

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

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

**Monday May 22, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order-Roll Call-Acceptance of Agenda** - President Valente called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Motion to accept agenda by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn, motion passed 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 - Absent  
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

**2. Correspondence/Announcements-** Mail received requesting support for nomination to the ACWA - JPIA Executive Committee. Interested party was out of our local geographical area and a Director of a municipal water district. Brown Act Training notice for interested parties; the next local training will be in November 8, 2017 at SEWD.

**3. Presentation** – Joseph Choperena with Sustainable Conservation gave a presentation entitled: “Increased Utilization of Flood Releases for Groundwater Recharge.” Written copies of the presentation are available upon request.

**4. Action Items**

A. Approval of Minutes -Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, made by Secretary Simpson, second Vice President Flinn, motion passed 5/0.

B. Monthly Financial Reports and Invoice/Expense Payments - Scanlon reviewed the District’s monthly financial reports. The county was late mailing reports this month, all bills have been submitted and are reflected correctly on recent statement. Current statement includes the County Tax Assessment and the yearly Administrative costs. A motion to transfer funds between the District’s accounts in the amount of \$50,000, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber, motion passed 5/0. A motion to receive and file the District’s monthly financial reports made by Director Wilber, second by Vice President Flinn, motion passed 5/0.

C. Tracy Lake Current Financial Reports - Scanlon reviewed financial reports and recent expenditures with the Board. Motion to receive and file Tracy Lakes financial reports has been closed made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber, motion passed 5/0.

D. Water Supply Conditions Report – Spaletta reported that there is no significant change from last month. Releases continue at 4,000 cfs from Camanche. This report also includes recent fishery flows down the Mokelumne River.

E. Tracy Lake Improvement District Operations- Nothing has been done at this time. There is still too much water on the ground. Spaletta noted a broken light on the pump station platform needs repair when the ground dries and water levels are low enough to permit access.

F. Water Sales to the City of Lodi – Nothing new at this time. The city still would like to purchase water, and will take place after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

G. Cal-Fed Pump – No reportable action.

#### H. South System

1. Update on Permits and Bidding Process for the Pump Station – Bid opening took place on May 2. No Bids were received due to the high water flows obscuring the construction site. General Counsel Spaletta, Engineer Pete Martin, and Vice President Flinn met with Ford Construction Company, and have plans to meet with Arnaudo Construction to discuss the project. Spaletta reported the District now has the ability to speak directly with contractors due to a zero response to the Public Bid. Spaletta anticipates two contracts will be brought to the Board for review at the June Board Meeting.

2. Update on Grant Applications for South System Pipeline - General Counsel Spaletta reported that the County provided the assistance of a lobbyist to facilitate a meeting with the Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation. They briefed him on our project.

3. Review responses to RFP for Prop. 218 Engineer's Report –Two RFP's were presented. The Board has requested prior Prop. 218 studies and references, and will review again at the June Board Meeting.

I. Dream Project – Agreements are currently being negotiated and in the final stages. The final agreement will be presented for a Board Approval at the June or July Board Meeting.

J. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed a letter from Public Works. Spaletta has concerns regarding final GSA boundary maps and the process of future jurisdictional changes when parcels are detached from one jurisdiction and moved to another. The final GSA Boundary Map and revisions will be presented at the June Board Meeting for approval before being sent for final review and filing to the Department of Water Resources. Spaletta will send a letter to Public Works to clarify the NSJWCD position.

K. 2017 Water Rates, **Resolution 2017-04** – No action – Board approved it at the April Board Meeting.

L. Proposed 2016-2017 Budget Amendments – Budget Memo presented to the Board and adjustments were reviewed. A motion to make presented adjustments to the 2016-2017 amendments made by Treasurer Scanlon, second by Vice President Flinn, motion passed 4/0. **(Note: Director Wilber had to leave the meeting early leaving a quorum of 4 Directors).**

#### 5. Director and Staff Reports

A. Presidents Report – EBMUD toured Tracy Lake last week.

B. General Counsel Spaletta – No reports at this time.

C. District Manager/Engineer John Podesta- n/a

D. Committee Reports – n/a

E. Other – Next GBA Meeting will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda** – Gerald Schwartz from EBMUD thanked the District for taking time to tour Tracy Lake.

**7. Closed Session** – 1 item -The Board entered into closed session at **4:18 pm**

Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(b)  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION -  
One Case

**8. Return to Open Session** – Meeting returned to open session at 4:40 pm. No reportable action taken.

**10. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting by Simpson, second by Scanlon, motion passed 4/0. Meeting adjourned 4:42 pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2017, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM\*\***

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of May 22, 2017 were duly approved by the Board on June 26, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

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Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary