

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, August 28, 2023

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 2:03 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Jason Colombini - Area 2
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4 -Absent
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-** Nothing at this time

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

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on July 31, 2023 and the Regular Scheduled Board meeting on July 31, 2023- A motion to approve the Special Meeting held on July 31, 2023 and the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes on July 31, 2023, made by Director Wilber, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0

B. Financial Matters

1. Receive and File August 2023 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 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report with a warrant written from the County Groundwater Fund Account in the amount of \$500,000.00, by Director Wilber, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0
2. Approve Payment of Bills- A motion to approve payment of bills recommendation listed on page 13-14 in the board meeting packet- Summary of Bills made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0

C. Contracts

1. General Manager Recruitment- Proposed Contract. General Counsel reviewed any questions. A motion to approve General manager contract as amended made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0

D. System and Projects

1. Engineer's Report – 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 -

i. North System Phase IA Contract Award – A motion to approve award contract to apparent low bidder, Avid Water, for a contract in the amount of \$157,029.24 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0

ii. North System Groundwater Monitoring Wells Contract Award- Bob Granberg reviewed Monitoring Wells Contract Award, and information. A motion to approve Contracting with Cascade Drilling for the installation for the 3 groundwater monitoring wells with approval of General Counsel and a change order from HydroFocus for professional services Vice president Colombini, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0.

iii. North System Phase 1B Design Review- informational item only. Project will be going out to bid in the next month.

iv. North System Pump Station/intake Progressive Design Build Request for Qualifications – Bob Granberg reviewed finalizing solicitation process. Design Build RFQ Draft is included in the board meeting packet. A motion to proceed with Draft Design Build RFQ presented in the board meeting packet made by Director Wilber, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0

v. North System Improvement District Concept Memo – General Counsel reviewed Concept memo that has been presented to the board in prior months and discussion along with the North System Master Plan Discussion below.

vi. North System Master Plan Discussion – Discussion above. No action taken at this time.

vii. Reynolds Recharge Update – District Engineer gave an update on the project. Estimated amount of 300 acre-feet have been applied to date. The project needs to dry down a bit, and will be back up and operating soon.

3. South System

i. South System

1. Change Orders for South System Second Pump and Additional Pipe to Next Standpipe- Daniel de Graaf reviewed memo in the board meeting packet, Change Orders for Arnaudo Construction, and additional pipe for the system. Additional change order will be brought back to the board for additional pipe.

Second Pump Change Order will be brought back to the board from Arnaudo Construction at the September board meeting.

2. Sierra Controls SCADA/Meters Contract - Daniel de Graaf presented Sierra Controls proposal. Direction to have Daniel de Graaf talk with Sierra Controls about getting other projects running and will table until September Board Meeting.

ii. South System Improvements Phase II Design Plan – Daniel de Graaf presented South System Improvements Phase II Design plan.

4. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – Update at the September Board Meeting and getting ready for Cal-Fed Recharge for the year.
5. Tracy Lake ID – Emails from landowners saying they do not want additional water in the lake this year, due to water levels at this time.
6. Discuss Temporary Application to Appropriate Flood Flows in November 2023- General Counsel reported that the application for Appropriation of Flood Flows has been submitted. General Counsel is working with DWR to facilitate the application.

E. Grant Activity

1. Consero report – Bob Granberg presented grant activity report for Consero in the board meeting packet.

2. South System Phase IV/WaterSmart Grant Project Description- General Counsel reviewed Drought Response Program grant and its deadline. Direction for approval to prepare submittal application for BOR Drought Resiliency Grant and provide direction on project description.

F. Strategic Plan Activity

1. Master Plan/Drought Contingency Plan Outline – General Counsel reviewed the need for a Drought Contingency Plan Outline and presented a draft of executive summary for what needs to happen.

G. Groundwater Charge

1. Landowner appeals Memo - Review of memo in the board meeting packet along with handout listing all APN's that have been appealed to date.

2. Refund Request for 2023-23 Fiscal Year – A motion to approve refunds to the two landowners listed in board meeting memo made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0

H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – General Counsel reviewed the water accounting framework workshops attended and meetings will continue. The district will continue its efforts on public outreach.

I. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Vice President Colombini has been attending meetings. Matt Zidar will be retiring, and responsibilities are being delegated. Hired a consulting team to finalize descriptions and file CEQA. A tour will be held in North San Joaquin Water Conservation District and Stockton East Water District.

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

K. Landowner Communications – No update at this time

L. Board Planning Calendar- No update at this time

4. Director and Staff Reports

A. Director'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 additional reports at this time.

5. Public Comment – No comments at this time.

6. Closed Session – The Board entered closed session at 3:58 PM, came out of closed session at **4:30 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 August 28, 2023 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting September 25, 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 August 28, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary