

NORTH BAY WATER DISTRICT
22950 BROADWAY, SONOMA, CA 95476

Board of Directors

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

SVGSA Advisor: Jim Bundschu, PVGSA Advisor: Eugene Comozzi
Legal Counsel: Richard Idell

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 18, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 22950 Broadway, Schell-Vista Station #1

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Director Mulas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Directors Mulas, Wasem, and Jacobsen were present

Also, in attendance: Advisor Jim Bundschu

2. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair, Mike Mulas asked for review and approval of the minutes of the January 2020 meeting. Director Carolyn Wasem made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2020 meeting. Director Craig Jacobsen seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the Minutes unanimously passed.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Acting Treasurer, Mike Mulas reported that the Rabobank checking account balance is: \$ 7,950.97. Another check for the GSA participation is due shortly. We also have a bill coming for the five-year audit. Further, we will need to raise funds for the Board election.

Guest Mike Martini suggested that NBWD create a budget for the purpose of understanding the dollars that will be required on an annual basis.

Director Carolyn Wasem suggested that we discuss with the Farm Bureau what is needed for provide dollars to NBWD going forward. She further suggested that SAVE should assess its membership for annual GSA participation fees.

Guest Mike Martini along with Chair Mike Mulas determined that an annual budget of \$43,000 would be appropriate. That proposed budget will inform what the fees charged to participating landowners. An assessment for current members of the District should also be considered. Director Craig Jacobsen informed the Board that an assessment would require 67% of the vote. And, he clarified that when we talk about an assessment, we are talking about NBWD boundary or the GSA boundary.

Guest Mike Martini suggested that once the sphere of influence lines ate broadened it will require a simple agreement by a property owner – as long as they are within 2 miles of the existing boundary. He further suggested if the NBWD chose to expand their boundaries, that the new sphere of influence for the NBWD track the County’s boundaries.

As you grow the District, Chair Mike Mulas informed the Directors that the elections would look a bit different than we are currently used to. The NBWD would have to expand the Board.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Item 1: Director Mike Sangiacomo was not present.

Item 2. Report by Director Wasem on Petaluma Valley GSA

Chair Mike Mulas, Guest Mike Martini, Farm Bureau Director Tawny Tesconi, and Director Carolyn Wasem discussed the structure of a regulatory compliance program and how the two entities: NBWD and the Sonoma County Farm Bureau would dovetail.

Guest Mike Martini shared his perspective that the NBWD would, in its capacity as A LAFCO approved agency serve as the umbrella organization for holding permits and representing agriculture’s interest when working with the resource agencies on the conditions required for the permit. NBWD is in a unique position to lead those efforts as it is not an advocacy organization. The Farm Bureau is in a position to administer the regulatory programs.

With the exception of the frost protection permit holder the Russian River Water Conservation Council, an entity is needed for permit issuance purposes for the following programs:

Stationery Diesel Engines (BAAQMD)
The Santa Rosa Plain Safe Harbor
The Region II WDR
The Region I WDR
The GSA Farm Plan
The Water for Fish Safe Harbor

As more regulations are adopted, the NBWD would continue to offer additional services to the agriculture community. The joint partnership with the Farm Bureau should prove invaluable to the agriculture community.

The FB has already hired a staff person to administer the Stationery Engine program. that person will expand their efforts to include Frost Regulations.

Chair Mike Mulas advised the Directors that NBWD had already determined that this partnership was one that he would pursue. The Directors were in full agreement.

Director Carolyn Wasem committed to developing a flow chart depicting the Regulatory Compliance organization structure and share that with SAVE, the NBWD and the Sonoma County Farm Bureau.

Item 3. Advisor Jim Bundschu Report

Advisor Jim Bundschu discussed the outcomes of the February 11th Sonoma Valley GSA Advisory Committee. The last meeting represented a shift in that the committee is starting to talk about some things that are pretty important. They are trying to figure out how to set up Minimum Criteria for success. Some of these criteria will consider:

- 1. How are we going to build in land use?*
- 2. What is baseline? 2015 has been discussed*
- 3. What is the historical reference point – Do we want to bring salmonids back to local Creeks?*
- 4. Are we going to divide these efforts into management areas.*
- 5. What is a water budget?*

At the next meeting, Sonoma Water will provide a draft “30,000 foot” water budget. Sonoma Water is discussing how to develop more monitoring wells. There has been no mention of how we are going to pay for this.

7. NBWD Next Steps

Chair Mike Mulas shared again that he had met with the Farm Bureau to discuss how NBWD and the Farm Bureau could work together. All the Directors again endorsed the approach and partnership.

Guest Mike Martini offered to begin the process for election and expansion.

8. Adjournment

Director Carolyn Wasem made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. Craig Jacobsen seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

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.