**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: August 08, 2023

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.Chair Mike Mulas and Directors Carolyn Wasem, Craig Jacobsen, and Mike Sangiacomo were present.

Advisors Richard Idell, GinaLisa Tamayo, Jim Bundschu and Mike Martini were also 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**

Director Sangiacomo made a motion to approve the July Minutes. Director Jacobsen made a second. The July 2023 Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chair Mulas reported that NBWD has $50,224.28 in the bank. Director Jacobson made a motion to approve the August Financials. Director Sangiacomo seconded the motion. The July 2023 Financials were unanimously approved.

1. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Item 1. Report by Counselor Idell**

Counselor Idell informed the Board that in December 2022, North Bay Water District authorized Advisor Martini to participate in a meeting re: PGE dam(s) on the Russian River, diversion infrastructure associated with Eel River, and decommissioning the power station. Mike Martini is talking about this in more detail later in the meeting.

There is a second issue that we need to discuss: the request to participate in a motion to intervene in the PGE application for transfer of license (Potter Valley Project). As you are aware, NBWD has been asked to intervene along with the Russian River Property Owners Association (RRPOA) and the Sonoma County Farm Bureau (SCFB) . Acting as an intervenor, NBWD would be representing the interest of our constituency. While discussed with the Board, we didn’t formally adopt a resolution specific to this issue. At the next meeting we will consider the adoption of a formal resolution. Note that this resolution will have no fiscal impact, nor will NBWD asked to expend money or take further action. With that in mind, it is my recommendation that we should participate (lend our name to the list of intervenors) in the notice. Let’s advance Martini’s report for context.

Advisor Martini expanded on Counselor Idell’s points. NBWD has taken a position on the motion to intervene on behalf of Sonoma water users. This is a formal notice to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) related to the Potter Valley Project. This motion to intervene requires that NBWD will be noticed of activities, decisions, etc. as this process moves forward through FERC.

The SCFB and the RRPOA asked NBWD to join in the intervention. The current concern is that when PGE transfers ownership of the current infrastructure will sell to a company that could potentially get PGE out of their obligations. I would like NBWD to sign on a letter to intervene….to ensure that we will be notified if such action is under consideration. If FERC approves the licensed transfer Sonoma County ag water users asks that we see all actions as they occur. I am asking for a motion to authorize NBWD’s participation in a petition for intervention in the manner described – in conjunction with the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and the RRPOA.

Director Sangiacomo asked where Sonoma Water landed on this issue: Are they intervening?

Advisor Martini responded that he was not sure of where Sonoma Water is, however, I do know that they have already been notified of PG & E and FERC actions.

Director Sangiacomo made a motion for NBWD to participate in the petition for intervention in the Potter Valley Project.

Director Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Counselor Idell had an additional comment. Mike Martini tracked down a company to help us with the upcoming NBWD election. Mr. Martini will continue conversations with the company and will send information as it is received.

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

The last GSA meeting was held on June 29th. Since our last NBWD meeting, the Sonoma Valley GSA held a subcommittee meeting re: budget. The subcommittee members had not yet heard back on the grant. The next meeting for the GSA is scheduled for October 30th.

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

The last GSA meeting was held on June 22nd. The next meeting for the GSA will be October 26th.

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

The last GSA Advisory meeting was held on June 16th. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th. However, I have several issues that are tied together. All are one theme related to expenditures. These points are especially germane given that we do not know if the Sonoma Valley GSA is going to receive grant funding. The main takeaways are as follows:

1. In implementing GSP, notices for qualifications to bid on well monitoring, planning and investigation have been released. In addition, bids for outreach or community stakeholders’ services is needed.
2. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) reporting requirements for cover crops and monitoring around water are being expressed by the ag community. Why are they taking an interest and what is it going to cost us?
3. Concerns around the roles of Permit Sonoma, Sonoma Water, and the State Water Board duplication of efforts and costs.

The budget will need to be expanded if we have to pay for all these services.

In response, Director Sangiacomo shared that he will reach out to Bill Keene and ask that he join the October meeting. After rethinking timing of harvest, Director Sangiacomo suggested that the September meeting is perhaps a better time to extend the invitation.

Chair Mulas said he would ask Bill Keene to participate in the September meeting.

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

Not present.

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

Advisor Martini shared his perspective of the August 2nd meeting held by LAFCO. I understood that on the agenda for that meeting was a Review of Services for NBWD.

Chair Mulas asked if this was not something we had discussed two months ago?

Counselor Idell responded that the thought this “review” was related to the complaint that we had heard about related to NBWD’s participation in the Sonoma County California Tiger Salamander Safe Harbor. It is our opinion, that NBWD did not overstep its authority by participating in the Safe Harbor.

It was the opinion of the Executive Officer for LAFCO that NBWD does not have the authorization to provide this service. I heard that the reason that the NBWD does not have the authority is that they did not ask the Executive Officer for this authority.

I chose to speak during public session – my comments were not procedural – rather the general policy of the CTS being listed for 25 years, and this is the only positive activity that has happened. Susan Gorin rose to the occasion and supported the NBWD and verbal in her support for the Safe Harbor participation.

Director Wasem ask Counselor Idell and Chair Mulas if NBWD had been notified by the Exec. Director of LAFCO re: his opinion that NBWD had overstepped its authority?

Chair Mulas and Counselor Idell responded that they had not been notified.

Advisor Martini further reported that the LAFCO Commission authorized Bramfitt to bring the issue back, however, it is unclear as to the process for that to occur. But, Martini reported that he sensed support from the Commission to continue to work on the Safe Harbor.

Advisor GinaLisa, who also attended the LAFCO meeting, shared that she did not hear the Commission ask their Executive Director to move forward with a municipal service review.

Advisor Martini will further explore next steps planned by the LAFCO Commission. He further suggested that Peter Kiel and Counselor Idell have the verbiage as to NBWD’s authority to act.

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

Advisor Tamayo shared the only thing she needed to discuss was the use of DocuSign for the Safe Harbor agreements. There are a couple of other Safe Harbors awaiting NBWD signature.

Advisory Tamayo posed the question to the Board: Would it be worth sending out a letter re: the SH success? I am not sure of the overall footprint … do you want some type of letter?

Chair Mulas responded that we needed to get to the root of what Bramfitt is after – and then we can discuss a letter.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss, Director Wasem made a motion to adjourn at 5:40. Director Sangiacomo seconded.

The next meeting will be held September 12, 2023 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.*