

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, August 26, 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, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. 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** – All directors received an invitation to the EBMUD annual BBQ that will be held on October 4, 2024 at Pardee Reservoir.
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 July 29, 2024. A motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on July 29, 2024, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Director Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0.

B. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Receive and approve August 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 August 2024 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. 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.

3. Update on Groundwater Appeals Processing and Roll – Roll has been filed with the County and accepted and being processed at this time.

4. Adopt **Resolution 2024-10-** Authorizing and directing that application be made to obtain a grant under the United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Grant Program and authorization to provide assurances and enter into an agreement related to the grant for the South System Improvement Project. A motion to approve **Resolution 2024-10-** Authorizing and directing that application be made to obtain a grant under the United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Grant Program and authorization to provide assurances and enter into an agreement related to the grant for the South System Improvement Project made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Colburn. Roll Call Vote: Simpson, Aye, Colburn; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0.

C. System and Projects

1. Authorize Arnaudo Change Order for South System Repairs, North System Phase 1b adjustments and final DREAM punch list items – A motion to approve the contract change orders for DREAM Project, South System II project, and North System Phase 1B project made by Director Colburn, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0
2. Authorize General Manager to enter First Amendment to Ground Lease for Groundwater Recharge Project with John and Helen Lakso for Tretheway Road Property – A motion to authorize General manager to enter into first amendment to Ground lease Groundwater Recharge Project with John and Helen Lakso for Tretheway Road Property made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0

CI. 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 will be coordinating this week with District staff and consultants to review and develop a submittal strategy for permitting and agency review. Lakso and Reynolds recharge projects are currently shut down as we await PG&E to hook up power. The PG&E installation is planned for September 16, 2024.
3. South System – Operation of the South system has been ongoing, diverting approximately 10 CFS up until last week where flows were reduced to about 6 CFS for recharge at the Tecklenburg basin and irrigation deliveries along the south system. Construction of the South System Phase II project is nearing completion.
4. Cal-Fed Woodbridge – No update at this time
5. Tracy lake ID –Operations have been ongoing as needed to maintain the

lake levels for irrigation.

- CII. Grant Activity
 - 1. Update on District funding requests and grant opportunities. Staff report in the board meeting packet.
 - 2. SWEEP Block Grant Discussion – General Manager Schwabauer reviewed awards the district has received from USDA.
- CIII. Strategic Plan Activity – No update at this time
- CIV. Groundwater Charge- No update at this time.
- CV. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity –
 - 1. Demand Management Element of GSP – Direct staff to review and comment on draft Amended GSP SGMA requires that our subbasin update its Groundwater Sustainability Plan every 5 years. The 5-year update is due January 2025. Staff must review and comment on the entire amended GSP the first two weeks of September. Timeline listed and reviewed in the board meeting packet.
 - 2. Schedule for adoption of 2025 Update- General Counsel Spaletta reviewed staff report in the board meeting packet with details on the program that needs to be implemented by the end of 2028.
- CVI. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Meeting will be held in September.
- CVII. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – No update at this time.
- CVIII. Landowner Communications – No further update.
- CIX. Board Planning Calendar
 - 1. Election update- All three NSJWCD Director positions running unopposed.

4. Director and Staff Reports

- A. Director’s Report – No report 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.

6. Closed Session – The Board entered closed session at 3:45 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:16 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 August 26, 2024 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting September 30, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of August 26, 2024,

Respectfully submitted:

Deputy Secretary- Shasta Burns