

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, September 30, 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 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** – All directors received an invitation to the EBMUD annual BBQ that will be held on October 4, 2024 at Pardee Reservoir. Jennifer Spaletta will be receiving the Frank Beeler award at the annual BBQ. Guest from Stoel and Rivas Law Firm, an associate in the Environmental Department.

- 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 August 26, 2024. A motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on August 26, 2024, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0.

B. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Receive and approve September 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 September 2024 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. 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 Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0.

C. CONTRACTS

1. Appointment of NSJWCD Board Member as Eastern Water Authority (EWA) Alternate (voting) – A motion to appoint Brady Colburn first alternate, Joe Valente as the second alternate as the Eastern Water Authority Alternate made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0
2. Appointment of NSJWCD Staff as EWA Staff Alternate (non-voting) - A motion to appoint Daniel deGraaf as the EWA Staff First Alternate by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0
3. Direction to Staff Direction to Staff Whether to Revert to Design Build Option to Allow District Engineer to Consult with Contractor During Design Phase for the Permanent North Pump Station – A review of design build contracting and certainty in the design option. Direction to have staff present proposal from contractor and District Engineer deGraaf. Daniel deGraaf will be communicating with Arnaudo Construction Company to build. Direction for staff to set up as design build project and bring proposal back to the board for review and check with the grant to make sure it is acceptable.
4. Provide Update to Board Regarding EBMUD FERC Relicensing – Review from General Manager Schwabaurer for hydroelectric generation at Pardee and Camanche Reservoir Dam. Their licensing is due in 2031, a long process and series of events that EBMUD will be doing to let the public have the opportunity to make comments. The district will stay engaged as this process continues. Update only.
5. Authorize General Manager to Enter Change Order to North System Phase 1b Contract on a Time and Materials Basis to Install North the FDRE Funded Second Temporary North Pump and Fish Screen – Update from General Manager Schwabaurer on funding and the change order needed for North System Phase 1b Contract on a Time and Materials Basis, to Install the FDRE Funded Second Temporary North Pump and Fish Screen. A motion to authorize Change order to North System Phase 1b Contract as presented made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0
6. Authorize Staff to Bid Tecklenberg Lateral Replacement – South System Phase 3b - District Engineer deGraaf reviewed Tecklenberg Lateral Replacement for South System Phase 3b. District Engineer will bring back final proposal at the next scheduled board meeting. A motion for approval of the Tecklenberg Lateral Replacement – South System Phase 3b package Request for Proposals made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0
7. Approval of Arnaudo Construction change orders for the Dream Project, South System Phase II Project and the North System Phase 1B Project – General Manager Schwabaurer reviewed staff report in the board meeting packet. A motion to approve change orders for the Dream Project, South System Phase II project and North System Phase 1b project, and to Authorize General Manager to pay invoices for the same once received from Arnaudo Construction, and to use dry period financing to pay the

necessary invoices, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. 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- PG&E installation is complete. Installation of the Phase 1B 42" line is also completed.

3. South System – Phase III is scheduled for start of construction November 1st. The district will be working with landowners and the contractor to coordinate schedules and construction windows to minimize interruptions to farming activity.

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.

E. 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Update – Public Comments will open for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Draft will open tomorrow, October 1, 2024.

F. Grant Activity

1. Authorize Staff to Provide Letters of Support for Fellow GSP Agency WaterSMART Grant Applications- Board supports letters of Support

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

3. SWEEP Block Grant Discussion – no update at this time.

G. Strategic Plan Activity – No update at this time

H. Groundwater Charge- No update at this time.

I. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – Discussion above. Update only

J. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Bob Granberg gave an update of documents being reviewed at this time. Next Quarterly meeting will be held on October 21, 2024.

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

L. Landowner Communications – No further update.

M. Board Planning Calendar – No update at this time.

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 3:31 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:05 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 September 30, 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 October 28, 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 September 30, 2024,

Respectfully submitted:

Deputy Secretary- Shasta Burns