

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, January 30, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S  
EXECUTIVE ORDER RELAXING BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS DUE TO COVID-19**

SECRETARY'S NOTE: In the attempt to reduce confusion resulting from late arrivals, early departures of staff, Directors and the appointment of Vice President Columbini to replace Vice President Flinn, in the middle of the meeting, the minutes presented below follow the original order of the agenda.

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:04 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda and for the meeting on January 30, 2022, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

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

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

- 2. Correspondence/Announcements-** No correspondence or announcements at this time. President Valente announced that he would be taking action items out of order, due to the timing of staff and board members schedules

- 3. Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)

**A. Directors**

**1. VACANCY**

- Review Applications – General Counsel reviewed process taken for notification and filling the vacancy for Director, Area 2.
- Appointment to fill vacancy – **Resolution 2023-01** – A motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 - Appointing Director Jason Colombini to Fill Vacancy on Board of Directors made by Director Wilber, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll call vote; Wilber; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Starr; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0 NOTE: Vice President Flinn had left the meeting at 3:30 PM, prior to the vote.

2. Administer Oath of Office for Directors- General Counsel Spaletta administered the Oath of Office to Directors Colombini, Wilber, and Starr.

3. Elect Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary- A motion to have

President Valente, Vice President Colombini, Secretary Simpson, Treasurer Starr, Director Wilber made by Director Wilber, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0

## B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board meeting on December 19, 2022
2. Consero Grant Activity report

A motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented in the board meeting packet made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0

## C. Financial Matters

1. Receive and File January 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers as amended and presented to the board- A motion to approve January 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report as amended and presented in the board meeting packet by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. 5/0/0
3. Approve Payment of Bills- A motion to approve payment of bills listed on page 17 in the board meeting packet- Summary of Bills with the addition of Fish and Wildlife and Hydrofocus made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0

## D. System and Projects

1. Engineer's Report – Engineer deGraaf gave an overview of where the District stands en lieu of the recent storms. With rainfall and snowpack so far, it is anticipated that NSJWCD will have it's full 20,000 AF of water available this year for recharge and irrigation. A proposed operation plan is included in the board meeting packet for discussion

Engineer deGraaf then reviewed recent activity on the individual NSJWCD facilities and proposed projects.

North System – WGA has prepared Inspection Report and have been attending progress meetings and providing updates.

South System – Construction is complete and the system is operational pending on final calibration of the flow meter at the pump station on Tretheway and Brandt Road. Final testing will be done when there is sufficient water available to run and perform final calibration of the flow meter.

South System East Ditch – The ditch is barely operable as is and only at very low flow. It will require major cleaning and testing as well as replacement of the broken valve at the east end of the pipeline.

South System Improvements Phase II RFP – Engineers are working with Arnaudo Construction to move project forward and get a schedule together.

Handel Lateral – Grant application for the Handel Lateral Project is in its final stages. The first landowner meeting was held in January and the second will be in February. Working on proposed pipeline alignment along with a survey of the Mettler property to determine the alignment of the pipeline. Project will hopefully go out to bid in 2023.

Dream Project- Temporary pipeline crossing was installed on Monday October 24. Flushing was completed on Thursday, October 27. Another flush that was

required for water quality testing was conducted on Friday, October 28. Testing of the EBMUD portion of the project found equipment that was not functioning properly, so the start-up has been delayed until further notice. Arnaudo will complete installation of the electrical equipment at the pump station once PG&E has completed their required permitting work. Permanent Bear Creek Crossing permit has not been approved yet, therefore completion date of the project is unknown at this time.

Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – Early storm flows in the river allowed for operation of the Cal-Fed/Woodbridge pump and Costa Recharge project. To date the project has applied 209 AF, however the project has not been able to run due to high river levels making the pump station inaccessible and the Costa's need to start normal farming operations again. Plans to expand the project to areas that do not have ongoing farming activity will allow the District to fully utilize the available 1,000 AF this year.

Tracy Lake ID – Began operating on Monday, December 5, 2022 and as of Wednesday, December 14, 2022 approximately 112.5 acre-feet has been diverted into Tracy Lake. Pump is currently turned off as large amount of storm runoff filled the lake to capacity. It may run again as water is used for irrigation. Sierra Controls has prepared a proposal to replace the existing Tesco automation and controls which does not function with Sierra Controls automation and SCADA equipment that will be integrated with the South System SCADA system and offer remote monitoring and control of pump station as well as remote lake level monitoring. Staff gauges were installed on Friday, December 2, 2022. The pump station remains inaccessible due to the river levels.

Tecklenburg Recharge Basin – A conceptual site plan and Engineer's estimate has been prepared for the project. Discussions with adjacent landowners are ongoing for planning and acquisition of permanent easements for the project. It is anticipated that testing of the project site will occur this year with the availability of water.

2. 2023 Operations Plan – Engineer deGraaf reviewed staff report for Operations Plan 2023. Engineer deGraaf reviewed background of the district, North System, South System, Cal Fed, and Tracy Lake. Overall, with planned projects and currently available infrastructure for diversions for recharge and irrigation it is anticipated that the District will be able to divert 5,000 to 6,000 AF this year. Engineer deGraaf reviewed table included in the staff report in the board meeting packet.
3. 2023 Water Rates – Resolution 2023-01 – General Counsel reviewed 2023 Water Rates. A motion to approve **Resolution 2023-02 -Setting Water Rates** for Surface Water with the amendment for \$30 per acre-foot for ID3# and \$60 for non ID3# members made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll call vote; Wilber; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0
4. North System -
  - i. Reynolds recharge project 2023 – General Counsel reviewed Reynolds recharge project opportunity with WGA, Engineer deGraaf and reviewed the staff report. North System is inoperable and unable to deliver surface water for irrigation or recharge at this time. The proposed project could deliver approximately 6 AF per day or 180 AF per month. The existing steel portion of

the pipeline is sized such that it would be appropriate for future irrigation demand if the adjacent parcels were connected for irrigation as well as recharge in the future. A motion to authorize moving forward with Reynolds Recharge Project 2023 and to work with Engineer deGraaf, Manager Granberg, WGA, Secretary Simpson, and President Valente with an amount not to exceed \$300,000 including the lease for the property made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0

ii. Accept WGA North System Inspection Report dated January 16, 2023- Bob Granberg included staff report explain the WGA North System Inspection Report dated January 16, 2023. Matt Ospital with WGA reviewed North System Inspection to the board and it is available upon request. A motion to accept WGA North System Inspection report as presented made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0

iii. River Intake Pump Station- Request for Expression of Interest for Progressive Design- Build Services – Manager Granberg reviewed phase one of the grant completion. Additional work from intake to distribution pipelines that needs to be done. Recommendation to move forward with Request for Expression of Interest for Progressive Design Build Services to identify infrastructure project the district would like to build. A motion to approve recommendation with Request for Expression of Interest for Progressive Design Build Services made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0iv. Landowner Meetings (1/18, 2/22) Attendance at 1/18 meeting was light. Will try again on 2/22.

## 5. South System

### i. South System Improvements Phase II RFP

1. Sierra Controls – Additional Solar Panel Brandt/Tretheway – A motion to approve proposal presented in the board meeting packet for Sierra Controls Additional Solar Panel made by Secretary Simpson, second by Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0

2. Resolution to Award Contract to Arnaudo Construction – Phase II Construction – Resolution 2023-03- A motion to approve **Resolution 2023-03** Authorizing Execution of Delivery of Contract with Arnaudo Construction for South System Improvements Project – Phase II, Project #NSJWCD 2022-01 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll call vote; Wilber; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0

### 3. Handel Lateral Update

a. Landowner Meetings (1/18, 2/22) – Preparing meeting for February, at Grape Festival Grounds- Barrel Room.

ii. Dream Project Update – Update given above in Engineers Report.

## 6. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge

i. Costa Recharge Project – Engineer deGraaf reported not being able to access the pump due to high river levels.

ii. 2023 Expanded Recharge Options – Engineer deGraaf reviewed options on how to potentially expand the project onto adjacent lands where landowners have previously expressed interest.

iii. Sierra Controls Proposal – Engineer deGraaf reviewed Sierra Controls

proposal for automating flow meter data collection at the pump station. Remote access would give flexibility to turn on pump even when the river is high, and preparation for full automation. A motion to have Engineer deGraaf move forward with Sierra Controls to have a proposal made for full automation and to work with Vice President Colombini with an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the Cal Fed Project and to withhold 20% of funds until the project is complete made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0

**7. Tracy Lake ID**

i. Sierra Controls Proposal – Engineer deGraaf reviewed replacing system using most of components already in place, but to tie in for full automation on the Tracy Lake System. The board will meet with the Tracy Lake Committee and bring back the board at the February Meeting.

**8. Tecklenburg Recharge Basin Design and Cost Estimate -** Engineer deGraaf reviewed the conceptual design based on the 10-acre property. A motion to authorize direction Engineer deGraaf and Granberg to send Request for Proposals by March 2023 based on design provided made by Treasurer Starr, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0. Two different grant options to potentially pay for this project and are both 50/50 cost associated.

**E. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/ GWA District –**

1. Hydrofocus Report/Workplan – Report available in the board meeting packet. – A motion to approve the expanded workplan for Hydrofocus, as presented in the workplan for items number 1 & 2 on Tecklenburg tasks, Costa Vineyard tasks including transducers and monitoring levels, Tracy Lakes tasks, and North Systems tasks, and not to exceed \$60,000 made by Secretary Simpson and second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0

**F. Services from Stockton East Water District –** Secretary Simpson and President Valente met with Stockton East Water District staff and toured them around the District's facilities. Stockton East Water District has the potential to help NSJWCD. Stockton East will prepare a rate sheet for charges to present to the board.

**G. Strategic Plan Activity**

1. Staffing – No update at this time.

2. General Manager Job Description and Recruitment Strategy – Vice President Flinn was on the recruitment committee and will need to be replaced. Treasurer Starr volunteered to serve on the Committee.

3. Outreach

i. February 15, 2023 at 4:30 PM Town Hall Meeting – Consero is working on agenda at this time.

**H. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update –** County is putting together group of interested agencies. Presentation to the State Board will happen in the coming months. Update only.

**I. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements**

1. Updated Scientific Basis Report – Scientific Basis Report has been

released, and now will update the Environmental Analysis. Update only.

**J. 2022/2023 Groundwater Charge**

1. Roll corrections and appeals – No update at this time
2. Direct Billing – No update at this time

**K. Landowner Communications – North System letter will be sent our per Secretary Simpson’s Recommendation.**

**L. Board Planning Calendar-** Nothing to report at this time.

**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.** Consero Solutions – No report at this time.
- E.** Committee Reports – No report at this time.
- F.** Other – No report at this time.

**5. Public Comment –** No comments at this time.

**6. Closed Session –** The Board entered closed session at 5:02 PM, came out of closed session at **5:10 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 January 30, 2023 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

**The next regular scheduled Board Meeting February 27, 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 January 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary