

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

**Monday, July 29, 2013
6:05 PM**

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

The minutes, all noted documentation, and digital recording may be obtained and downloaded at www.nsjgroundwater.org

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Called to order by President Valente at 6:09 PM

Present: Secretary – Tom Flinn
Treasurer – Hugh Scanlon
Vice President – Mark Beck
Member - Marden Wilber

2. Correspondence/Announcements - None

3. Action Items

A. Consent Items

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2013.

Motion: Flinn – Second: Scanlon Approved 5-0

B. Goundwater Banking Authority (GBA) Demonstration Groundwater Recharge Project

President Valente moved this item up on the agenda as a courtesy to the presenters. San Joaquin County staff made a presentation on the need, background, history and present status of this potential project. The current scope, concepts and benefits of such a project were also outlined. County staff noted two major areas of concern, that being the identification of points of diversion and modifications to the Groundwater Ordinance. Board members commented that this seems to be a Mokelumne River project involving Mokelumne water that is the domain of the NSJWCD and thus the District needs to be a key player in such a project. Board members also questioned methods of funding, potential use of the District's water, identification of water when extracted, potential diversion of water out of the District's basin and quality of injected water. It was also noted that the County should furnish to the full board an updated version of the proposed agreement for comment prior to final approval. The Board noted it's general support for the concepts of this project.

It was later discussed that the President with the assistance of Counsel would draft and send comments to the County for further consideration.

C. Receive and file NSJWC District monthly financial report

Treasurer presented a report, invoices, and expenses related to the operation of the District.

Motion: Wilber – Second: Beck Approved 5-0

D. Approval of invoice/expense payments by the NSJWCD

Noted checks approved.

Motion: Scanlon – Second: Wilber Approved 5-0

E. Tracy Lake Recharge Project

- 1) Project staff presented a status report on this project, including updated and amended contract status and meetings of the Coordinating Committee.
- 2) Tracy Lake Project staff and the NSJWCD Treasurer presented the current financial report and current docket of invoices and expenses for Board receipt and approval to file.

Motion: Beck – Second: Flinn Approved 5-0

- 3) **Resolution 2013-02 of Board of Directors Serving as Trustees of Improvement District No. 1** Approving Professional Services Agreements with Sycamore Environmental Consultants, Inc.(SEC) and Kjeldsen, Sinnock and Neudeck, Inc. (KSN) and Cost Sharing Agreement with Brovelli Woods, LLC for the Tracy Lake Project

Motion: Beck – Second: Flinn Approved 5-0

- 4) **Resolution 2013-03 of Board of Directors Serving as Trustees of Improvement District No. 1** Approving Amendment No. 2 to Robertson-Bryan, Inc. (RBI), Professional Service Agreement for the Tracy Lake Project

Motion: Flinn – Second: Scanlon Approved 5-0

F. Coordination of water supply activities with County stakeholders, and next-steps

County staff noted that the NSJWCD had not yet approved the new GBA agreement. This will be considered at the August meeting.

G. Organization of District Files

Director Flinn recommended appropriation of \$3,000, and authorizes a budget adjustment as necessary, for the organization of the District's files; and approve a work plan for accomplishing the task.

Motion: Beck – Second: Wilber Approved 5-0

H. Director training Director Beck advised that he had completed his needed training and this should close the matter.

I. Sale of District Vehicles – President Valente advised that the second district truck had been sold and the District has no more vehicles

4. Report Items

A. Calendar of events for Board agenda and action - None

B. Water rights and delivery of water - None

C. Director and Staff Reports

- 1) President's report – Further coordination with WID & City of Lodi – update of Supervisor Vogel
- 2) General Counsel Masuda – Prop 218 water rate discussion – different rates for each of the 3 points of diversion; thus various zones of benefit. Not a district wide vote but rather by areas of benefit – 6-month process. Need to identify customers/users. Should have new rates in place prior to next water year to avoid/minimize losses in cost of water delivery. Could be coordinated with grant processes to reduce operating costs. This would be a new rate for sale of water to reflect the cost of delivery, not a tax (majority protest process). Need to deal with the dry year issue. Detailed costs analysis and good PR needed to for success. Estimated engineering costs in current budget should be sufficient for this effort.

- 3) Consultant Walt Sadler – Prop 84 process being coordinated with county IRWMP process.
- 4) Committee Reports - Director Flinn reported from the AWC: 1] potential of funding projects under State Water Bond 2014 under consideration at this time, 2] The ongoing conflicts involving the States plan to divert Delta waters and 3] constructive discussions regarding the GBA groundwater agreement.
- 5) Other – Mamie Starr is working on the matter with an effort to reduce costs – will report back next month. County may be able to assist. Currently divided by acreage. Need to determine timeline for required action. Noted various issues related to redistricting on population vs. acreage since the majority of the population is within the City of Lodi while most of the service area is in the unincorporated agricultural areas.

5. **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda** – Gerald Schwartz of EBMUD – Discussed history of Freeport project as an example as to how development of a groundwater storage program could be of benefit to all, and in particular NSJWCD. EBMUD is also in a position to assist the district in this effort.

6. **Closed Session** – Nothing to report

7. **Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is August 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lodi Library

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Flinn
Secretary