

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, December 16, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 12:30 p.m. and came out of closed session at **2:00 p.m.** **Return to Open Session** – President Valente returned the meeting to open session and announced there was no reportable action.

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 of November 18, 2024, made by Vice President Colombini, 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** – Recharge has hit 6,000acre-feet and still going!

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 November 18, 2024. A motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on November 18, 2024, made by Treasurer Starr second by Director Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING- REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AMENDMENT-**

Public Hearing: REGARDING RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AMENDMENT BY THE NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY- Public Hearing was called to order at 2:04 PM- General Manager Steve Schwabauer gave a brief description of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District's Groundwater Sustainability Agency history guidelines, details, and all efforts to adopt and implement the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin

Groundwater Sustainability Plan. President Valente opened the Public Hearing for public comment. Public Comments were received and answered accordingly. President Valente closed the Public Hearing at 2:11 pm.

### C. SGMA

1. Review Staff Report regarding ESJ GSP Amendment and Periodic Evaluation – General Manager Schwabauer called the Board’s attention to the Staff Report in the packet and recommendation to adopt resolutions 2024-12 and 2024-13.
2. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-12 Regarding Easter San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Amendment – A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-12 Regarding Easter San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Amendment made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll call vote: Colombini; Aye, Colburn; Aye, Starr; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0.
3. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-13 Regarding Periodic Evaluation Report – A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-13 Regarding Periodic Evaluation Report made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll call vote: Colombini; Aye, Colburn; Aye, Starr; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 5/0/0.
4. Presentation by Hydrofocus- Steve Deverel, Principal Hydrologist, HydroFocus, Inc. discussed groundwater modeling and water use calculations. Presentation available upon request.

### D. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Receive and approve December 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 December 2024 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report, with \$200,000 transfer, 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.
3. Report on Cash Flow considerations of current operations and projects- Update from General Manager Schwabauer on outstanding grant receivables and upcoming project invoices.

### E. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

1. Consider Adoption of Riparian Pump Policy – Staff brought forward a draft Riparian Pump Recharge Policy at the Board Meeting in November 2024. Based on input from the Board, Staff recommends the Board adopt the revised policy attached. A motion to adopt Riparian Pump Policy, as revised, made by Director Colburn, second by Vice President Colburn. Motion passed 5/0/0.

2. Consider Adoption of Goals for the Groundwater Banking Project called for in the Protest Dismissal Agreement between NSJWCD and EBMUD (follow up project to DREAM)- General Manager Schwabauer reviewed the Staff Report in the meeting packet. A motion to adopt goals for the Groundwater Banking Project called for in the Protest Dismissal Agreement between NSJWCD and EBMUD made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0

**F. 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- Conceptual plans have been completed and we are working on a set of plans for review and submittal to agencies. North System installation of the Phase 1B 42" line is complete. North System is currently off-line preparation for construction of berms around the Lakso vineyard and installation of minor improvements to allow for multiple recharge cells to be operated on the site.
3. South System – Phase III construction is underway with laydown yards being established, pipe delivered, vines being removed and 1500' pipe installed. The VFD and electrical equipment will likely be available for delivery in January. Timing for installation will be coordinated with operations and will be scheduled to reduce operational interruptions to a minimum.
4. Cal-Fed Woodbridge – The Costa field recharge project was operational through November 5<sup>th</sup> and we hope to be able to continue operations this winter as more water becomes available. Service on the fish screen was performed and is now fully operational.
5. Tracy lake ID – No current activity to report.

**G. Grant Activity**

1. Consero Report – Update on funding requests and grant opportunities. Climate Bond has passed, including SWEEP funding.
2. Stream Gage Application Progress – Application has been submitted for Bear Creek and Mokelumne.

**H. Strategic Plan Activity – Staff is in the process of updating the report card at this time.**

**I. Groundwater Charge- Property tax bills have been mailed and received by landowners. Additional appeals and phone calls are being made at this time.**

**J. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – General Counsel Spaletta and Consultant Granberg updated Board on the process and meetings attended. Groundwater modeling for permit amendment was discussed.**

**K. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – Workshops will continue in January.**

- L. Landowner Communications – Secretary Simpson reported on a phone call and discussion with a landowner interested in receiving water from the district from the EBMUD aqueduct that runs across his property.
- M. Board Planning Calendar – Board Meeting Calendar for 2025 is attached in the board meeting packet.

**4. Director and Staff Reports**

A. Director’s Report – Director Colombini attended the ACWA Conference and encourages all directors to attend next year.

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 returns have set the all-time record and are still moving past the WID dam.

6. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on December 16, 2024 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**The next regular scheduled Board Meeting January 27, 2025, 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 December 16, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

Deputy Secretary- Shasta Burns