

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 October 25, 2021

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 2:08 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting on October 25, 2021, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

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 - Absent

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

2. **Correspondence/Announcements-** Landowner communications and water contractors mail reviewed.
3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board meeting – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - B. Financial Matters
 - a. Receive and File NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report– Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's Report in the board meeting packet. A motion to receive and file the NSJWCD Monthly Treasurers Report, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - b. Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's Report. A motion to receive and file the TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - c. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's report. A motion to receive and file the ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - d. Approve transfers from County Fund to General Account and true-up transfers between accounts- Explanation of attached memo to the treasurer's

report. A motion to approved true-up memo transfers made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0

e. ACWA Membership Bill- Being revised at this time and will present at the November board meeting

C. Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – President Valente reviewed rainfall in the last 48 hours.

a. Curtailment Order and Compliance – No update at this time,

D. South System Projects

a. South Pump Station Project – Status Report from Daniel de Graaf. Project is operational and complete pending final testing when water is available. Fencing will be put in place for final.

b. Brandt/Tretheway Project – Final testing to occur when water is available. Ladder guard will be put in place.

c. Dream/Pixley Pipeline – Installation of the Pipeline from Pixley Slough to Bear Creek has been completed. Installation of the filter station slab is complete, and the filter station is coming together. Permit for Mosher Slough was granted and work to cross Mosher Slough is anticipated to occur on Thursday of this week. Comments have been received on the Bear Creek Crossing permit and received plans and comments were submitted for that application.

d. Next RFP for South Distribution System – (Prop 1 Grant Project) – General Counsel and Engineer Daniel de Graaf gave a report and will hold a workshop on October 18th to review laterals and information with the board.

i. Current Prop 1 Grant Project –

1. Outreach to Handel Manor lateral landowners – Surveying will be done at the site for the design of this application. Landowner information has been sent to Engineer Daniel de Graaf.

E. Grant Activity

a. CA Prop 1 Grant Project – ongoing at this time.

b. New Federal Appropriation – South System Recharge Project – General Counsel reviewed Consero Solutions work towards new Federal Appropriation for up to \$1 million earmarked for the district.

c. New IRWM Round 2 – South System Recharge Project – General Counsel reviewed new Round 2 grant money available. Funding available to the district may be in the form of direct and competitive funding opportunities. Board discussed the direction the district would like to move to secure potential funding.

d. SGMA Implementation Round 2 – North System Recharge Project. Reviewed above in new grant funding opportunities.

i. North System Recharge Project – No update at this time.

ii. Stormwater Recharge Project – No update at this time

iii. Other projects, studies, or data needs – No update at this time.

F. Maintenance-

a. Pump Station Maintenance Report - No report at this time.

b. Maintenance Contract – President Valente reviewed public and private maintenance agreements. President Valente and Secretary Simpson will take a look at pump stations.

G. IRWM Program Activity – General Counsel reviewed information on the last IRWM meeting where IRWM were to vote on the committee recommendation to give the district \$3 million dollars and will follow up on action.

- H. Strategic Plan Process/Public Outreach –
 - a. November Workshop – Postcard has been sent to landowners.
 - b. Newsletter – Newsletter is printing and will be sent out to landowners this week.
 - I. SGMA Project Financing Discussion – General Counsel reviewed foundation questions regarding where the board will go with finance focus.
 - a. White Paper re Funding the Strategic Plan – Board Discussion about fee options and who will be assessed. Discussion items for the November 10th workshop.
 - b. Groundwater Fee Options – Discussion item only.
 - J. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/ GWA Activity – Vice President Flinn reviewed meeting held early October. A consultant has been hired to help determine how to allocate water budget and cost for improvement compliance.
 - K. Landowner communications – Landowner workshop was held on October 18, 2021. President Valente has written a draft script for an animated “White Board” presentation describing the district history, boundary, size, facilities and challenges for the future. It is being revised at this time. The board would like to move forward to produce the White Board presentation. A motion to proceed in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 to have a district White Board video drafted from the public outreach portion of the budget, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0
 - L. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – Updates given in Strategic Plan Action item and Public Workshops (day and evening), scheduled for November 10, 2021 at the Grape Festival Grounds - Burgundy Room 9 AM and again at 6 PM.
- 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 – Secretary Simpson reported on the new website updates presented to the webmaster.
 - E. Other – No reports at this time.
- 5. Public Comment** – Public comments were received.
- 6. Closed Session** – Not necessary. The Board did not enter into closed session.
- 7. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on October 25, 2021 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned 3:33 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting November 29, 2021, 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 October 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary