

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, July 31, 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 2:02 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda, made by Secretary Starr, 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- Absent
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-** Dane Wadle from CSDA gave an introduction and welcome to CSDA for our membership and benefits. Closed Session held this morning July 31, 2023 and there was no reportable action

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 26, 2023- A motion to approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes on June 26, 2023 made by Secretary Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0

B. Financial Matters

1. Receive and File Amended July 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers and presented to the board. Perla from Butterfield + Company prepared financial statements for Board action- A motion to approve July 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report with a warrant written from the County Groundwater Fund Account in the amount of \$500,000.00, by Vice President Colombini, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0
2. Approve Payment of Bills- A motion to approve payment of bills recommendation listed on page 9 in the board meeting packet- Summary of Bills made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0

C. System and Projects

1. Engineer's Report – Engineer deGraaf gave an overview of where the district stands – Report was presented at the start of the board meeting and is available upon request.
2. North System -
 - i. North System Phase I Design Memo- Bob Granberg reviewed a recent meeting with WGA to advance two separate phases for the North System. Phase 1A for recharge on the Lakso property to be bid by 8/15 and awarded at the August Board meeting. Phase 1B for the Acampo pipeline replacement to be bid in early September in time for award at the October Board meeting. This work is reimbursable under the SGMA Grant. Exhibit in the board meeting packet for a pipeline for distributing water to the Lakso property and beyond. WGA will be completing the design of the pipeline. - A motion to approve staff to move forward preparing made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0
 - ii. North System Groundwater Monitoring Wells Proposals – A motion to approve Proposal from HydroFocus Inc. for a North System Phase I Groundwater Monitoring Network made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0
 - iii. Lakso Flood-MAR Recharge Agreement- General Counsel reviewed agreement in the board meeting packet. A motion to approve Lakso Flood-MAR Lease made by Director Wilber, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0
 - iv. North System Improvement District Concept Memo- Memo drafted by General Counsel Spaletta. General Counsel reviewed two concepts and received feedback from the board of directors. Direction to present option two to the landowners will be presented.
 - v. Reynolds Recharge Update – Reynolds recharge was discussed in above action items.
3. South System
 - i. **Resolution 2023-10** Approving and Accepting Easements and Agreements for NSJWCD South System and Tecklenburg Recharge Project - A motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 Approving and Accepting Easements and Agreements for NSJWCD South System and Tecklenburg Recharge Project made by Vice President Colombini, second by Director Wilber. Roll Call vote: Wilber; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye, Secretary Simpson was absent. Motion passed 4/0/0
 - ii. South System Improvements Phase II Update –
 - iii. East Side Ditch – No update at this time
 - iv. Miller Recharge Update- Pump has been taken out at this time
 - v. Tecklenburg Recharge Update – No update at this time
 - vi. Dream Project Update – No update at this time
 - vii. Locke Basin Recharge Update – No update at this time
4. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – No update at this time.

5. Tracy Lake ID – No update at this time.
6. Discuss Temporary Application to Appropriate Flood Flows in November 2023 and Addition of Points of Diversion

D. Grant Activity

1. Consero report – A motion to authorize Counsel and Consero to write letters to help the status of SGMA, SWEEP, and IRWM grants, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0

E. Strategic Plan Activity

1. General Manager Recruitment Update – Interviews for the General Manager Position were held this morning in a Closed Session Meeting.

F. Contractor Scopes of Work for 2023-24

1. WGA Revised Scope of Work – Bob Granberg reviewed WGA Revised Scope of work presented in the board meeting packet made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

G. 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. Direction to have General Counsel write letter to Grand Jury.

H. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – County is the grant recipient of money to fund work related to moving grant forward. First kick off meeting has been held. Mid-August will have a tour of local facilities to map everything out related to the counties water right application and is moving fast on this application.

I. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – General Counsel reviewed Voluntary Agreement. The potential re-initiated funding from letters sent to the state for projects are now being discussed.

J. 2022/2023 Groundwater Charge – Secretary Burns and District Engineer deGraaf are working to update the 2022/2023 Groundwater Charge with the County.

1. Letters to landowners with proposed charged and appeal information – Letters will be mailed next week.

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 – Director Colombini reviewed meeting with Streamline website company. A motion to approve the transition of website from the current provider to Streamline made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

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 –

6. **Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 3:58 PM, came out of closed session at **4:45 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 July 31, 2023 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting August 28, 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 July 31, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary