

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lodi Library Community Room, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi CA

**Monday August 28, 2017**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:00 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting of August 28, 2017, made by Vice President Flinn, second Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0

President Joe Valente- Area 3  
Vice President Tom Flinn- Area 2  
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1  
Treasurer Hugh Scanlon – Area 4  
Director Marden Wilber – Area 5

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta  
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent  
John Podesta – District Engineer  
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

2. **Correspondence/Announcements-** Update and review of the State and Federal Grants that have been conditionally approved for the District. Final approval will be announced by the end of September. Treasurer Scanlon reviewed final audit and distributed to all Board Members. A letter received from Treasurer Scanlon of his resignation, and his last meeting will be the September 2017 Board Meeting.

3. **Action Items**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 31, 2017 – A motion to received and file the Minutes of July 31, 2017 with the addition to the minutes under Action Item “G” “with a total of \$10,000 for the 2017 **Costa Recharge Project**” made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.
- B. Monthly Financial Reports and Invoice/Expense Payments - Scanlon reviewed the District’s monthly financial reports. A motion to receive and file the District’s monthly financial reports made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber, motion passed 5/0.
- C. Tracy Lake Financial Reports - Scanlon reviewed financial reports and recent expenditures with the Board. Motion to receive and file Tracy Lakes financial reports made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson, motion passed 5/0.
- D. Water Supply Conditions Report – Spaletta reviewed water supplies available to the District under various permits and agreements. Water from Camanche is available and will likely be available in 2018.
- E. Tracy Lake Improvement District Operations- Nothing can be done at this time. There is still too much water in the lake for construction of the vineyard pumping plant.
- F. Water Sales to the City of Lodi – Lodi to purchase 400-acre feet in the month of November. A schedule will be put together and reviewed at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

## G. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge Pump

1. Fall 2017 Project with Sustainable Conservation – A review of meeting held with landowners and Sustainable Conservation. A groundwater recharge project for Fall and Winter 2017 is in the planning stages. Water would recharge in the vineyard instead the basin. This particular plan has been performed in previous recharge projects. Discussions of how the District will move forward took place, and an agreement from Sustainable Conservation will be sent to the Board for review. Action will be taken at the next Board Meeting.
2. Water Meter Replacement - John Podesta reported findings on the current status of the meter. Two options available to fix the meter. Mr. Podesta reviewed both with potential cost estimates. A motion to have Mr. Podesta proceed with the purchase of a replacement Seametrics meter and the proper installation in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously 5/0
3. State Water Resources Control Board Conjunctive Use Plan – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed Conjunctive Use Plan that will be sent to the State Water Resources Control Board and the plans of the Districts recharge project. A motion to approve the plan as written by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 5/0

## H. South System

1. Update on Construction Contract for South Pump Station- Ford Construction plan will be available for review at the September Board Meeting.
2. Update on Grant Applications for South System Pipeline – Updates given above, and will have information at the September Board Meeting.
3. Update on Prop. 218 Engineer's Report for South System Project - Provost & Prichard and District reviewing South System mapping and will review at the September Board Meeting.
4. Test run planning – The Board would like to discuss this matter at the September Board Meeting.
5. Consider Retention of Bond Counsel – A recommendation for the Board to consider a professional Bond Counsel for the funding of the South System Project. General Counsel reviewed specifics and how Bond Counsel works. Proposal attached to the Board Meeting packet and discussion of fees included for this service and the benefits associated with hiring a professional for this project. A motion to proceed to move forward with Bond Counsel presented in the meeting packet with Doug Brown, with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth made by Director Wilber, second Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0

6. Consider Retention of Financial Advisor- A recommendation for the Board to consider a professional Financial Advisor. A review of two proposals attached in the meeting packet and fees associated with professional services. A motion to proceed with Robert Porr with Fieldman Rolapp & Associates, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0
  - I. Dream Project Update - Agreements are coming up for approval at County and EBMUD at their next scheduled board meeting.
  - J. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act - Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Update – Vice President Flinn reported on recent meetings attended and the structure of possible cost allocations for each participating group. No action needed at this time.
  - K. Consider Submitting Amicus Letter in Support of San Diego County Water Authority in Wheeling Rate Case – Background information from General Counsel Spaletta and supporting attachment in the board packet. California State Supreme Court needs supporting letters to accept this case for trial. This appeal from San Diego Water Authority in Wheeling Rate Case may dictate Wheeling Rates in the future for this District. Supervisor Chuck Winn has asked the District to support this case and send a letter of support. A motion to have General Counsel Spaletta submit Amicus Letter in support of San Diego Water Authority Wheeling Rate Case made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0
  - L. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Agreements with San Joaquin County for Storm Drainage – General Counsel reviewed three existing agreements in San Joaquin County. A motion to request County to agree to cancel the 1994 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Agreement because the system was never constructed or operated as contemplated; alternatively provide one-year notice of termination, and also, a one-year notice of termination of the 1977 and 1979 Agreements related to the South System in anticipation of the NSJWCD slip-lining project, and to notify Supervisor Winn of actions being made, made by Director Wilber, and second by Treasurer Scanlon. Motion passed unanimously. 5/0
- 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 John Podesta – no report at this time
  - D. Committee Reports – no report at this time
  - E. Other – no other reports at this time
- 5. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda –** Storm water comments from the public about future plans of the District.
- 6. Closed Session –** The Board entered Closed Session at 3:46 PM. President Valente returned the meeting to open session at 4:08 PM. No reportable action was taken.

**7. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting by Director Wilber, second by Secretary Simpson, motion passed 5/0. Meeting adjourned 4:10 PM.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting September 25, 2017, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM\*\***

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of August 28, 2017 were duly approved by the Board on September 25, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

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Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary