 2023



NSJWCD's Temporary Reynold's Recharge Project at Sunset

**EGWA Budget Increase Gets Preliminary Approval:** The EGWA Steering Committee recommended that the Board adopt a Budget Amendment increasing Member Dues by \$670,120 to add a scope of service for Woodward and Curran to perform the services necessary for the 2025 GSP Update. 10.2% or \$68,476 of that cost will be allocated to the District payable by the Ground Water Charge.

**Dry Well Mitigation:** District staff presented a Dry Well Mitigation Plan to the EGWA Steering Committee Meeting on Wednesday morning. The Committee unanimously recommended that the Board adopt the policy with minor additions. The policy calls for initial funding of \$200,000 allocated according to the original funding formula which allocates 10.2 percent (\$20,400 payable from the Ground Water Charge) to the District.

**District Pumping and Recharge Activities:** As of today, EBMUD data still shows 10 cfs of gain in the Mokelumne River below Camanche Dam. WID diversions sit at 0 until after the February dam maintenance period (excepting the City of Lodi diversion which averages about 7.5 CFS and sits above

the diversion meter. For these reasons, the Reynold's project continues to operate at 2.7 CFS and the CalFed project came online Thursday morning adding another 2-2.5 CFS to District winter recharge activities.

Arnaudo Construction set the last of the joints for the south system phase two project today. They will be back next week to fuse the old 30-inch lines to the new 46-inch lines with a field fabricated collar. Combined with Richard Rodriguez' efforts to renew the Tecklenburg cells, and a positive forecast, staff expects to bring Tecklenburg online next week. The Lakso recharge project is also expected to come online next week with the lay flat pipe arriving mid-week bringing active winter discharge to a total of four projects!



Costa Field online taking CalFed Recharge Water for recharge

**Temporary North Station Replacement Project Fish and Wildlife Permit Issued:** I reported on this last week but its worth noting the permit is final and work is authorized! Arnaudo Construction is wrapping up South System Phase Two and will then be prepared to begin work on the North System Temporary Pump Replacement on January 2 after a well-deserved holiday break.



**North System RFQ Meeting:** District Staff held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon with prospective respondents to the District's North System Rehabilitation RFQ. Over 25 people attended with over 22 different business entities represented. Clearly interest in the project is strong. Robert Granberg has the RFQ process on schedule to have proposals before the Board in February.

**South System Construction Update:** Arnaudo Construction placed the last joint in the south system phase two project today, making it a little more than 300 feet north of Harney Lane. They are coming back later this December to connect the old and new lines and do a permanent restoration of the Harney Lane lot and farm roads. In light of the forecast, they brought in temporary gravel for the Winery parking lot. And also did a solid temporary restoration of the farm roads as shown below.





**Weekly Update Button added to website:** At the suggestion of Board Member Simpson the weekly update will now be available on the front page of the District website. We will promote the update on our Instagram Channel as well.

**Something Old, Something New:** The Photos below show the 30-inch South System pipes being removed for the South System Phase 2 project and the new 46-inch lines replacing them. The contrast is impressive! Also below is a photo representing the incredibly tight tolerances Arnaudo Construction is working under between gates, power lines and landscaping immediately north of Harney Lane.

