

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 September 27, 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 September 27, 2021, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

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 - Absent

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 and community development mailings. General Counsel reported diversion and measurement reporting regulations with State Water Resources Control Board and will submit as necessary for compliance.
3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the August 30, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board meeting – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the August 30, 2021 Regular Board Meeting made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - 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, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - 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 Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - 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 Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - d. Underground Service Alert Bill – Information has been updated online with

current district contact information. New mapping is being drafted for future Underground Service Alert Billing by Provost & Prichard.

- C. Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations** – General Counsel reviewed JSA Partnership Coordinating Committee presentation from EBMUD. Presentation available upon request.
 - a. Curtailment Order and Compliance – General Counsel reviewed curtailment order and compliance letter that was received. At this time the water right for the District is not curtailed on the Mokelumne River.
- 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 – Installation of the Pipeline from Pixley Slough to Bear Creek has been completed. Installation of the filter station slab is complete, and the filter station is coming together. Permit for Mosher Slough was granted and work to cross Mosher Slough is anticipated to occur on Thursday of this week. Comments have been received on the Bear Creek Crossing permit and received plans and comments were submitted for that application.
 - d. Next RFP for South Distribution System – (Prop 1 Grant Project) – General Counsel and Engineer Daniel de Graaf gave a report and will hold a workshop on October 18th to review laterals and information with the board.
 - i. Current Prop 1 Grant Project –
 - 1. Outreach to Handel Manor lateral landowners – Surveying will be done at the site for the design of this application.
- E. Grant Activity**
 - a. Closed USBR Watersmart Grant for South Pump Station – General Counsel reviewed the close out of the prior Watersmart grant.
 - b. CA Prop 1 Grant Project – ongoing at this time.
 - c. New Federal Appropriation – South System Recharge Project – General Counsel reviewed Consero Solutions work towards new Federal Appropriation for up to \$1 million earmarked for the district.
 - d. New IRWM Round 2 – South System Recharge Project – General Counsel reviewed new Round 2 grant money available. Funding available to the district may be in the form of direct and competitive funding opportunities. Board discussed the direction the district would like to move to secure potential funding.
 - e. SGMA Implementation Round 2 – North System Recharge Project. Reviewed above in new grant funding opportunities.
- 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 October Board Meeting.
- G. IRWM Program Activity** – General Counsel reviewed information on the last IRWM meeting where IRWM were to vote on the committee recommendation to give the district \$3 million dollars and will follow up on action.

- H. Strategic Plan Process/Public Outreach –
 - a. Consero Report – Petrea Marchand reviewed updated Strategic Plan schedule in the board meeting packet. November 10, 2021 two Workshops will be held that day 9 AM and 6 PM. Postcard invite will be mailed to landowners in the district at the end of October.
 - b. Farm Bureau White Board You Tube Video – Available upon request.
 - c. November Workshop – Discussion above with Consero Solutions.
 - d. Newsletter – General Counsel is working on the latest newsletter at this time and will go out soon.
- I. SGMA Project Financing Discussion – General Counsel passed out proposed budget. Discussion purposed only. The Board decided to review the proposal at a Workshop on October 18, 2021, 9-10 AM, followed by public discussion from 10-11 AM.
- J. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/ GWA Activity – Vice President Flinn reviewed meeting held early September.
- K. Landowner communications – Public Records Act request from Mr. Pilkington and has been given a response from legal counsel. Postcard invitation to November 10, 2021 workshop will be mailed along with a new district newsletter in the coming month.
- L. 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.
- M. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – Updates given in Strategic Plan Action item and Public Workshops (day and evening), scheduled for November 10, 2021 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 – No report at this time.
- D. Committee Reports – No report at this time.
- E. Other – No reports at this time.

5. Public Comment – Public comments were received.

6. Closed Session – Not necessary. The Board did not enter into closed session.

7. Adjournment - The Board came out of Closed Session at 4:15 PM. President Valente reported there was no reportable action. Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on September 27, 2021 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned 4:18 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting October 25, 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 September 27, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary