

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

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

Monday September 28, 2015

MINUTES

A. 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
Deputy Secretary Marden Wilber	

B. Correspondence/Announcements

Announcements made by President Valente:

1. Reporting that the EBMUD BBQ was cancelled.
2. The District Office is moving locations. Treasurer Scanlon will be contacting the phone company to have the landline moved to the new location.
3. Email correspondence regarding the GPA insurance. This issue has been resolved and a check for the amount of \$936.00 has been issued.

C. Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes for the regular Meeting on August 31, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2015 regular Board Meeting by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. 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. This is officially the end of the 1st financial quarter for the District. It was agreed that the Board would review the budget forecast and actual budget. Motion to receive and file the monthly financial reports by Director Wilber, second by Secretary Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Tracy Lake Groundwater Recharge Project

1. Tracy Lake Current Financial Report

Treasurer Scanlon reviewed the current checks and balances to the Board. Consultant Sadler gave an update on the Tracy Lake Project and payments. The coordinating committee met last week to review the project. The current standing of the project is as follows: The frame on the Pump Station is constructed, conduit is set in place, and PG & E has been out to the Pump

Station. The Pump is set and ready to be tested around the 3rd week of October. Consultant Sadler stated that the Warranty of the Pump will officially start when the 1st real “wet test” is performed.

A motion to accept current financial reports and checks payable for Tracy Lakes was made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Action to Execute an Agreement with Ric Windmiller, Consulting Archaeologist for Section 106 consultation as required for the Clean Water Act, Section 404 Permit

Consultant Sadler reviewed the Biological Assessment, Section 106 consultation, and also an Army Corp of Engineering Permit. The quote of \$5,895.00 properly fit into the proposed budget. Motion to Execute an Agreement with Ric Windmiller, Consulting Archaeologist for Section 106 consultation as required for the Clean Water Act, Section 404 Permit by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion of the recent GBA meeting and the following agenda item “F” discussed together below

- F. Update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and Groundwater Adjudication Bills

Handouts and presentation on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and Groundwater Adjudication Bills were given to the Board by General Counsel Masuda (handouts attached to Minutes at the District office). Masuda believes the State will manage groundwater as “Cap and Trade.” The legislation stresses the importance of having a reliable water source and plan for groundwater throughout the year (including drought years). Masuda believes it is important for the Board to educate District members on what could happen. The need to manage surface water and groundwater together is the overall goal in California. The Board will continue to address this topic as issues come forward. Vice President Flinn is representing the Board with the County GBA, with Director Scanlon as the alternate and Secretary Simpson as the second alternate. Directors will be looking at different ways to possibly partner with other local districts for a more cost efficient way to approach this issue.

- G. Update on the DREAM Project

Special Counsel Spaletta gave an update on the DREAM Project. There is \$4 million dollars available from EBMUD to spend on the project. Ways to demonstrate aquifer recharge and management are being explored. The Board wants to use the money effectively and efficiently. Spaletta and Directors are meeting with landowners in the area with the hope getting a commitment to participate in the project. Spaletta will prepare drafts of the paperwork necessary to implementation of the project. These documents will include: written agreements with EBMUD; agreement with the County; landowner agreement; and a monitoring agreement. The agreements are critical steps in moving forward with the project.

H. Notification of the new District Office Location- 498 E. Kettleman Lane, Lodi

I. Discussion of Directors attending the ACWA meeting

Directors agreed to accept the late addition of Agenda item I as there was not enough time to add it to the October Agenda and meet the registration deadline. Directors are interested in attending beneficial meetings, seminars, and workshops in the area but have to consider cost. Due to cost, no Director(s) will attend the ACWA meeting.

5. Discussion Items - No Discussion items at this time

6. Director and Staff Reports

A. President Valente attended a Farm Bureau meeting, and reported phone calls he has received about the District,

B. General Counsel Masuda - No report at this time

C. Consultant Walt Sadler - No report at this time

D. Committee Reports - Special Counsel Spaletta received a phone call regarding a property owner in the South Water User Association with regards to easements and titles for the pipeline in the 1960's.

E. Treasurer Scanlon gave an update about new local crop developments and wells around the area.

7. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Charlie Starr from the public was concerned with current monitoring, and who will be taking the place of the previous person who did the monitoring. Starr also expressed concerns with the frequency of monitoring done by the County and District. President Valente will be looking into this matter.

8. Closed Session- No Closed Session at this time

9. Motion to Adjourn to the next Regular Board Meeting on October 26, 2015 by Director Wilber, second by Vice President Flinn, The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

David Simpson, Secretary

Joe Valente, President