

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, April 25, 2022**

**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 2:05 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda and for the meeting on April 25, 2022 and to add an Emergency Closed Session to take place after Correspondence and Announcements and presentation by EBMUD, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 3/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3  
Vice President Tom Flinn - Area 2  
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1  
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4 -Absent  
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 phone calls and emails reviewed. Newsletters have been mailed. LDGGA will be holding a water meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at the Grape Festival Grounds.
  1. Presentation- EBMUD – Water Supply Conditions - Copy available upon request.

**Emergency Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 2:33PM, came out of closed session at 2:47 PM and immediately returned to open session. President Valente reported that there was no reportable action.

3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
  - A. Approval of the Minutes of the March 28, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board meeting, Special Board Meeting on April 6, 2022 and Special Meeting on April 14, 2022 – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board meeting, Special Board Meeting on April 6, 2022 and Special Meeting on April 14, 2022 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.
  - B. Financial Matters
    1. 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 and for a warrant transfer from the county in the amount of \$ 50,000.00, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.

2. 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 Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.
  3. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's report. A motion to receive and file the ID #3 Monthly Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.
  4. Approve Transfers Between Accounts – Action reported in B1. (above).
- C.** Annual Form 700s – Form 700s certificate of completion has been submitted to San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters.
- D.** Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – Nothing new to report in addition to Water Supply Presentation from EBMUD. Pump ran for approximately 8 hours for SCADA data testing and calibration.
- E.** South System Projects
1. SCADA – District Engineer Daniel de Graaf reported on running the pump in the last storm event. Start-up calibrations are functioning smoothly. Sierra Controls has been looking at controls for future projects, retrofitting the existing CALFED project and upgrading the existing Tracy Lakes project.
  2. Handel Lateral – Design has been started to be able to put out to bid. Estimated construction window is June/July of this year.
  3. Dream/Pixley Pipeline
    - i. Arnaudo Construction Contract and Change Orders- District Engineer de Graaf presented a memo regarding all change orders from Arnaudo Construction and detailed each specific one. Recommendation to approve change orders 2-6 listed in the memo presented in the board meeting packet. A motion to approve Arnaudo Construction Change Orders 2-6 as presented by District Engineer de Graaf made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.
- F.** Grant Activity
1. SGMA Implementation Round 1 Grant- North System Improvement Project – Phase 1 – Petrea Marchand with Consero Solutions reviewed that the application has been submitted for this project and working with DWR to make sure application is complete. Grant agreement will be done June 2022.
  2. Federal Appropriation – South System Recharge Project – Petrea Marchand with Consero Solutions reviewed memo in board meeting packet on grant progress and applications.
  3. IRWMP Round 2 Grant- South System Recharge Project - Petrea Marchand with Consero Solutions reviewed meeting on April 21, 2022 to discuss application and no changes in region decision for Districts requests and will be submitted on time. A motion to approve IRWMP contract with Woodward and Curran for Disadvantaged Communities up to \$3000 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.
- G.** Maintenance-
1. Pump Station Maintenance – No update at this time.
- H.** Strategic Plan/Financing Plan –
1. Engineer's Report – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed update on Engineers Report from the last Special Meeting held. A motion to approve

proceeding with the last version of Engineer's report presented with updates made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 3/0/0.

2. Public Hearing Notice/Ballot – General Counsel reviewed that Notice and Ballot will be mailed out by April 29<sup>th</sup>. All information will be posted to the District website in addition to mailings.

3. Landowner Appeal Form – Form has been generated and will be posted to the District website.

4. Public Hearing June 14, 2022, 2pm Grape Festival

**I. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity**

1. Governor's Executive Order – Well Permits Policy – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed Special Meeting regarding executive order regarding the drought. General Counsel Spaletta reviewed recommended procedure that the district proceeds and policy. General Counsel reviewed DRAFT application that will be discussed with the County for requests to issue well permits. A meeting with General Counsel and County will be held on Friday, April 29, 2022 to keep process moving forward. Board discussion and comments were received. Public comments were received. Consensus of the board: This is a draft application and can change.

2. Projected Conditions with Projects for GSP – General Counsel reviewed graph presented in the board meeting packet of Determination of Projected Conditions Baseline Surface Water – NSJWCD Draft, and what consultants have asked the District and assumptions on how much more water would be coming in at different points of diversions and to systems for modeling purposes.

**J. 2022-23 Budget**

1. Overview Budget – Initial committee meeting was held with General Counsel and Vice President Flinn. General Counsel created a draft budget overview of activities and presented to board. Feedback from the board of big picture overview to proceed in another committee meeting.

2. Review Consero Draft Scope – Review of Scope presented in the board meeting packet. Presented assuming the new Groundwater Charge passes. Review only.

3. Review Hydrologist Draft Scope – Review of services that Hydrofocus has to provide. Recommendation to hire a Hydrogeologist if the Groundwater Charge passes. A more concrete list of deliverables will be added to the scope for Hydrofocus. Director Simpson and General Counsel Spaletta will follow up with Steven Deverel at Hydrofocus.

4. NSJWCD Office Space – General discussion of possible office space locations given that the groundwater charge moves forward.

**K. Landowner communications – No update at this time.**

**L. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – June 14, 2022 Public Hearing re: Groundwater Charge and ballot hearing.**

**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 – Reviewed summaries of the status of current projects, upcoming work to be completed, and the anticipated schedules and project**

milestones.

**D. Consero Solutions – Grant activity –** Petra reviewed appropriations request and attachment 13 in the board meeting packet.

**E. Committee Reports –** No report at this time.

**F. Other –** No reports at this time.

**5. Public Comment –** Public comments were received.

**6. Closed Session –** The Board entered a second closed session at 4:23 PM, came out of closed session at 4:54 PM and immediately returned to open session. President Valente reported that there was no reportable action.

**7. Adjournment -** Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on April 25, 2022 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

**The next regular scheduled Board Meeting May 23, 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 April 25, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary