

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 30, 2021

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 2:08 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the agenda for the meeting on July 26, 2021 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Tom Flinn - Area 2
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4
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-** President Valente reviewed phone calls received by landowners.
3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the July 26, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board meeting – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - B. Financial Matters
 - a. 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 to pay late bill the San Joaquin County for SGMA Dues before the next scheduled board meeting, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - b. 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 Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - c. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's report. A motion to receive and file the ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - d. Underground Service Alert Bill - Discussion above in NSJWCD Monthly

Treasurer's report.

e. Consider RFP for Accounting Services – No update at this time. Will review at the September Board Meeting.

C. Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – Very dry conditions. EBMUD is taking Freeport Water at this time and not taking any water from the Mokelumne River at this time. Water temperature conditions on the Mokelumne are in better condition than other salmon tributaries during these dry conditions.

D. South System Projects

a. South Pump Station Project – Status Report from Daniel de Graaf. Project is operational and complete pending final testing when water is available.

b. Brandt/Tretheway Project – Sierra Controls has completed the installation of the hardware and has the system operating manually from the site. Final testing to occur when water is available.

c. Dream/Pixley Pipeline – Permit for Mosher Slough and Bear Creek at this time. No further construction has taken place at this time. Waiting to get permit approved for the Mosher Slough crossing. Estimated timeline for CVFPB to return permit indicated that the district would soon have permit and still waiting at this time. Bear Creek Crossing permit has received comments and revised plans and comments were submitted for application.

d. Next Steps on South System – Prop 1 Grant Project –

i. Current Prop 1 Grant Project – Jennifer Spaletta and Daniel de Graaf met to go over timeline and plans for lateral projects. Mailing list will be put together for mini workshops for early October.

1. Outreach to Handel and Manor lateral landowners – Listed above

ii. New Federal Appropriation Recharge Project – District requested Federal funds for South System recharge projects. Senate and House both included projects but at different funding levels that will be resolved during the legislative process.

iii. New IRWM Round 2 Recharge Project - State funds for the IRWM in our region are \$6 million dollars. The coordinating committee has been meeting and has voted to provide \$3 Million dollar grant for the NSJWCD. An application will be submitted after landowner meetings have been held.

E. Acceptance of DREAM/Pixley Pipeline Easements and License Agreements – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed Resolution 2021-05 Accepting Pipeline Easements and Bridge License for Dream Pipeline and Pixley Lateral and the details for each landowner. A motion to accept Resolution 2021-05 Accepting Pipeline Easements and Bridge License for Dream Pipeline and Pixley Lateral made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Roll call vote; Starr; Aye, Wilber; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Flinn; Aye, Valente; Abstain. Motion passed 4/0/1

F. Maintenance-

a. Pump Station Maintenance Report - No report at this time.

b. Maintenance Contract – President Valente reviewed public and private maintenance agreements. General Counsel reviewed what the district's current rules are. General Counsel will talk with County and report back at the September Board Meeting.

G. Groundwater Banking Authority Termination - A motion to approve Groundwater Banking Authority Termination made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0

- H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – Vice President Flinn reported on latest meetings attended.
- I. IRWM Program Activity – Reported in above activity.
- J. Strategic Plan Process/Public Outreach – Public Workshop will be held for the Draft Strategic Plan on November 10, 2021 and a postcard will be drafted for Save the Date. Secretary Simpson reported on the San Joaquin Farm Bureau SGMA White Board video that was sent to Consero Solutions for review and ideas that the District can consider for a NSJWCD SGMA presentation.
- K. SGMA Project Financing Discussion – General Spaletta reviewed potential grants and how imperative it is to move forward on the District revenue source and how to present financing discussions.
- L. Landowner communications – President Valente reviewed the last landowner meeting that was held and landowner input.
- M. Discussion of Revised Board Policy Manual – Board Policy Manual is under revision at this time and will be brought back for board review in the coming months.
- N. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – Updates given in Strategic Plan Action item and Public Workshop on November 10, 2021 held at the Grape Festival Grounds.

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 – Measurements and reporting rule have been discussed from the state. Reporting has been filed for the year. General Counsel reviewed letter that was sent to Mr. Pilkington and will review and respond back to the Board. Monday, September 6, 2021 at 9:00, Mr. Pilkington and Daniel de Graaf will plan to meet.
- D. Committee Reports – No report at this time.
- E. Other – No reports at this time.

5. Public Comment – Public questions were received.

6. Closed Session – The Board entered into Closed Session at 3:53 PM.

7. Adjournment - The Board came out of Closed Session at 4:10 PM. President Valente reported there was no reportable action. Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on August 30, 2021 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned 4:11 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting September 27, 2021 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 30, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary