

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 4, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Petterle called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District to order at 7:00 p.m. at the District headquarters. Mr. DeGabriele requested that item #5 – Outside Auditor’s Report and Management Report be removed from the agenda and presented at the next Board meeting. Present were Directors Jack Baker, Rick Fraites, Stephen Petterle, and Dennis Rodoni. Also present were General Manager Chris DeGabriele, Acting District Secretary Eileen Mulliner, Auditor-Controller David Bentley and Chief Engineer Drew McIntyre. President Schoonover and District Secretary Katie Young were absent.

Novato resident, Mike Joly, District employees Pablo Ramudo (Water Quality Supervisor) and Robert Clark (Operations/Maintenance Superintendent) were in the audience.

**MINUTES**

Mr. DeGabriele pointed out grammatical errors on the draft minutes included in the agenda packet and requested the Board consider an amended version.

On motion of Director Fraites, seconded by Director Baker the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting as presented by the following vote:

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Director Rodoni

ABSENT: Director Schoonover

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

**State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)**

Mr. DeGabriele reported that at the September 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> meetings he apprised the Board about the Notice of Violation received from the SWRCB for failure to meet the water conservation standard received on September 2, 2016. He stated that the District has received the information from Sonoma County Water Agency on the metering adjustment and will be revising SWRCB production reports for consistency with the adjustments. He noted that at that time he is hopeful the SWRCB will rescind the Notice of Violation.

Marin Conservation League

Mr. DeGabriele advised the Board that he is speaking at the Marin Conservation League meeting next Thursday, October 13th on North Bay water issues such as the Russian River, drought, North Bay Water Reuse Authority and Bay Area Regional Reliability.

**OPEN TIME**

Vice President Petterle asked if anyone in the audience wished to bring up an item not on the agenda and the following item was discussed:

Mr. Joly inquired about Director Schoonover's absence from the meeting and was informed that he is under the weather.

**STAFF / DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Vice President Petterle asked if staff or Directors wished to bring up an item not on the agenda and the following item was discussed:

Mr. Ramudo informed the Board that the Environmental Working Group is issuing an update of their national tap water database now including recent data on water supplies with hexavalent chromium (also known as chromium-6 or Cr-6). He stated that the District test results are included with other U.S. water providers in the database. He noted that Cr-6 is included on the EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring List and samples must be tested every three years and Cr-6 is commonly found in groundwater. Mr. Ramudo informed the Board that for the District it is found in very, very low concentrations which are not believed to be a health concern. He advised the Board that one customer has inquired about the constituent and a detailed verbal explanation was provided in response.

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**OUTSIDE AUDITOR'S 2015 REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

This item was removed from tonight's agenda and postponed until the following North Marin Water District Board meeting on October 18, 2016.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**FOURTH QUARTER FY15/16 - WATER QUALITY REPORT W/ QUARTERLY BACTERIOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT**

Mr. Ramudo provided the Board with the FY15/16 Water Quality Report. He noted that there was some algae bloom in Stafford Lake, but no large issues and that most of the water inputs were from larger creeks due to low rainfall. He advised the Board that there were no coliform positive samples in Novato and that the Gallagher well had been shut off early in the year due to

bacteria detection. Mr. Ramudo stated that the District was able to shift to another source with the Coast Guard Well #4 until the bacteria was cleared in the Gallagher well. He informed the Board that there was one total coliform positive sample in PRE #4 and advised that the chlorine level may have been low and that the problem was resolved.

Director Rodoni asked how the bacteria got removed from the raw water well supply. Mr. Ramudo replied that the presence of coliform bacteria is an indicator of possible water quality problem in the supply which can be removed in the Point Reyes Treatment Plant process. He stated that the District has the advantage of multiple sources of supply so the well was taken off line, flushed for a period of time then allowed to rest and resampled. He noted that the process is repeated as necessary until the indicator bacteria is no longer present.

#### **NBWRA UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

Mr. McIntyre provided a summary of the North Bay Water Reuse Authority meeting and reported that NBWRA participants have enjoyed a cost/benefit ratio of 4:1 by participating in the regional Recycled Water grant funding program and that the District's cost/benefit ratio has been 6:1, thus some program contribution adjustment will be necessary in the future to maintain a level playing field of cost for all NBWRA Phase 1 participants.

#### **TAC MEETING – OCTOBER 3, 2016**

Mr. DeGabriele provided the Board with a report on the Technical Advisory Committee meeting held October 3rd. He stated that Lake Mendocino holds approximately 56,000AF and is at 90% off the target storage curve and Lake Sonoma holds over 212,000AF at 87% of the water supply pool. He informed the Board that water production among all the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership members is down 22% compared to the State's 2013 Benchmark from June 2015 through August 2016.

#### **NBWA MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2016**

Director Baker advised that he would attend and represent the District at the North Bay Water Advisory meeting this Friday, October 7th.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board received the following miscellaneous information: Disbursements, MPWA Trench Standards – Request for New Comment Period and Implementation of GASB 68 – Pensions.

Mr. DeGabriele advised the Board of the response from the Town of Tiburon on the trench standards.

The Board received the following news article: The Price of Water Conservation – Using Less and Paying More.

The Board also received the following miscellaneous information item at the meeting: Response Letter regarding Request for Additional Time to Comment on Revised Marin County Trench Report Standards by MPWA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Petterle adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eileen Mulliner", written in a cursive style.

Eileen Mulliner  
Acting District Secretary