

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

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA

Monday, October 28, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:00 p.m. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda as explained with the corrections to approving October Financial Statement and October payment of bills, not September and an additional Resolution 2024-11 to item C3 to item, made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Colburn. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Jason Colombini - Area 2
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4
Director Brady Colburn – Area 5

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel deGraaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary – Shasta Burns
General Manager – Steve Schwabauer

2. **Correspondence/Announcements** – Recharge has hit 6,000-acre feet and still going!

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 September 30, 2024. A motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on September 30, 2024, made by Director Colburn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0.

B. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Receive and approve October 2024 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers presented to the board. Perla from Butterfield + Company prepared financial statements for Board action. A motion to approve October 2024 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Director Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0.

2. Approve Payment of Bills. A motion to approve payment of bills listed in the Board meeting packet, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0.

C. CONTRACTS

1. Provide Direction to Staff on District Office Space desires, and authorize staff to negotiate with Law Office of Jennifer Spaletta to acquire Office Equipment, Furniture, and Supplies – General Manager Schwabauer noted that Spaletta Law will be closing the Lodi office. The furniture and a copier are available for a future NSJWCD office. The Board also expressed interest in continuing to hold public meetings at the Grape Festival Grounds and a need for storage space. The Board gave direction to the General Manger to negotiate furniture and equipment purchase and to search for office space with space for equipment storage.
2. Authorize General Manager to enter task agreement with HydroFocus to install 6 WellNtell systems in existing wells for additional groundwater monitoring in the North and South Systems (\$13,000) – General Manager Schwabauer reviewed proposed installation of 6 WellNtell systems in existing wells near recharge sites. A motion for General Manager Schwabauer to approve HydroFocus task agreement, pending remote monitoring ability, with HydroFocus to install 6 WellNtell systems in an amount not to exceed \$13,080 and ask staff to bring back a budget amendment at the next scheduled board meeting, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0
3. Award Contract for Phase 3B project to preferred contractor (Tecklenburg Lateral). Board reviewed Contract for Phase 3B project to preferred Contractor. Pre-Bid meeting and job walk was completed. Bid packages were received and reviewed. A motion to approve Bid Package from Central Irrigation as presented by the District Engineer, and to adopt **Resolution 2024-11** Authorizing Execution of Contract for Construction of Tecklenburg Lateral motion made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll Call Vote; Colburn; Aye, Starr, Aye, Simpson; Aye, Colombini, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0.
4. Authorize General Counsel to engage legal counsel for Legal advice on specialty matters- A motion to authorize General Manager Schwabauer to use Public Construction Legal Services from Best Best & Krieger LLP Attorneys at Law made by Vice President Colombini, second by Director Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0
5. Authorize General Manager to enter contract with Professor Dan Howes of Cal Poly for ET Study (\$12,000). General Manager Schwabauer reviewed Proposal for ITRC-METRIC evapotranspiration for NSJWCD GSA Water Year 2024 at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo. A motion to approve Proposal for ITRC-METRIC evapotranspiration for NSJWCD GSA Water Year 2024 at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0

D. System and Projects

1. Engineer's Report and Operations Plan. District Engineer deGraaf gave an overview of where the district stands on each project. Report was presented at the start of the Board meeting and is available upon request.
2. North System- Conceptual plans have been completed and we are working on a set of plans for review and submittal to agencies.

3. South System – Phase III is scheduled for start of construction on or shortly after November 1, 2024. Will be working with the landowners and the contractor to coordinate schedules and construction windows to minimize interruptions to farming activity.
4. Cal-Fed Woodbridge – Staff is working to get proposals for upgrading the pump station including installation of new discharge piping and appurtenances, installation of additional catwalk area, and installation of a variable frequency drive.
5. Tracy lake ID – Operations have been going ongoing as need to maintain the lake levels for irrigation. We are likely completed the last fill of the lake prior to drawdown for winter flows.

E. Grant Activity

1. Consero Report – Update on funding requests and grant opportunities.

F. Strategic Plan Activity – No update at this time

G. Groundwater Charge- Property tax bills have been mailed and received by landowners. Additional appeals and phone calls are being made at this time.

H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – Discussion above. Update only and a new presentation will be held at the next board meeting on November 18, 2024.

I. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update –Quarterly meeting held on October 21, 2024. General Counsel and General Manager Schwabauer have been attending meetings.

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

K. Landowner Communications – No further update.

L. Board Planning Calendar – Next Board Meeting will be held on November 18, 2024.

4. Director and Staff Reports

A. Director’s Report –

i. Discuss progress on Director Colburn’s riparian rights expansion- No update at this time.

ii. Discuss and get direction on Director Colombini’s low interest loan concept for surface water conversation projects – No update at this time.

B. Committee Reports – No reports at this time.

C. Other – No reports at this time.

5. Public Comment – Woodbridge Irrigation District provided operational updates. Salmon are beginning to move past the WID dam with pulse flows.

6. **Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 3:45 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:11 p.m. **Return to Open Session** – President Valente returned the meeting to open session and announced there was no reportable action and commented staff was given lease negotiating authority on Lakso property.
7. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on October 28, 2024 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting November 18, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Early due to the Thanksgiving Holiday**

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of October 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

Deputy Secretary- Shasta Burns