

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
April 5, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Baker called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District to order at 7:30 p.m. at the District headquarters and the agenda was accepted as presented. Present were Directors Jack Baker, Rick Fraites, Steve Petterle, Dennis Rodoni and John Schoonover. Also, present were General Manager Chris DeGabriele, Secretary Joyce S. Arnold, Auditor-Controller David L. Bentley and Chief Engineer Drew McIntyre.

Six District employees (Robert Clark, Mike McMaster, Brent Collins, Marcia Davis, Lou Butti and Gerry Bundesen) and Mr. Will Lieb were in the audience for a portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES**

On motion of Director Schoonover, seconded by Director Petterle and unanimously carried the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting as mailed.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Joint Meeting with Marin Municipal Water District Board**

Mr. DeGabriele stated that he and Director Rodoni had met with Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) General Manager Paul Helliker and MMWD Director Alex Forman and had talked about the logistics of scheduling a joint board meeting as discussed at a previous Board meeting. Mr. DeGabriele stated it is anticipated that the earliest a joint meeting can take place would be June, but more than likely it will be scheduled for July or later.

**Meeting Regarding Master Water Supply Agreement**

Mr. DeGabriele stated that he has a meeting scheduled on April 18, 2005 with Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager Randy Poole and consultant John Olaf Nelson regarding the proposed amendment to the Master Water Supply Agreement. He stated that there is a new draft of the document now available and primarily the only changes are in the shortage allocation language.

**Tour of Stafford Treatment Plant and Watershed**

Mr. DeGabriele stated that he has invited Assemblyman Joe Nation and Marin County Supervisor Cynthia Murray to visit the District on April 22, 2005 for individual tours of the rehabilitated Stafford Treatment Plant and the Stafford Lake watershed to demonstrate how the

District is endeavoring to protect the water quality of Stafford Lake. He stated that he has asked Water Quality Supervisor Marcia Davis to participate in those tours to provide an update on District concerns regarding changes in regulatory requirements.

### **OPEN TIME**

President Baker asked if anyone in the audience or staff wished to bring up an item not on the agenda and the following items were discussed:

#### **Community Choice Aggregation**

Mr. Robert Clark, District Facilities Maintenance Superintendent, stated he had attended a Community Choice Aggregation meeting (CCA) and he will provide a summary of that meeting at the next Board meeting.

#### **Meetings with MMWD Director Cynthia Koehler**

Several Board members stated that they would be meeting individually with Ms. Cynthia Koehler who is a new board member for Marin Municipal Water District.

#### **ACWA Legislative Forum**

Director Fraites stated that he had attended the March 29, 2005 ACWA Legislative Forum in Sacramento. He stated that there is legislation being proposed regarding special districts that is a direct result of some corruption that has taken place in certain special districts, and it is now felt that some oversight needs to be in place. He stated that he is grateful that the District runs a tight ship and is not subject to this type of scrutiny.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Items 4 and 5 - Marin Country Club and Olive Ridge Assignment were removed from the consent calendar for additional discussion. Director Rodoni stated that he wished to confirm in both cases the applicant has paid for overhead costs and additional staff time spent on the projects. Mr. McIntyre confirmed that in both cases the advances received by the District have covered any costs incurred on the projects.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Rodoni and unanimously carried the Items 6, 7, 8 and 9 were approved on the consent calendar:

#### **Water Agreement - Marin Country Club - Supplemental Irrigation Water**

This item was removed from the consent calendar for additional discussion.

Mr. McIntyre stated that on September 7, 2004, the Board authorized District staff to proceed with preparation of a Water Service Agreement for supplying supplemental irrigation water

to Marin Country Club (MCC). Authorization was made after the Board reviewed MCC's Recycled Water Feasibility Study which concluded that, at this time, it is not feasible to provide cost-effective recycled water for supplemental golf course irrigation use. The proposed Water Service Agreement will entitle MCC to 58 equivalent dwelling units (EDU) of water from an existing 1-inch service located on Birdie Drive. This service was originally installed in 1977 to provide three EDUs of supplemental irrigation water. The water connection charge for this current agreement is based on 58 EDUs with a credit of three EDUs for the existing service. Since water service was requested before the Facility Reserve Charges increase, MCC will be charged the prior rate of \$3,500 per EDU instead of the current \$6,400 per EDU. The agreement includes provisions for interruption of service in the event of a water shortage as determined solely by the District and contains provisions requiring future connection to a recycled water facility once pipelines are installed and recycled water is available fronting Ignacio Boulevard.

Director Rodoni requested that every two years staff check the water usage of MCC to make sure the EDUs being used in the calculations are correct.

On motion of Director Schoonover, seconded by Director Petterle and unanimously carried the Board approved Resolution 05-08 entitled " Authorization of Execution of High Pressure Water Service Agreement with Marin Country Club, Inc."

#### Water Agreement Assignment – Olive Ridge, LLC

This item was removed from the consent calendar for additional discussion.

Mr. McIntyre stated that on November 2, 2004, the Board approved the Water Service Facilities Construction Agreement for the Olive Ridge Subdivision. Mr. Leonard Fryer and Mr. James Leland (Olive Ridge, LLC), signatories of the executed agreement for the Olive Ridge Subdivision, have sold the property to Olive Ridge Investors, LP (Christopherson Homes, General Partner). A request was made from Olive Ridge Investors, LP that the agreement for the project be assigned to their partnership. The new owner will provide financial arrangements to the District within the agreement's original six-month deadline which is May 2, 2005.

On motion of Director Schoonover, seconded by Director Fraites and unanimously carried the Board approved Resolution 05-09 entitled "Authorization of Execution of Assignment of Water Service Facilities Construction Agreement with Olive Ridge, LLC and Olive Ridge Investors, LP."

#### Resolution re Consolidation of District Election

In the November 8, 2005 election, there will be two Board seats up for election. The filing period is July 18 to August 12, 2005. If all incumbents do not file nomination papers by 5:00 p.m.

August 12, 2005, the filing period will be extended to 5:00 p.m., August 18, 2005. Only non-incumbent candidates may file nomination papers during the extended filing period. Candidates who are elected, or appointed to a four-year term in lieu of an election contest, take office at 12 noon on Friday, December 2, 2005.

The Board approved Resolution 05-06 entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT PROPOSING AN ELECTION BE HELD IN ITS JURISDICTION; REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSOLIDATE WITH ANY OTHER ELECTION CONDUCTED ON SAID DATE, AND REQUESTING ELECTION SERVICES BY THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS."

#### Vehicle Disposal

The Construction Superintendent requested that six District vehicles be disposed of as they are no longer needed due to the purchase of new vehicles and equipment. The vehicles are: (#1) 1994 Ford Ranger mini pick-up, (#2) 1991 Chevy C-1500 ½ ton, (#3) 1985 F-700 2-ton flat bed, (#4) 1980 F-700 water truck, (#5) 1987 F-700 2-ton dump truck, and (#6) 1990 Chevy ¾ ton 4 x 4. Only vehicles #1 and #2 are able to pass smog tests.

Mr. Collins' memo indicated that in the past, the District has had little luck with advertising or bidding vehicles for disposal. Staff contacted three local wreckers and only Matthew Miller expressed interest in the vehicles. Mr. Miller assured staff that he would purchase vehicles #3, #4, #5, and #6 for a total of \$6,000.

The Board approved selling vehicles #3 through #6 to Mathew M. Miller for a price of \$6,000 and sending vehicles #1 and #2 to auction for disposal.

#### Destruction of Records and Amendment to Policy

In 2002 the Board approved a policy for Records Management that states that once a year on or about April 21 documents designated as eligible to be destroyed will be disposed of in an appropriate manner. The Board authorized Resolution 05-07 entitled "Resolution of the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District to Approve Destruction of Certain Records."

The Board also approved minor editorial amendments to Appendix A of Resolution 02-20 "Resolution of the North Marin Water District Board of Directors Establishing a Policy for Retention of Documents and Destruction of Specified Documents" making changes to the District's Record Retention Policy.

## Disbursements

The Board authorized payroll and accounts payable vouchers totaling \$1,035,533.86 and estimated overheaded payroll for April of \$263,000.

### ***ACTION CALENDAR***

#### **SALARY/BENEFIT PACKAGE**

Mr. DeGabriele stated that negotiations with both represented and unrepresented employees have concluded and reviewed the significant items in the proposed five-year (2004-2008) package which includes:

- (1) An across-the-board salary increase of 8% retroactive to October 1, 2004;
- (2) Enhancement of the CalPERS retirement plan to the 2.5% at 55 formula (from 2% at 55) proposed to go into effect July 1, 2005;
- (3) Enactment of a cafeteria plan that standardizes the employee medical insurance contribution at 90% of the Kaiser premium amount based upon family and full-time-equivalent status. Any future changes to the District's medical insurance obligation for retirees will now solely be at the determination of the Board of Directors;
- (4) Spot adjustment increases of 5% retroactive to October 1, 2004 for eight positions (Laborer, Building and Grounds Maintenance Assistant, Engineering Technician II, Assistant Treatment Plant Operator, Treatment Plant Operator, Senior Treatment Plant Operator, Distribution Collection System Operator and Treatment Plant Supervisor) identified in the salary/benefit survey;
- (5) A cost-of living increase effective October 1 of each succeeding year (2005 – 2008) based upon the change in the San Francisco Bay Area Consumer Price Index.

Mr. DeGabriele stated that based on the proposed package, the total annual salaries (excluding the General Manager who the Board will deal with separately) will increase 8.9% (\$271,000), while the annual overheaded payroll (i.e., total payroll with benefits) will increase \$475,000.

Mr. DeGabriele noted that Director Rodoni has stated that he would prefer that the District officers (Chief Engineer, Auditor-Controller and District Secretary) not be awarded the 8% increase until additional information is provided to the Board at the next meeting. He stated that recruitment for the District Secretary needs to be advertised soon so he is requesting that position receive the proposed salary adjustment so that recruitment can move forward. The General Manager's salary will be considered separately at a later date.

President Baker asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak.

Gerry Bundesen stated this was his first experience of dealing with “outside forces” on each side at the negotiation table. He stated he believes that as long as communication remains open between the Board and the employees future problems can be averted. He stated that he regrets the proposed agreements are for a five-year contract, because it means it may be five years again before the employees have interaction with the Board. He stated he appreciated the time put into the negotiation process by everyone and stated that the process “wasn’t like making whiskey, it is more like making water – you’ve got to get it right.”

On motion of Director Schoonover, seconded by Director Petterle and unanimously carried the Board approved the agreements with represented and unrepresented employees which included:

- (1) The salary package as presented for all employees (except the General Manager, Chief Engineer and Auditor-Controller);
- (2) Resolution 05-10 entitled “RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AND FIXING THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION FOR EMPLOYEES AND THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION FOR ANNUITANTS (SALARIED GROUP).”
- (3) Resolution 05-11 entitled “RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AND FIXING THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION FOR EMPLOYEES AND THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION FOR ANNUITANTS (HOURLY GROUP).”

Mr. Butti and Mr. Bundesen left the meeting.

**APPROVE CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT (DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING ACCESS AND RESTROOM REMODEL DESIGN)**

Mr. Clark stated that a Request for Letters of Interest for the District Office Building Access and Restroom Remodel Design was sent to six firms, and from that response, staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project. Of the three firms solicited, only one firm submitted a proposal to the District. The proposal received was from Daniel Macdonald AIA Architects (Macdonald). Mr. Clark noted that Macdonald has all qualifications to perform the required design

work, and the Macdonald team has experience and understanding of the District's project from a recent and similar Novato Sanitary District project.

Mr. Clark stated that staff has negotiated the scope of work and fee with Macdonald, and the scope of work is divided into five tasks and staff is seeking authorization for Tasks 1 through 4 at this time. The total fee for Tasks 1 through 4 (i.e., permitting, design and bid phase services) is a not-to-exceed limit of \$71,816, noting the fee is below the budgeted \$75,000 for the permitting and design phases of this project with funds allocated both in the FY 05 and proposed FY 06 budgets.

On motion of Director Fraites, seconded by Director Petterle and unanimously carried the Board authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement with Daniel Macdonald AIA Architects for consulting engineering services on a time and expense basis with a note-to-exceed limit of \$71,816 plus a 5% contingency.

***INFORMATION ITEMS:***

**INITIAL REVIEW: NOVATO WATER EQUIPMENT BUDGET**

Mr. Bentley presented the proposed Novato Water Equipment Budget for FY 05/06 for the first of four reviews, noting that the proposed budget totals \$344,500, up 25% from the Equipment Budget amount adopted last year.

Director Rodoni stated that he would like to see an update to the 5-Year Vehicle Plan when the proposed budget comes back for additional review.

Mr. Bentley noted that the budget schedule includes additional review of the Novato Water Equipment Budget on April 19 and May 17, and a public hearing and approval of the budgets on June 14, 2005.

**INITIAL REVIEW: NOVATO WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BUDGET**

Mr. Bentley presented the initial review for the proposed Improvement Projects Budget for the Novato service area. He noted that as initiated four years ago, staff will be recommending that the projects for both FY 05/06 and FY 06/07 be adopted at the public hearing, i.e., continuation of the "two-year" budget cycle. The FY 05/06 proposed budget totals \$10.1 million, and includes \$5.0 million in Stafford Treatment Plant reconstruction projects and \$2.4 million in recycled water projects. The net District outlay, after deducting water conservation reimbursements from Sonoma County Water Agency and State Revolving Fund monies for the Stafford Treatment Plant and Recycled Water projects, stands at \$2.9 million for FY 05/06, compared with \$2.3 million approved in FY 04/05.

Mr. Bentley noted that the budget schedule includes additional review of the Novato Water Improvement Projects Budget on April 19 and May 17, and a public hearing and approval of the budgets on June 14, 2005.

### **NOVATO CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

The Board received a copy of the draft Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for Novato. Mr. DeGabriele noted that the format required by regulatory authorities for the CCR is anything but consumer friendly and is difficult for a layperson to read and comprehend the document. He complimented Water Quality Supervisor, Ms. Davis, on her efforts in producing the document.

### **AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEETS**

Mr. DeGabriele stated that at the suggestion of Director Petterle, staff is proposing to add cover sheets to assist Board Members in reviewing the particulars of agenda items. He stated that staff surveyed eleven different agencies which use agenda cover sheets and from those samples devised a form for the District. The cover sheet is intended to identify the agenda item's subject, any recommended action, financial cost and the corresponding budget category or need for budget augmentation, and the responsible staff person. The cover sheets will be used on consent, action and information items. The proposed agenda item cover sheet will be used on a trial basis starting with the April 19, 2005 agenda and last through the June 21, 2005 meeting, at which time the Board can decide whether to modify and/or continue using the form.

Director Baker stated he is not convinced that the extra staff time necessary to complete the forms is worthwhile and is leery of the proposal.

### **BLACK POINT GOLF LINKS RECYCLED WATER USE DRAFT AGREEMENT**

Mr. McIntyre presented a draft agreement for recycled water service to Black Point Golf Links, noting that District legal counsel has reviewed the document. Mr. McIntyre stated that the purpose of providing this information at this time is so that the Board may review the draft of the agreement in advance of formal consideration by the Board at a future meeting. He stated that the District is ready to proceed forward with advertisement of the Recycled Water Facility and Pipeline project. Upon incorporation of any comments received by the Board, District staff will meet with Black Point Partnership personnel and review key agreement terms prior to Board approval in advance of project advertisement.

Mr. McIntyre reviewed the background for the project noting that Black Point Golf Links (aka Stone Tree Golf Course) made an application to the District for water services in 1997, and the District required that the golf course and other landscape adjacent to the golf course associated with Black Point Golf Links be served with recycled water. Further, the applicant was expected to

pay the engineering and capital cost of the in-tract and off-tract facilities necessary to supply recycled water to the project.

The District entered into a temporary water service agreement with Black Point Golf Links in 1999 to provide Temporary Surplus Irrigation water for the golf course and other adjacent landscape until such time as recycled water service can be made available. This temporary agreement initially obligated the applicant to pay for studies necessary to confirm that recycled water service to irrigate the golf course was feasible. As a result, in April 2000, the District retained consultant RMC for Facility Planning and Conceptual Design (Phase 1), to determine feasibility of cost effectively delivering recycled water to Black Point Golf Links in compliance with all local, state and federal agency requirements in a cooperative effort between the recycled water producer, Novato Sanitary District, and distributor, NMWD.

The District issued the second Temporary Surplus Irrigation Water Service Agreement in 2002 which obligated Black Point Partners to enter into an agreement with the District and complete financial arrangements for construction of required recycled water production and transmission facilities for the golf course and other adjacent landscape irrigation prior to the District providing the requested permanent service to the golf course project. The District agreed to make application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and make good faith efforts to obtain a State Revolving Fund (SRF) low interest loan financing for the design, permitting and future construction of the project. The District submitted a Financial Assistance Application for the project to the SWRCB in June 2003. Facilities Plan approval, which is a requirement for any subsequent approval of both the SRF loan and Water Recycling Grant Program for the project, was received in February 2004. However, the District was informed that the processing of the funding application was temporarily on hold until loan funds became available. SWRCB further advised that the District would jeopardize SRF loan funding if construction were to begin before Final Plans and Specifications approval was received. Although the project design was 100% complete and the bid documents were ready in March 2004, the construction was held off until the plans and specification approval was received, in order to remain eligible for SRF financing.

Mr. McIntyre noted that the SWRCB plans and specification approval was received in January 2005 and enables the District to receive SRF funds loan retroactively, if and when available. At this time, the SWRCB staff advised that in order to receive SRF financing the project would also have to serve a public agency in addition to the private golf course. In February 2005 the Board approved expansion of the Recycled Water Facility project to serve the Novato Fire Protection District (at Atherton Avenue) in order to be eligible for an SRF loan.

Director Rodoni stated that he is concerned about the financial arrangements with Black Point Partnership and would like a clause included in the agreement for percentage of monies paid by the Black Point Partnership on an installment basis. He stated that District ratepayers should come out ahead if not indifferent from this agreement.

Director Fraites suggested that the District's Auditor-Controller review the financial books of Black Point Partnership to verify Black Point Partnership's financial statement.

Mr. McIntyre will keep the Board apprised of Black Point Partnership response to the proposed agreement.

**COMMENTS ON SCWA NOTICE OF PREPARATION EIR FOR WATER SUPPLY, TRANSMISSION AND RELIABILITY PROJECT**

Mr. DeGabriele reviewed the Notice of Preparation for the environmental impact report (EIR) on the Sonoma County Water Agency's Water Supply, Transmission and Reliability Project, which he termed as the son of the Water Supply and Transmission System Project (WSTSP). The EIR is necessary to resolve deficiencies in the original WSTSP EIR certified in 1998 and subsequently vacated as a result of litigation brought by Friends of the Eel River et al. The EIR will focus on addressing reduced water diversions from the Eel River through the Potter Valley Project and update current status and new information since the original EIR was approved.

Mr. DeGabriele stated that staff has prepared a comment letter on the Notice of Preparation to ensure that several facts regarding the Russian River water supply system and diversions out of the Eel River are documented and have requested that the South Transmission System Project be included on a site-specific (project level) basis.

**NMWD COMMENTS ON TROUT UNLIMITED PETITION TO SWRCB RE AB 2121 IMPLEMENTATION**

Mr. DeGabriele reviewed a draft letter to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding a petition submitted by Trout Unlimited and the Peregrine Chapter of the National Audubon Society which proposes the development of guidelines and procedures in order to assure coordinated, timely and effective regulation for water diversion in coastal streams in Marin County northwards to the Mattole River, including the Russian River watershed, as well as those streams in Napa County that are tributary to San Pablo Bay on or before January 1, 2007. Mr. DeGabriele noted that the District's legal counsel has reviewed the letter. He stated that the District has made two specific comments for the SWRCB's consideration regarding the proposed guidelines and procedures: (1) NMWD recommends that minor petitions for change to existing permits or licensed water rights not be subject to the proposed guidelines as minor petitions are

often needed to refine or “fine tune” water rights and operations there under, without re-opening the balancing which occurred when the right was issued, and (2) NMWD recommends that permit applications for diversions from streams, which are tributary to existing on-stream surface water storage reservoirs, be excluded from the proposed guidelines.

**WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONTRACTOR NEGOTIATION / REGULAR MEETING (APRIL 4, 2005)**

Mr. DeGabriele recapped the April 4, 2005 Water Advisory Committee meeting that he attended with Director Baker and the Chief Engineer. He stated the WAC discussed Santa Rosa’s subregional system Incremental Recycled Water Project and the idea of Sonoma-Marín local agencies jointly pursuing water (and possibly energy) conservation. He stated the WAC is supportive of moving forward with the concept of the regional authority but has requested a more formal proposal on participating agency requirements and staffing and organization.

Mr. DeGabriele stated that discussion regarding Marin Municipal’s 5,000 AF contract option was also discussed. At the February 28 WAC meeting, WAC requested SCWA to offer MMWD \$1.6M as a contribution toward their desalination project provided MMWD does not exercise its option to purchase an additional 5,000 AF of water supply from the Russian River. MMWD has countered by offering \$1M to \$2M to SCWA to extend the deadline for exercising the option from June 30, 2005 to July 1, 2014. MMWD expressed their desire that the extension be acceptable to the WAC but does not believe the WAC has any authority regarding the SCWA / MMWD water supply contracts. The WAC, however, in the Eleventh Amended Agreement, retains authority to approve any amendments to the existing SCWA / MMWD water supply agreements. MMWD will be requesting that SCWA assure they can supply water to MMWD should MMWD exercise the option and will continue to pursue to extend the deadline of June 30, 2005. Mr. DeGabriele stated that he does not believe the WAC members are interested in extending the deadline and does not believe the SCWA will agree to extend the deadline without the WAC approval.

Mr. DeGabriele asked the Board members whether they would be in favor of giving MMWD an extension of time or prefer staying with the June 30, 2005 deadline. There was a general discussion by the Board, and it was noted that MMWD has brought the current situation on themselves but there seemingly is no advantage to the District to put undue pressure on MMWD at this time in this matter by not considering an extension of time.

**INFORMATION REGARDING DISTRICT REGULATION 22 AND REGULATION 30**

Mr. DeGabriele noted that at the March 1, 2005 meeting Board members had requested the opportunity to review the District’s regulations covering reimbursement policy and upsizing of

facilities. The Board was provided copies of District Regulation 22 (Payment for Extension of Water Distribution system) and Regulation 30 (Reimbursement for Extension of Pipelines that Benefit Others).

**NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING (APRIL 1, 2005)**

Mr. DeGabriele recapped the April 1, 2005 North Bay Watershed Association meeting that he and Director Fraites attended. He stated that at the meeting the NBWA board approved the FY 05 / 06 budget and the District's share is calculated at \$8,643. He noted that NBWA also established a committee for the 2006 conference tentatively scheduled in twelve months time.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The Board received the following pieces of miscellaneous information: Review of Scheduled Agenda Items, Letter re Opposing Ethanol and MTBE Liability Immunity Legislation, Letter re Opposition to Reservoirs' Recreational Use Legislation (AB 672), Special District Reform Legislation (SB 393), Memo re Climate Protection – "A Call to Action for Sonoma County", Memo re City of Novato Hazard Mitigation Plan – NMWD Participation, Letter of Commendation for Chief Engineer, and Certificate of Achievement from California Highway Patrol.

The Board also received the following news articles: PG&E Plans to Abandon Small Shasta Dam to Aid Salmon, Trout (03/24/05), Irrigating RP with Wastewater Backed (3/18/05), Dark Water Expected (3/17/05), 3 RP Wastewater Ponds Proposed (03/16/05), Work Starts on Desalination Site (03/15/05), State's Septic Plan 'Ruinous' for Coast (03/10/05) and Bids Come in High to Double Olema's Water Storage (03/10/05).

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Joyce S. Arnold  
District Secretary