**NORTH BAY WATER DISTRICT**

**22950 BROADWAY, SONOMA, CA  95476**

Board of Directors

Mike Mulas, President, and Chair (Sonoma Valley); Craig Jacobsen, Vice-President (Petaluma Valley); Carolyn Wasem, Secretary (Petaluma Valley); Matthew Stornetta, Treasurer (Sonoma Valley); and Mike Sangiacomo (Sonoma Valley).

PVGSA Advisor: Eugene Camozzi SVGSA Advisor:  Jim Bundschu

SGMA Compliance Advisor: Mike Martini

Technical Advisor: GinaLisa Tamayo

Legal Counsel: Richard Idell

Date: October 8, 2024

Time:  4:00 pm Location:   22950 Broadway, Schell-Vista Station #1 Sonoma, Ca

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Mike Mulas called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.Directors Mike Sangiacomo and Carolyn Wasem (via zoom) were present. Legal Counsel Richard Idell, Advisor Jim Bundschu and Advisor GinaLisa Tamayo (via zoom) were present.

1. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session was moved to the end of the meeting.

1. **PUBLIC COMMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chair Mulas asked for approval of the Minutes for the previous meeting. Director Sangiacomo made a motion to approve the August 2024 minutes. Director Mulas seconded the motion. The August 2024 Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chair Mulas reported that North Bay Water District (NBWD) has $ 24,595.00 in the bank. There is an annual audit fee, approximately $3,500, to address soon. Director Mulas made motion to approve the financial report. Director Sangiacomo seconded the motion. The October 2024 Financial Report was unanimously approved.

1. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Item 1. Report by Counselor Richard Idell**

Counselor Idell quickly updated the Board sharing that the date to file to run for the NBWD Board of Directors had passed, with no individual’s filing, beyond the current members. The Board of Supervisors will appoint the current Board members who have filed to run for their expiring seats.

**Item 2. Report by Director Mike Sangiacomo.**

In the last meeting of the Sonoma Valley GSA was held on June 17, 2024. The next meeting will be held on October 28, 2024.

We discussed at the last meeting the ad hoc meetings that were scheduled so that staff for the GSA could get a better understanding of how to promote the voluntary metering program and gain access to landowner property/data related to groundwater levels.

**Item 3: Report of Director Carolyn Wasem**

Director Wasem informed that Board that the last Petaluma Valley GSA meeting was held on June 20th. The next GSA Board meeting will be held on October 28, 2024. The Advisory Committee met last on September 11, 2024.

Since Advisor Camozzi is not here to report on the items discussed, Director Wasem shared the issues that were covered at that meeting, for discussion at the next meeting.

1. Approaches for Filling Data Gaps Objective. Staff shared that nine new monitoring wells are planned for the basin; three to monitor seawater intrusion and six to address data gaps for groundwater levels and interconnected surface water.
2. Voluntary metering program – A consultant is developing a voluntary work program. The goal is to have it implementable in the next month and then outreach and soliciting volunteers for monitoring can occur. The focus will be on non- de minimis users.
3. Voluntary water management programs – Staff is looking for volunteers to sit on an ad hoc to develop the programs.
4. Projects and Management Actions – Meetings are occurring to further develop projects/project needs and management actions for managing groundwater.

**Item 4: Report by Advisor Eugene Camozzi**

Advisor Camozzi was not in attendance.

**Item 5. Report by Advisor Jim Bundschu**

The last meeting of the Sonoma Valley Advisory Committee was held on September 17, 2024. The meeting was devoted to the implementation of the GSP. The following items were discussed:

Monitoring and Metering Program: The topic that garnered the most interest and took up the most time was the monitoring and metering program needs, including the Voluntary Metering Program: The draft workplan includes examples of metering plans from other GSPs, recommended meter types, and reporting protocols. Outreach prioritization was also part of the workplan. The goal is to improve understanding of pumping – both quantity and impacts to groundwater and in some cases streams. The goal is to award a contract for meters installation sometime this month.

The Water-Use Efficiency Assessment: Discussion centered on those efforts that would specifically be considered for grant funding. The GSA contracted with Intera, Inc. to conduct an evaluation: cost, benefit, feasibility of the actions identified in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. As part of their contract, Intera will develop a process for evaluating the actions.

Development of Policies and Programs Options: In areas with undesirable results staff continues to evaluate policies and programs that could help reduce groundwater use within these areas. It is important to note that the Advisory Committee staff reported that the advisory committee and GSA Board included consideration of options to limit permitting new groundwater use in depletion areas; requiting mandatory metering for non-diminimis users; requiring mandatory extraction limitations; explore groundwater trading programs; and domestic water well mitigation program. GSA staff have met with Permit Sonoma staff to discuss limiting new permits in those areas

Voluntary Monitoring Program: The GSA launched the LEVEL UP! Voluntary Well Monitoring Program, including a webinar on August 19th. The GSA is receiving enrollment forms from potential volunteers and is working on coordination data collection for fall 2024.

Advisor Bundschu closed his comments with the observation that people are pretty prejudiced against vineyards when it comes to groundwater use. As a result, there are a lot of dry farming recommendations coming from the public. My role is to be quiet and slow it down and make sure they are using facts.

**Item 6. Report by Advisor Mike Martini**

Advisor Martini was not in attendance.

**Item 7: Report of Technical Advisor Tamayo**

Advisor Tamayo asked Chair Mulas and Counselor Idell is the NBWD Resolutions should be made available on the website?

Counselor Idell and Chair Mulas responded that “yes” they should be posted on the website.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Sangiacomo made a motion to adjourn the public portion of the NBWD Board meeting. Director Wasem seconded the motion. With no other business the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

1. **CLOSED SESSION (Item #2 on the agenda)**

The next meeting will be held November 12th at the Shell-Vista Fire Station.

*Board meeting documents are available to review prior to the meeting at the Shell-Vista Station, 22950 Broadway, Sonoma California. Please call or contact Mike Mulas for an appointment to obtain a copy.*