

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, August 29, 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 2:02 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda and for the meeting on August 29, 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-** Land use applications were received and reviewed. GSP Workshop held at the Ag Center tomorrow at 10AM. September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at 1868 East Hazelton for Executive Order for the groundwater wells. Action item 3H will go over committee review of District Land Use Policy discussion item.
- 3. Presentation by San Joaquin County Environmental Health Regarding Well Permit Process** – Presentation by Stephen Shih. Copy available upon request.
- 4. Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
  - A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board meeting on August 29, 2022 – A motion to review and approve the Minutes July 25, 2022 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Vice President Flinn. 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 with the additional approval of Spaletta Law bill made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
    2. Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report - A motion to receive and file the TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. 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 Treasurer's

Report made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.

4. Approve Transfers Between Accounts – A motion to approve \$100,000 from County Account for a deposit into the Farmers & Merchants General Checking account made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

**C. North System**

1. Improvement District No. 4- North System Surface Water Users – Initial concept discussion – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed WGA engineering has been working on North System at this time. Initial evaluation of the existing pipeline has been completed. Fish screen has been inspected and is in working condition. CCTV has been completed for most of the pipeline and reviewed and will be included in plans. A preliminary plan will be presented to the board in the next coming months. No action needed at this time. Contact information of interested landowners in attendance at the meeting or on zoom was received.

**D. South System**

1. Dream Project next steps – Engineer deGraaf reviewed there has not been any success on the permitting process due to the Government running out of budget to process the permits. District will be using temporary crossing permit, and will work with necessary agencies to do so. A monitoring committee meeting will be held in September.
2. Handel Lateral next steps – Engineer deGraaf has been working on project description, and a draft preliminary report has been completed and will be reviewed by USDA for final grant application submittal. Field meeting and or a workshop will be held for landowners to discuss further details and interest.
3. Resolution regarding USDA Grant Federal/ Appropriation- A motion to approve **Resolution 2022-12** Authorizing and Directing that application be made to obtain a grant under the USDA Community Facilities Grant Program and Authorization to provide assurances and enter into an agreement related to the grant made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll call vote: Flinn; Aye, Valente; Aye, Simpson; Aye; Starr; Aye. 4/0/0.

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

1. Water Accounting Framework- General Counsel Spaletta reviewed modeling at the subbasin level and now needing to look at water supply budget for each GSA. Detailed review and accounting audit will be done for allocating water for each GSA. No action needed at this time.
2. Groundwater Model- Discussion above in Water Accounting Framework.

**F. Groundwater Charge**

1. Landowner Appeals – One appeal was received and will be reviewed by the district engineer.
2. Parcel Audit – Update given by Deputy Secretary Burns. Halfway through parcel audit at this time, and will present final to District Engineer and General Counsel by the end of the week.

**G. Contracts**

1. Consider Amended Scope of Work for District/Engineer Manager for deGraaf Engineering – Discussion and action taken during Closed Session and details reporting in Closed Session Action below.

2. Contract with BaseCamp Environmental for NEPA and CEQA related work – A motion to approve Contract with BaseCamp Environmental for NEPA and CEQA related work made by Secretary Simpson (no relation to Charlie Simpson, Principal), second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0.

3. Contract with Granberg & Associates for Project Management – A motion to approve contract with Granberg & Associates for Project Management made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0

H. District Land Use Policy – Discuss Initial Draft will be deferred until September board meeting. Committee Discussion overview. President Valente exited the meeting for this portion of the agenda due to potential conflict of interest. Review of email received from Mr. Pilkington, and potential language policy will be on the agenda for the next board meeting. President Valente returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

I. Staffing

1. RFP for Accounting Services – RFP will be developed and presented.

2. RFP for General Manager Services – No update at this time.

J. Grant Activity Report- No update at this time.

K. District Engineer/Manager Report – No action at this time.

L. Director Elections Calendar – Secretary Simpson announced Board of Directors election filing period closed August 12, 2022. Because there was only one candidate for each of the three Divisions, there will be no NSJWCD Director positions on the November ballot. Directors will be appointed by the SJCo Board of Supervisors in December.

M. Landowner Communications – No communications at this time.

N. Board Planning Calendar- Nothing to report at this time.

## 5. 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. Consero Solutions – No report at this time.

E. Committee Reports – No report at this time.

F. Other – No reports at this time.

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

7. **Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 3:47 PM, came out of closed session at 4:30 PM and returned to Open Session. President Valente reported there was no reportable action in Closed Session.

8. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on August 29, 2022 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.

**The next regular scheduled Board Meeting September 26, 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 August 29, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary