

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

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

Monday November 30, 2015

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - President Valente called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM

President Joe Valente	General Counsel Roger Masuda
Vice President Tom Flinn	Special Legal Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Secretary David Simpson	Consultant Walt Sadler
Treasurer Hugh Scanlon	Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns
Director Marden Wilber (absent)	

2. Correspondence/Announcements

President Valente announced that Richard Best, who has done well testing for the District in the past, will continue to do so when his health permits.

3. Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, with the corrected dates, by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Financial Reports and Invoice/Expense Payments

Treasurer Scanlon reviewed the financial reports and the proposed list of invoices and expenses to be paid. It was noted that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) dues are paid separately from insurance. 57% of the grant money awarded to the District will be deposited into the District's account in December, and the last 47% will be deposited in April 2016. A Motion to receive and file the monthly financial reports by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Tracy Lake Current Financial Reports

Treasurer Scanlon reviewed recent expenditures and account balances with the Board. Consultant Sadler gave an update on the Tracy Lake Project and payments. The final invoice will be delivered by the end of the week. Concerns about the overgrown trees and vegetation near the pumping station were brought to the Board's attention but PG&E has not identified it as a problem. The test has been delayed temporarily but should happen soon. After the test, the project can be finalized. Motion to accept current financial reports and checks payable for Tracy Lakes by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Scanlon. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Contract to Purchase one acre foot of water from Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID) for test of Tracy Lake Pump

WID has agreed to sell water to the District, however WID has not set the price.

Motion to approve Consultant Sadler, with concurrence of President Valente, to negotiate the purchase of one acre foot of water from WID with the intent to test the Tracy Lakes Pump by Treasurer Scanlon, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Update and Discussion of the CCTV inspection of the South Distribution System
Consultant Saddler informed the Board that the inspection is completed. Mr. Sadler reported that portions of the pipeline are underwater, but there is sufficient information to prioritize how they will move forward. The inspection came in under budget. Mr. Sadler requested the left over funding go towards structural rehab on portions of the pipeline before it is slip lined. Questions regarding easements on the pipeline were presented. Saddler suggested any leftover funds could be used to CCTV the North System pipeline. Board action will be taken at the December 14, 2015 meeting. Sadler will present the Board with a map of where the most damage is in the pipeline, where easements are along the pipeline, and a quote from KSN for the structural rehabilitation.

F. Discussion regarding Water Supply Conditions

No Significant rainfall has occurred. EBMUD has not made any releases that could be used by NSJWCD.

G. Discussion regarding Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Special Counsel gave a presentation on SGMA that will be uploaded to the District's website.

H. County GSA alternatives

Brandon Nakagawa gave a presentation on SGMA and potential county-wide GSA formation. A copy of the presentation is currently on the District's website. The general consensus of the Board is they would like to move forward using the proper procedure to become a GSA. Action to be taken at the December 14, 2015 Board meeting.

I. Update on the DREAM Project

Mark Williamson presented two principal routes to move water. The first option, known as the East Branch, would pump water into an existing open ditch, into Bear Creek and then export via a new pipeline. The second option, known as the West Branch, would pump water through the existing South System pipeline into Pixley Slough and export through a new pipeline. Each option is affordable, but the West Branch is more favorable as it provides an extension to the South System. This will allow future water delivery to landowners as well as the one-time demonstration project with EBMUD. Williamson is currently exploring alignments that use existing farm roads to reduce construction cost. Other aspects of the project include California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) permitting of diversion dams in Bear Creek and Pixley Slough that will be used to deliver water.

J. Discussion for potential Water Grant Teaming

Daniel Kramer with Petralogix, a consulting company, made a presentation on WaterSMART grants from the Bureau of Reclamation. There is a potential to receive up to 50% Federal match with funding from other sources. The Board would like to revisit this at the December 14, 2015 meeting.

K. Request for Qualifications – General Counsel

At the start of the meeting, General Counsel Masuda presented the Board with a letter recommending that he and Special Counsel Spaletta exchange roles as counsel. Directors believe it is beneficial to review cost associated with counsel and to eliminate any overlap. The qualifications and expertise required for counsel has changed. Directors believe it is particularly important to have a counsel with local knowledge and contacts. Counsel Masuda recommended and the Board agreed that Special Counsel Spaletta assume the duties of General Counsel and he assume the role of Special Counsel, when needed. The RFQ presented in the meeting packet will be saved for future use by the Board. The Board will take action to be taken at the December 14, 2015 meeting.

4. Discussion Items (all will appear as Action Items on the December 14, 2015 Agenda)

- A. Purchase of business cards for directors. Directors believe it is important to handout personal information quickly and professionally.
- B. Discussion of an update to the map showing the existing system and proposed projects. Directors believe it is important to have a current, accurate map.
- C. Election of Officers.

5. Director and Staff Reports

- A. Presidents Report – Thanked the LDGGA for the SGMA Seminar
- B. General Counsel Masuda – No report at this time
- C. Consultant Saddler - No report at this time
- D. Committee Reports – Special Counsel Spaletta explained the possibility that the petition for the California Water Fix will impact the flows on the Mokelumne River. A notice of intent to protest is due by January 6, 2015.
- E. Other – No other reports at this time

6. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - No public comments at this time

7. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Scanlon, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Next Regular Board Meeting on December 14, 2015, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

David Simpson, Secretary

Joe Valente, President