

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, May23, 2022**

**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 2:05 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda and for the meeting on May 23, 2022, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. 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**- No communication at this time.

3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 25, 2022 Regular Scheduled Board meeting – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2022 Regular Scheduled Board meeting made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0.
- B. Financial Matters
  1. 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 for a warrant transfer from the county in the amount of \$ 100,000.00, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
  2. 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 Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
  3. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's report. A motion to receive and file the ID #3 Monthly Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
  4. Approve Transfers Between Accounts – Action reported in B1. (above).
- C. Grant Activity
  1. Consero Activity Report – Memo in the board meeting packet and review

from Petera Marchand.

2. State Grants

a. SGMA Implementation Round 1 Grant – North System Improvement Project – Phase (\$3 Million awarded, working on grant agreement) – Report only and working on grant at this time.

b. IRWMP Round 2 Grant – South System Recharge

i. **Resolution 2022-04** Authorizing County as Applicant and Cost-Share agreement with Local Project Sponsors. A motion to approve **Resolution 2022-04** Authorizing County as Applicant and Cost-Share agreement with Local Project Sponsors made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll call: Simpson, Aye, Starr, Aye, Flinn; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0

3. Federal Grants

a. Federal Appropriation – South System Recharge Project (\$1 Million awarded, working on regulatory process. Petrea Marchand from Consero Solutions gave a verbal update in addition to what is in the board meeting packet. General Counsel Spaletta reviewed the need to update environmental analysis.

b. New USBR WaterSmart Grant Opportunity – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed water savings, efficiency, and the combinations of funding that can be requested. Match funding scenarios that are applicable for the North System of NSJWCD. Direction to staff to proceed looking into new WaterSmart Grant opportunity and will come back to the board with a formal resolution at the June board meeting. No action taken at this time.

D. Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – There is still no water available for NSJWCD from Camanche.

E. Engineer/Manager's Report – Engineer Daniel de Graaf reported on memo handed out to the board of directors. South System Pump Station is complete at this time and operational pending final calibration of the flow meter at the distribution box on Tretheway and Brandt Road. Eastside Ditch capacity needs be evaluated and is anticipated to be scheduled during operation of the South System testing when water is available. Dream Project and Pixley Lateral-Arnaudo will complete installation of the electrical equipment at the pump station once PG&E has completed their required permitting work. The permit at Bear Creek crossing permit has not been approved yet, and timing of the permanent project is unknown at this time.

F. South System Projects

1. Improvement District 3A – Pixley Lateral – Warrant Financing Agreement – General Counsel reported that this is being looked at and there will not be a warrant needed because landowners will pay total upfront and warrant not needed at this time.

2. DREAM Project Tour – Early July will be held with the County. Start at the new pump station and end at the aqueduct.

G. North System

1. Discuss North System Landowner Workshop/Survey for formation of new Improvement District – General Counsel reviewed staff level kick off meeting the first week of June. Landowners on the North System have shown interest and the district will schedule workshop to obtain ideas and feedback for next

steps to form improvement district and leverage all grant funds available to do so.

**H. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge**

1. **Resolution 2022-05** Accepting Nakagawa Easement for Pump and Pipeline- A motion to accept Resolution 2022-05 Accepting Nakagawa Easement for Pump and Pipeline made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll call: Simpson, Aye, Starr, Aye, Flinn; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0

**I. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity**

1. Governor's Executive Order – Well Permits. General Counsel reviewed Governors Executive order and well water permits. San Joaquin County has now developed a process and the process to use through the necessary GSA's. At this point in time, three well permits reviewed for the Board's consideration and resolution presented to the board and review from district engineer's findings on each permit and application received and findings from General Counsel and stated in presented Resolution.

i. Resolution regarding Written Verification for Three County Well Permits - A motion to approve **Resolution 2022-06** Regarding Written Verifications for County Well Permit Applications Pursuant to Governor's Drought Emergency Order and direction to district engineer to complete verifications forms to the County made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll call: Simpson, Aye, Starr, Aye, Flinn; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0

2. Schedule for Response to DWR and Amend GSP – A Special Meeting will be held to further discuss July 18, 2022 at 2PM at the Barrel Room at the Grape Festival Grounds.

**J. Proposed Groundwater Charge**

1. Public Hearing June 14, 2022, 2PM Grape Festival- Jackson Hall and will be a Special Board Meeting posting.

2. Landowner Appeals

i. Engineer's Memo and Recommendations for Roll Changes – District Engineer reviewed appeals received in the board meeting packet. Board Discussion. A motion to approve Engineers presented memo along with Board recommendations additional changes to for Roll Changes made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

**K. 2022-23 Proposed Budget – Draft Budget presentation presented and board discussion only.**

**L. Resolution Approving FY 2022-07** Approving Proposition 4 Appropriation Limit for FY 2022-2023. A motion to Approve FY 2022-07 Approving Proposition 4 Appropriation Limit for FY 2022-2023 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll call: Simpson, Aye, Starr, Aye, Flinn; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed 4/0/0

**M. Landowner communications – No update at this time.**

**N. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – June 14, 2022 Public Hearing re: Groundwater Charge and ballot hearing.**

**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 – Reviewed summaries of the status of current projects, upcoming work to be completed, and the anticipated schedules and project milestones.

**D.** Consero Solutions – Grant activity – Petra reviewed appropriations request and attachment 13 in the board meeting packet.

**E.** Committee Reports – No report at this time.

**F.** Other – No reports at this time.

**5. Public Comment** – Public comments were received.

**6. Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 4:14 PM, came out of closed session at 4:55 PM and immediately returned to open session. President Valente reported that there was no reportable action.

**7. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on May 23, 2022 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

**The next regular scheduled Board Meeting June 30, 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 May 23, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary