

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 29, 2008**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A. M., at the Lodi News Sentinel, 125 North Church Street, Lodi, California. Present were Directors Ferreira, Hoffman, Mehrten, Van Gaalen and Weybret; Watermaster Weinzheimer, Counsel Harrigfeld and Manager Steffani.

**2. Closed Session – Existing Litigation - Case No. SV266837, Government Code 54956.9(a).**

No action was taken.

**3. Closed Session – Potential Litigation - Government Code Section 54946.9(c).**

No action was taken.

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Steffani  
Secretary

ES/pt

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MARCH 4, 2008**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A. M., at the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, California. Present were Directors Ferreira, Hoffman, Mehrten, Van Gaalen and Weybret; Watermaster Weinzheimer, Counsel Harrigfeld and Manager Steffani.

Also present were Gerald Schwartz of EBMUD, Bill and Ruth Brown.

**2. Consider Approving Minutes for the following Board Meetings:**

- December 4, 2007
- January 29, 2008

Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the December 4, 2007 and January 29, 2008 meetings.

**3. Consider Approving Bills for Payment.**

Manager Steffani reviewed the problem with Fish and Game (still no agreement on screens and by-pass flow). He also said that supply for this year is not certain.

Watermaster Weinzheimer said that no water could be distributed until repairs costing \$10,000 were made north of Harney and at Brandt Rd. The Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills with the condition that no repairs be made until; 1) agreements with Fish and Game; 2) Water is available, and 3) surface water users have been identified for 2008.

**4. Receive Report on Water Commission (Director Weybret)**

Director Weybret said that County staff told the Commission that groundwater levels are falling within Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID) because of drip irrigation. He also reported that WID sold some water to the City of Stockton.

**5. Receive Report on Mokelumne Forum (Directors Ferreira and Mehrten)**

Director Ferreira said that Forum members did not want to talk about the major issue – how EBMUD would recover water banked in the basin.

Gerald Schwartz said that it took six and a half years for the Sacramento Forum to reach an agreement at a cost of \$14 million, but that it has received \$40 million in grants.

**6. Receive Report on GBA (Manager Steffani)**

Manager Steffani reviewed the material included with the agenda.

No action was taken.

**7. Discuss December 4, 2007 Letter from NSJWCD to Woodbridge Irrigation District.**

Manager Steffani reviewed WID's February 22, 2008 letter indicating that a Joint Board meeting could be held during April 2008.

**8. Discuss Cal Poly study on Drip Irrigation.**

Manager Steffani said that Professor Burt is starting a study to test his theory that drip irrigation; 1) increases energy consumption, 2) decreases recharge, 3) increases use of groundwater and 4) increases overdraft. Manager Steffani reminded the Board that he has the same theory.

**9. Public Comment: Non Agenda items.**

There were no comments.

**10. CLOSED SESSION – Existing Litigation – Case No. SV266837, Government Code 54956.9(a).**

No action was taken.

**11. CLOSED SESSION – Potential Litigation – Government Code Section 54946.9(c).**

No action was taken.

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Steffani  
Secretary

ES/pt

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MARCH 14, 2008**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A. M., at the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, California. Present were Directors Ferreira, Hoffman, Mehrten, and Van Gaalen; Watermaster Weinzheimer, Counsel Harrigfeld and Manager Steffani.

**2. Receive Engineer's Investigation and Report – Groundwater Charge for 2008-2009 and Set Date for a Public Hearing.**

Counsel Harrigfeld explained why the Board must conduct an annual hearing on the Engineer's Report on groundwater conditions prior to adoption of charges for the coming year.

Manager Steffani said that the report is the same as the April 2007 Report except for current groundwater levels shown on page 3, for descriptions of current groundwater conditions and for statements about the current situation with the State Water Resources Control Board.

Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to receive the Engineer's Report and to schedule a public hearing on the Report for 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 21, 2008 at the Lodi Library.

**3. Public Comment: Non Agenda items.**

Mr. Dale Carver asked how the District will pay the cost of collecting the groundwater charge.

Manager Steffani said that the collection costs would be paid from groundwater charge revenue, as detailed in the 10-Year Budget prepared for the April 2007 hearings on the groundwater charge.

**4. CLOSED SESSION – Existing Litigation – Case No. SV266837, Government Code 54956.9(a).**

No action was taken.

**5. CLOSED SESSION – Potential Litigation – Government Code Section 54946.9(c).**

No action was taken.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Steffani  
Secretary

ES/pt

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 8, 2008**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A. M., at the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, California. Present were Directors Hoffman, Mehrten, and Weybret; Watermaster Weinzheimer, Counsel Harrigfeld and Manager Steffani.

Also present were Bill and Ruth Brown.

**2. Consider Adoption of Waiver – Hearing Date – Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lodi.**

Manager Steffani said that the City was simply asking for permission to schedule a hearing earlier than normally required and that such scheduling would not impact the District.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Waiver and to request the City to explain the tax revenue tables included with the agenda material.

**3. Consider Adoption of Reimbursement Agreement for City of Lodi Administrative Services.**

Manager Steffani said that the City is requesting that the District begin to pay for City Hall administrative services provided for the District at no cost since the year 2000. He recommended that the Board adopt the Reimbursement Agreement.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Agreement.

**4. Receive Report – Operations for 2008.**

Manager Steffani reported that no water would be available this year.

Watermaster Weinzheimer said that some repairs would have to be made anyway, because Larry Mettler uses a portion of the Districts pipeline to move dry year well water to land normally served with surface water.

Manager Steffani recommended the repair in order that a kind of dual system might be in place.

The Board voted unanimously to repair the main line north of Kettleman Lane, at a cost estimated to be \$10,000.00.

**5. Public Comment: Non Agenda items.**

Mr. Brown questioned use of District water for SEWD. Directors and the Manager said that the proposal involving temporary diversion of District water through the EBMUD Aqueduct to Mosher Creek would provide funds that could be used to build facilities for long term use of the water within the District. Manager Steffani also said that without such temporary use by SEWD, the water would flow to the ocean or to Southern California. He added that use within SEWD would benefit all property within the basin.

**6. CLOSED SESSION – Existing Litigation – Case No. SV266837, Government Code 54956.9(a).**

No action was taken.

**7. CLOSED SESSION – Potential Litigation – Government Code Section 54946.9(c).**

No action was taken.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Steffani  
Secretary

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**SUMMARY MINUTES  
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 21, 2008**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., at the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, California. Present were Directors Ferreira, Hoffman, Mehrten, and Weybret; Watermaster Weinzheimer, Counsel Harrigfeld and Manager Steffani.

Also present were Gerald Schwartz of EBMUD, Bill and Ruth Brown, Brian Pilkington, William Fuhs, Dale Carver and five or six unidentified people.

**2. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

Mr. Brown asked why there was no notice for this meeting. Manager Steffani said that a legal notice was published in the Lodi News Sentinel 12 days before the meeting.

**3. Public Hearing – Receive Comments/Evidence on Engineering Investigation and Report.**

President Hoffman opened the Public Hearing.

Counsel Harrigfeld reviewed the law requiring an annual hearing on an Engineer's Report on Groundwater conditions prior to annual adoption of a groundwater charge.

Manager Steffani reviewed the Engineer's Report.

Mr. Fuhs asked that all Board minutes be available for public review. President Hoffman asked if Mr. Fuhs was talking about minutes back to 1948. Manager Steffani said that he has minutes back to 1999. There was some talk about making copies of minutes since 1999 for public review at the Lodi Library, but no action was taken.

**4. Consider approving Engineering Investigation and Report and Adoption of Findings and Determinations required by Water Code Section 75574**

Manager Steffani summarized the findings.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Engineer's Report and to adopt the findings included with the agenda.

**5. Proposed County Resolution Regarding the Proposed Peripheral Canal**

Manager Steffani said that this matter was discussed by the Water Commission after this Board agenda was prepared and suggested that it be discussed today.

Director Weybret said that he thought the matter was to come back to the Commission before going to the Board of Supervisors. President Hoffman directed the Manager to talk with Kevin Kauffman and Water Coordinator Lytle to learn more.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Steffani  
Secretary

ES/pt

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 3, 2008**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A. M., at the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, California. Present were Directors Ferreira, Hoffman, Van Gaalen and Weybret; Watermaster Weinzheimer, Counsel Harrigfeld and Manager Steffani.

Also present were Gerald Schwartz of EBMUD, Bill and Ruth Brown and Jeff Hood, Rich Prima and Don Fraser from the City of Lodi.

**2. Consider Approving Minutes for the following Board Meetings:**

- March 4, 2008
- March 14, 2008
- April 8, 2008
- April 21, 2008

Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the March 4, March 14, April 8, and April 21, 2008 meetings.

**3. Presentation by City of Lodi – Redevelopment Agency**

The representatives of the City of Lodi explained how the Redevelopment project might impact the District. They said that property tax for the District would be greater with redevelopment than without it.

No action was taken.

**4. Consider Approving Bills for Payment.**

Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bills for payment.

**5. Receive Watermaster's Report**

Watermaster Weinzheimer said that repairs have been completed on the south distribution main in order that irrigators might use it this dry year to convey well water to one another.

No action was taken.

**6. Receive Managers Report**

Manager Steffani described his and consultant Merz's efforts to bring about agreement with Fish and Game (F&G), on the by-pass flow question. He said that a draft agreement should be coming from F&G soon.

**7. Receive Report on Water Commission Activities**

Director Weybret said that the county was moving ahead with its opposition to any peripheral canal.

No action was taken.

**8. Receive Report on Alliance Activities**

Director Hoffman said that while most agencies are now okay with the principles of Agreement (POA), Stockton East Water District (SEWD) now agrees with NSJWCD on asking that details of Principles 12 and 13 be agreed upon prior to dismissal of protests of the EBMUD water right extension. He referred to Agenda item 10.

No action was taken.

**9. Receive Report on GBA, and consider action on the proposed joint exercise of powers agreement creating the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority**

Manager Steffani said that most GBA members expressed concern about the proposal for an Authority, and asked for more time to consider it. County staff then suggested that the GBA be extended, as is, until June 30, 2009.

Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to extend the GBA until June 30, 2009.

**10. Discuss May 16, 2008 e-mail from Stockton East Water District – Proposed Principles of Agreement**

(See item 8)

**11. Discuss EBMUD Water Supply Management Program 2040**

Manager Steffani reviewed the material included with the agenda.

No action was taken.

## **12. Consider Resolution – Budget Limit**

Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution setting the 2008-2009 expenditure limit at \$1,000,000.

## **13. “Presentation of Registrar of Voters Certification of Signatures on Pilkington’s Initiative; Determine whether to adopt the initiative ordinance without alteration or submit the ordinance to a vote pursuant to subdivision (b) of Elections Code 1405. (Elections Code 9311).” (Continue to special meeting on June 13, 2008).**

Counsel Harrigfeld said that a number of options existed; including 1) Accept the Initiative, 2) put it on the ballot, or 3) wait for the Judge’s decision.

She also said that adoption of the Initiative would require that the charge be submitted to an election every year.

President Hoffman continued this item to a special meeting on June 13, 2008.

## **14. Public Comment: Non Agenda items.**

Mr. & Mrs. Brown said that people don’t understand the overdraft problem or recharge. They said that an election should have been held instead of the protest hearings. They also asked that the District educate the people on the overdraft and recharge.

## **15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Steffani  
Secretary

ES/pjt

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 11, 2008**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A. M., at 1520 Edgewood Drive, Lodi, California. Present were Directors Ferreira, Hoffman, Van Gaalen and Weybret; Watermaster Weinzheimer, Counsel Harrigfeld and Manager Steffani.

**2. CLOSED SESSION – Existing Litigation – Case No. SV266837, Government Code 54956.9(a)**

No action was taken.

**3. CLOSED SESSION – Potential Litigation – Government Code Section 54946.9(c)**

No action was taken.

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Steffani  
Secretary

ES/pjt

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 13, 2008**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A. M., at the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, California. Present were Directors Hoffman, Van Gaalen and Weybret; Watermaster Weinzheimer, Counsel Harrigfeld and Manager Steffani.

Also present were seventeen members of the public.

**2. Receive Superior Court Decision – Groundwater Charge**

Counsel Harrigfeld reviewed the decision included with the agenda. She said that the Court found in favor of the District, that the Groundwater charge was adopted properly.

No action was taken.

**3. Discuss WID overlap problem and consider approving Newsletter, Notice and Bill forms for Groundwater charges for 2007-2008, for mailing no later than June 30, 2008**

Counsel Harrigfeld said that LAFCO must sort out the overlap problem, but in the meantime, the District must bill the overlap parcels, that they must be treated the same as all other parcels within the District.

Following discussion the Board voted unanimously to approve the President's letter, to put the Well Registration form on the back of the bill, and to include a phone number.

**4. Consider Approving Groundwater Charges for 2008-2009**

Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 6-13-08-01 setting the 2008-2009 charges at the same rates as those set for 2007-2008.

**5. Consider accepting proposal from Ruth Mulrooney – Billing Services**

Following discussion during which Mrs. Mulrooney said that her annual charge for similar work done for Ag Drainage Coalition is approximately \$30,000, the Board voted unanimously to accept her proposal, included with the agenda.