**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). Craig Jacobsen (Petaluma Valley) was not in attendance.

PVGSA Advisor: Eugene Camozzi SVGSA Advisor:  Jim Bundschu

SGMA Compliance Advisor: Mike Martini

Technical Advisor: GinaLisa Tamayo

Legal Counsel: Richard Idell

Date: January 10, 2023

Time:  6:00 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 6:00 pm.Chair Mike Mulas and Directors Carolyn Wasem and Craig Jacobsen were present.

1. **CLOSED SESSION**

(Prior to holding any closed session, the Board of Directors shall disclose, in an open meeting, the item or items to be discussed in closed session.

There were no closed session items.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

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

Forgo to the next meeting.

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chair Mulas reported that NBWD has $ 47,095.69. We have completed all audits through 2021 and 2022. Director liability insurance continues to be pursued.

Director Wasem made a motion to approve the Financials, Director Jacobsen made a second. The January 2023 Financials were unanimously approved.

1. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Item 1. Report by Counselor Idell**

Counselor Idell stated that Chair Mulas and Director Stornetta need to be appointed for a two-year term. Under the Water Code, the Board has the authority to re-appoint Stornetta and Mulas without an election.

I have prepared a resolution to appoint Stornetta and Mulas for a two-year term. The Secretary will have to sign the Resolution and return to me to ensure properly filed.

Director Jacobsen asked if the notice was sent out in a timely fashion.

Counselor Idell said that if we pass *Resolution 23-1* and sign it, it is final when the 15 days after passed by the Board.

Director Jacobsen made a motion to appoint Matt Stornetta and Mike Mulas to the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Director Wasem seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Item 2: Report of Director Sangiacomo**

Director Sangiacomo was not present.

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

Director Wasem had little to share related to the GSA. The next meeting of the Petaluma Valley GSA tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2023, was cancelled. The next meeting of the technical advisory committee is set for February 8, 2023. The next meeting for the GSA Board of Directors is scheduled for March 23, 2023.

**Item 4. Report by Advisor Jim Bundschu**

Advisor Bundschu received a 28-page program for the years 2023-2026 plan from the consultants for the Sonoma Valley GSA. The consultants have the entire budget laid out. Through April of 2026, the projected budgets are as follows:

Sonoma Valley GSA: $10 million

Santa Rosa Plain GSA: $5 million

Petaluma Valley GSA: 6 million

I have questions associated with those numbers:

1. What will the staff be doing?
2. What will the consultants be doing?
3. What happens when we pay for a grant applicant, and we don’t get a grant?
4. Why are there no studies associated with surplus water? (Most of the budgeted dollars have to do with data collection to understand the groundwater conditions. I did not see a single word re: projects or surplus water flowing into the Bay.)
5. Is there an accurate representation of agriculture water use? (The budget proposal needs to determine how much water is used by vineyards. The proposed budget suggests .4-acre feet per acre. No mention of how many acre feet that this will take in totality. Agriculture cannot sustain a water use of .4-acre feet.)
6. Why is $2,400,000 set aside for studying water availability for underserved communities? (A special budget item that sets aside $2,400,000 to study water available for underserved communities is included.)
7. Is the money to study impacts of groundwater on surface water wisely spent? (Studies to understand hydrology and impacts of surface and groundwater pumping and collect data within areas of concern.)
8. Has everyone agreed to a well monitoring program? (Monitoring program for all new well is identified in the document. Permit Sonoma needs to soften some of the permitting requirements for monitoring wells. There are many permits that Permit Sonoma requires associated with monitoring wells.)

Advisor Bundschu expresses his belief that all efforts should relieve landowners of developing the science or proving that they do not have impacts on other wells.

Land use activities within the boundaries of the GSA is part of a living document. This document addresses only the first three years of the budget taking us to 2026. Permit Sonoma has to issue permits, but if Permit Sonoma disallows permits – we need to understand how that action overlay the fact that the GSA is a living document.

**Item 5. Report by Advisor Eugene Camozzi**

Advisor Camozzi was not present.

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

Advisor Martini shared that the biggest item to report on: LAFCO and formation of a new water district in Alexander Valley. LAFCO is going through significant changes. There are two open seats on LAFCO and he trying to get people we can support – for LAFCO seat. There is support for changes at LAFCO. I will keep you posted

The other item that is critical for NBWD is the Sonoma County Well Ordinance. The team developing the draft Ordinance has yet to define how well permits will dovetail with the individual Groundwater Sustainability Agency(s).

One of the most difficult tasks for the technical advisory group has been to identify regions/streams impact public doctrine. The immediate question is: how will new ag wells and/or commercial wells be treated? It is likely that new well permits will be onerous, i.e., they will need to go through the discretionary permit process.

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

Advisor Tamayo had no comment.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss, Director Wasem made a motion to adjourn. Director Jacobsen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

The Next scheduled meeting is February 14th at 6:00 pm. Again, those who wish to attend in person will be able to do so. There will be a zoom option for those that cannot make the meeting in person.

*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.*