

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, May 22, 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 and to accept the amended treasurers report for the meeting on April 24, 2022, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3	General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Vice Pres. Jason Colombini - Area 2 Absent	Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1	Daniel de Graaf – District Engineer
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4	Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns
Director Marden Wilber – Area 5	

- 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 April 24, 2023- A motion to approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes on April 24, 2023 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0

**B. Financial Matters**

1. Receive and File Amended May 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers and presented to the board- A motion to approve Amended May 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report, including revised County Balance of \$128,252.36 by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

2. Approve Payment of Bills- A motion to approve payment of bills listed on page 17 in the board meeting packet- Summary of Bills made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0

3. California Special Districts Association Membership – Table to the June 2023 board meeting.

4. **Resolution 2023-07**– Regarding FY 2023-24 Appropriation Limit – A motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 Appropriation Limit made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll Call Vote; Starr; Aye, Wilber; Aye, Simpson; Aye; Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0.

### 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 – Waiting on a quote at this time. Pipeline is in place and ready to deliver water. WGA is finishing the design of the distribution system to serve properties on the North side of Acampo Road. WGA is scheduled to be finished by the end of the current month.
  - ii. Reynolds Recharge Project – Temporary fish screen, electric pump, generator and panel as well as the temporary connection, HDPE pipeline, flow meters and road crossing have been installed. Field work including mowing, disking and placing berms will begin this week. Once the first segment of field work is completed, we will begin recharge operations.
  - iii. North System Phase I Update – Bob Granberg is currently wrapping up the RFQ and will have the contract for legal review.
3. South System
  - i. South System Improvements Phase II RFP – Construction has begun. The schedule for construction has been impacted by protected species as well as farming operations. A meeting was held today, May 22, 2023 and discussed impacts and potential scheduling and strategies to deliver water while construction continues.
  - ii. East Side Ditch
    1. Ditch bank maintenance – This project has been running and water is flowing in the ditch. Additional maintenance is required to increase flow in the ditch.
    - iii. Miller Recharge Update – Water is currently being delivered.
4. Monitoring Well- Hydrofocus Proposal – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed Hydrofocus proposal in the board meeting packet. A motion to proceed with General Counsels recommendation to proceed with Hydrofocus’ proposal presented in the board meeting packet in the amount of \$36,483.92 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed.
5. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – No update at this time.
6. Tracy Lake ID – Tracy Lake landowner meeting was held. Sierra Controls has prepared a proposal to replace the existing Tesco automation and controls which was approved by the landowner group.
7. **Resolution 2023-08** Regarding Groundwater Recharge Emergency Actions – A motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 for Additional Near Term Procurement Authorization to Facilitate Groundwater Recharge and Reduce Land Flooding made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Roll Call Vote; Starr; Aye, Wilber; Aye, Simpson; Aye; Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0.

8. Discuss Temporary Application to Appropriate Flood Flows in November 2023 and Addition of Points of Diversion – General Counsel reviewed memo in the board meeting packet. High flows will continue through the summer and storage will be minimal in the coming winter. Direct Diversion right ends July 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion to pursue a Temporary Application to Appropriate Flood Flows permit made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0.

**D. Grant Activity**

1. Consero report -Petrea Marchand with Consero Solutions reported on memo in the board meeting packet.
2. IRWM Grant Local Project Sponsor Cost Share Agreement- General Counsel Spaletta reviewed grant agreement with the County and information regarding local project sponsor Cost Share Agreement. A motion to approve recommendation to approve IRWM Grant Local Project Sponsor Cost Share Agreement subject to final legal review made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0

**E. Strategic Plan Activity**

1. General Manager Recruitment Update – Working with CPS on recruitment. Brochure/Flyer attached in the board meeting packet for review and publish.

- F. Second Draft 2023-24 Budget -Discussion only. Similar to what was presented at the last board meeting. Board will take action at the June board meeting.**

**G. Contractor Scopes of Work for 2023-24**

1. Consero Solutions – Table until June
2. Granberg & Associates – Table until June
3. Spaletta Law PC – Table until June

- H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – Ongoing meetings. Nothing significant to report at this time.**

- I. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Ongoing meetings. Nothing significant to report at this time.**

- J. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – No update at this time.**

- K. 2022/2023 Groundwater Charge – Secretary Burns and District Engineer deGraaf are working to update the 2022/2023 Groundwater Charge with the County.**

1. Letters to landowners with proposed charged and appeal information – Letters will be mailed next week.

- L. Landowner Communications – No update at this time**

- M. 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 – Business cards will be ordered for Jason Colombini, and name plates for new contractors will be ordered.

5. **Public Comment** – SEWD General Manager Justin Hopkins invited the board to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 3:40 PM, came out of closed session at **3:51 PM** and returned to Open Session. President Valente reported there was no reportable action in Closed Session.
7. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on May 22, 2023 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM.

**The next regular scheduled Board Meeting June 22, 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