

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, July 29, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:04 p.m. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda as explained, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. 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** – President Valente recognized Director Colburn’s new addition to his family, daughter Noelle

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 June 24, 2024. A motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on June 24, 2024, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0.

B. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Receive and approve July 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 July 2024 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report and to use County Dry Period Financing, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary 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. Provide Staff Direction on whether to draw from the Farmer & Merchants Line of Credit or County Dry Period Financing – Direction to General Manager to pay

district invoices with County Dry Period Financing.

4. Adopt **Resolution 2024-08** Adopting 2024/25 Government Spending Limit Calculation- A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-08 Adopting 2024/25 Government Spending Limit Calculation in the amount of \$2,115,145.00 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Colburn. Roll Call Vote: Simpson, Aye, Colburn; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0.

5. Update on Groundwater Appeals Processing and Roll- Update only

6. Authorize Steve Schwabauer, Jennifer Spaletta, Shasta Burns, and Susan Kettlewell to be added as Official District Contracts on the Department of Industrial Relations website- No need for discussion at this time.

C. System and Projects

1. **Resolution 2024-09** - Negative Declaration for Minor Change Petition to add Borra Pump as point of Diversion – A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-09- Negative Declaration for Minor Change Petition to add Borra Pump as point of Diversion made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll Call Vote: Simpson, Aye, Colburn; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0.

2. Authorize General Manager to execute engagement letter with Butterfield and Co. for accounting services – A motion to execute engagement letter with Butterfield and Co for accounting services made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0

3. Authorize General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Special Services with Granberg & Associates, Inc. – A motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Special Services with Granberg & Associates, Inc. made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0

4. Status Report to Board regarding contract with Streamline for Website Compliance – Vice President Colombini and Board Clerk Shasta Burns gave an update on new regulations for ADA compliance and new website regulations taking place.

5. Authorize Budget Adjustment for Hydrofocus to Analyze groundwater model numbers for the district – General Counsel reviewed adjustments needed to GSA groundwater model overdraft estimate for the district. A motion to approve a budget adjustment for Hydrofocus to analyze groundwater model in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. 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
 - i. Further Discussion on Extension of North System Pipeline- This discussion will occur when the district is ready to talk about their capital improvement plan. Discussed possibility of running water post-harvest to see where the water goes and see where the lateral(s) are along Bruella Road. Also discussed using CCTV and checking with SJCo Public Works and WGA, Inc. to find out what has already been done.
 3. South System
 - i. Phase II construction is nearing completion. Minor leaks and repairs continue to be a challenge for operations but staff has it under control.
 4. Cal-Fed Woodbridge – No update at this time
 5. Tracy lake ID –General Manager reviewed landowner meeting. Lake levels are being monitored and additional use of water for irrigation is likely.
- CII. Non-Riparian Landowners for river water – Vice President Colombini presented a personal spreadsheet he created that uses EEWRI System, which links Water Rights with parcels. Vice President Colombini is looking to reach out to landowners that could potentially take water with focused outreach for potential projects.
- CIII. Grant Activity
 1. Consero Report - Information was provided on the staff report included in the agenda packet. General Manager Schwabauer reviewed the Climate Bond. It does look like it will be available. SWEEP Grant, IRWM, and SGMA monies are available and the district is hopeful to have the opportunity to apply for them. WaterSMART grant is due end of September and Schwabauer discussed whether or not is logical to apply for again. Motion to have staff prepare an additional grant application for a WaterSMART application at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 5/0/0
- CIV. Strategic Plan Activity – No update at this time
- CV. Groundwater Charge- Will be filing with the county at the end of this week.
- CVI. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – Meeting held for drywell mitigation program. General Counsel Spaletta reviewed basins that are in probation at this time.
- CVII. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Bob Granberg reviewed Notice of Preparation review period ends this week. Kick off Operations Working Group Meeting for MICUP was held and working on operations agreement and how to use the water and monitored are being working on for the Protest Dismissal Agreement. Next quarterly meeting will be held on October 4,

2024.

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

CIX. Landowner Communications – No further update.

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

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.

7. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on July 29, 2024 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting August 26, 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 July 29, 2024,

Respectfully submitted:

Deputy Secretary- Shasta Burns