**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: February 13, 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 4:12 pm.Directors Craig Jacobsen, Mike Sangiacomo and Carolyn Wasem (via zoom) were present. Legal Counsel Richard Idell, Advisor Mike Martini, 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 Jacobsen made a motion to approve the January 2024 minutes. Director Sangiacomo seconded the motion. The January 2024 Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chair Mulas reported that North Bay Water District (NBWD) has $ 45,748.31 in the bank. Director Sangiacomo made motion to approve the financial report. Director Jacobsen seconded the motion. The January 2024 Financial Report was unanimously approved. Chair Mulas noted that there was an outstanding Philip Williams bill, with no other outstanding invoices.

1. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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

Counselor Idell shared that he met with Phil Williams within the last two weeks. At that meeting, a calendar was developed for the Board election. The date for the election is November 6th.

**Item 2: Report of Director Mike Sangiacomo**

Director Sangiacomo reported that the last Sonoma Valley GSA was held on January 29th.

At that meeting, the Groundwater Sustainability Plan updates were in discussed. Also shared by the GSA staff: monitoring well locations in the Valley. While detailed discussions did not occur, and the staff was not completely clear about what they were going to do regarding monitoring, it was clear that more groundwater data was needed.

Advisor Martini asked Director Sangiacomo what the staff was specifically looking for related to monitoring?

Director Sangiacomo responded that the major focus was on measuring the lowering of groundwater. If 20% of the wells selected for monitoring show drops in groundwater levels, that will trigger a myriad of other actions.

There were a number of housekeeping items and approvals brought to the GSA. We approved the budget, contracts for GSP work, including West-Yost for administration of the GSA. Additionally, a rate and fee study was approved. The County has agreed to augmentation of the GSA budgets for two more years to keep rates equivalent to Santa Rosa Plain. That is the key reason we discussed the rate and fee study. Groundwater pumpers are going to be surprised when they get their bill for groundwater pumping, minus those augmentation dollars.

A discussion regarding inputs needed for groundwater pumpers outreach ensued. The Community Alliance for Family Farmers (CAFF) was considered. In the end there were questions about how good of a fit that organization would be. Much of their policy is driven by the larger organization as opposed to local chapter interests. The GSA Board agreed that the Sonoma County Farm Bureau should be considered. Another possibility for consideration regarding input/outreach for pumping fees was Sonoma County Winegrape Commission. Advisor Martini responded that the Commission is cautious about policy engagement.

The next Sonoma Valley GSA Board meeting will be held on March 18th. The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 20th.

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

Director Wasem informed that Board that the last Petaluma Valley GSA meeting was held on January 25th. Small business items such as a budget adjustment for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget were discussed and approved. As we have previously discussed, the PV GSA was notified that they had received approximately $6.7 million under the SGM Implementation – Round 2 grant program. Note, all those funds will need to be expended by March of 2026.

The FY23-24 mid-year budget adjustment is reflected below:

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| **Account** | **Adopted Budget** | **Proposed Adjustment** | **Total Proposed Budget** |
| 42360 (Grant Revenue – reimbursable expenses) | 0 | $ 567,000 | $567,000 |
| Technical Services (Grant Revenue – reimbursable expenses) | $ 277,500 | $ 362, 300 | $639,700 |
| Communications | $ 55,000 | $ 42,200 | $ 97,200 |
| Grant Administration | $ 35,000 | $ 71,000 | $112,000 |
| Usage Fee (Sewer/water) | $153,644 | ($23,544) | $135,100 |
| Contingency | $ 25,000 | ($24,800) | $ 200 |

The proposed 2023-24 budget amendment includes additional revenues totaling $544,056 and expenditures totaling $481,400.

The revised budget was unanimously approved.

Marcus Trotta of Sonoma Water presented an update on the monitoring networks improvements. To address data gaps, the following are wells are proposed:

• Three 500-foot multi-level monitoring wells for the groundwater-level RMP Network

• Three 300-foot multi-level monitoring wells for the seawater intrusion RMP network

• Three 50-foot shallow monitoring wells

Additionally, all contractors associated with the efforts were introduced to the Board. The scope of work (effort) includes construction of monitoring wells, aquifer storage and recovery planning, and a water-use efficiency assessment and pilot program, outreach, and administrative services (West Yost Contract).

Finally, Bob Anderson, made a quick presentation to the Board to share his thoughts about the groundwater fees associated with implementation of the GSA. The point of his conversation was that once well-pumpers understand how much they will have to pay for groundwater pumping, there will be political fallout. While all GSA Board members agreed, there were no suggestions as to how/when that could be addressed.

The next GSA Board meeting will be held on March 28th.

**Item 4: Report of Advisor Jim Bundschu**

Advisor Bundschu was not in attendance.

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

Advisor Camozzi was not in attendance. However, Director Wasem shared that the next meeting for the Advisory Committee to the Petaluma Valley GSA will be held on March 6TH.

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

Advisor Martini had nothing to report.

**Item 7: Report of Technical Advisor Tamayo** Advisor Tamayo reported that she successfully uploaded the Safe Harbor report due to USFWS the end of January.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm. Director Sangiacomo made a motion to adjourn the public session of the Board closed the public session of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held March 12th, 2024, 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.*