

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Meeting, June 8, 2021 - 6:00 PM**  
**Live Stream via Zoom**  
<https://countyofnapa.zoom.us/j/97388002084>

1. Roll Call: Directors Deyermond, Drayton, Jones, Lincoln, Turnipseed, Walker and Wilkinson present.
2. Public Comment:

A member of the public raised that they were experiencing very low pressures and were unable to irrigate. Napa San responded that they were aware and that it was related to the installation of a second pump. Secondly, they raised concerns about irrigation practices at the Copper Cane vineyard on Cuttings Wharf; specifically, that it is impossible to have as much growth on the vines that they have had without substantial water applied. They asked what is being done to keep an eye on that user and ensure their water use is legitimate. They alleged that the renters on the house on the property were directly connected to the recycled water line and an employee told them that “we must have connected the wrong pipe”.
3. Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 14, 2021 and the February 9 and May 6, 2021 Regular Meetings.

Meetings of April 14, 2021 and February 9, 2021 were approved but the minutes of the May 11, 2021 (not May 6, 2021) were not circulated in time and will be approved at a future meeting.
4. Public Hearing: Resolution of the Los Carneros Water District adopting the final district budget for fiscal year 2021-2022
  - a. Open Public Hearing.

No public comment
  - b. Review Proposed Budget - Auditor-Controller will present the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-22. The budget includes two divisions as follows:
    - Operations – General district operations including accounting, legal and engineering costs for the assessment administration, offset by \$20,000 annual allocation in assessment revenues; and
    - Debt Service – Annual debt principal and interest payment on the State Water Resources Control Board Revolving Loan, originally secured for the construction of the Recycled Pipeline.
  - c. Public Comment.
  - d. Close Public Hearing.
  - e. Board Discussion- Receive Board input on line-items and amounts.
  - f. Approve the fiscal year 2021-22 draft budget.

Motion to approve Fiscal year budget 2021-22 proposed by Director Wilkinson, seconded by Director Deyermond. Motion passed 7-0-0
5. Report on the Recycled Waterline Project and Operations Update by Andrew Damron, NSD.

Mr. Damron expressed that the water use for this year was likely exceed that of last year. Peak flow has not exceeded the design capacity of the pipe and any pressure drops experienced was due to a lack of upstream pumping by Napa San. All pumps are expected to be back in service next week. The usual pressure of 105 psi dropped to 85. Director Lincoln noted that he is experiencing pressure drops from the usual 40-80 psi down to only 20. Director Wilkinson suggested that Napa San should warn users if the flow or pressure is likely to be interrupted. Mr. Damron continued that chloride levels are

consistent with previous years. Director Lincoln suggested that the water currently has a chlorine smell to it but Mr. Damron commented that the water is not being treated any differently to normal.

Mr. Damron discussed the Copper Cane/Wagener parcel: Napa San has taken chloride readings from various sources on the vineyard and the parcel within the LCWD had significantly higher chloride readings than the parcel outside the district which is consistent with the recycled water being used appropriately. Napa San will continue to monitor the vineyard from time to time.

Mr. Damron completed the analysis of water use per planted acre. The average was 0.41af per planted acre with a median of 0.51. Approximately 12 properties have usage above 0.6 af/acre: half of those have extensive landscaping too, several of those have newly planted vines, and the Wagner/Copper Cane parcel is among the higher users. Basically, the parcels with high af/acre usage can all be explained by what is happening on the parcels and appears to be legitimate use of the water.

Mr. Damron commented that Napa San will continue to monitor the water use of the various parcels and report back at the October Board Meeting.

Director Deyermond enquired whether it was possible to tell the difference between trucked and piped water using residual chloride levels. Mr. Damron said the trucking records would be the easiest way to achieve this.

Director Wilkinson enquired whether the water use on the Wagner parcel was back in line with the number of acres planted.

Discussion started about the fact that there are lots of parcels still to be connected and that will probably happen as Carneros is replanted. Director Deyermond noted that this conversation was not on the agenda and should be added to the next meeting

## 6. Future Agenda Items.

Minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting need to be approved

A Subcommittee for Community Outreach should be formed

Discussion should be had about the role of the Board in the future

Director Wilkinson: What happens after the loan is paid down in terms of who can connect to the district? If John were still with us he would be going to Napa San and asking for more water. John and Keith Caldwell had a conversation in the past about acquiring more water for the district and Keith mentioned that the district would have to be fully using its first allocation before getting more.

Director Wilkinson suggested forming an outreach committee to contact the remaining users who have not connected so that the LCWD can show there is a greater demand for extra water. Director Wilkinson suggested creating a Special Meeting to address this point specifically so that the Board did not need to wait until October to talk about it.

Director Wilkinson would like the Board to consider what happens with a shared pond where recycled water is put into storage on an adjacent parcel.

A member of the public asked to comment and said that it should have some kind of recorded document detailing the relevant easement.

Director Wilkinson wanted to know what would happen if the Board accelerated the paydown of the loan could the pipeline be more generally open for distribution of winter water to non-district members?

Director Wilkinson requested that Mr. Damron should report back on the Wagner Parcel use 2020 vs. 2021

## 7. Comments from Board Members regarding District related items; meetings attended; discussion with Staff and Elected Officials of other Agencies, or Members of the Public; or points raised at other meetings; and review of any correspondence received, and actions taken.

Director Deyermond commented that mail is still being delivered to John Stewart's house. Most of it is junk but she will follow up on anything relevant.

No other comments were raised

8. Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2021.

It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting on July 13, 2021

Meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Secretary William M Drayton

Approved date