

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 4, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

President Petterle 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, Dennis Rodoni and John Schoonover. Also present were General Manager Chris DeGabriele, Secretary Renee Roberts and Auditor-Controller David Bentley and Chief Engineer Drew McIntyre.

District employee Robert Clark (Operations/Maintenance Superintendent) and Doug Moore (Construction/Maintenance Superintendent) were in the audience.

MINUTES

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Chris DeGabriele reported that Friday, September 7, is the deadline to submit projects for the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and that the District will submit three projects. He said that the three projects are: 1) Novato Central Recycled Water Project (will be part of the North Bay Water Reuse Authority submittal); 2) Gallagher Well and Pipeline Project; and 3) Recycled Water Expansion to Marin Country Club - a "place holder" project. He stated that he had an opportunity to talk with Marin Country Club staff and engineer and they are encouraged about submitting a project.

District/Administrative Secretary Recruitment

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that internal recruitment for the District/Administrative Secretary position has been posted with a deadline of Monday, September 10 for submitting applications. He stated that the first round of interviews with senior staff will be on September 13 and interviews with the Board will be at the September 18 or October 2 meeting.

OPEN TIME

President Petterle asked if anyone in the audience wished to bring up an item not on the agenda and there was no response.

STAFF / DIRECTORS' REPORTS

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

Pete Poiani

Director Rodoni announced the passing of former District employee, Pete Poiani and requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in his memory.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On the motion of Director Fraites, seconded by Director Schoonover and unanimously carried, the following item was approved on the consent calendar:

CONSENT APPROVE: ASSEMBLY BILL 685- VETO

The Board authorized President Petterle to sign a letter to Governor Brown urging his veto of Assembly Bill 685 that would add to the Water Code a declaration that every human being has the right to clean, affordable and accessible water. This bill could be read to prohibit a water agency from terminating water service of a non-paying customer.

ACTION CALENDAR

APPROVE: CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR GHD, INC.

Mr. McIntyre stated that he is requesting an increase, in the amount of \$30,000, to the existing General Services Agreement for GHD, Inc. primarily to have Mark Soldati and other GHD engineers assist District staff with the update of the Novato Water System Master Plan. He said that in September 2011, the Board approved a contract with former District employee Laura Jones, to assist staff in preparation of the Master Plan Update; and at that time, staff reported to the Board their anticipated agreement with Mr. Soldati to help complete the Master Plan update. Mr. McIntyre stated that Mr. Soldati's effort will be primarily related to the update of the hydraulic model for the Novato Water Distribution System. He noted that Mr. Soldati has been working with the District since before 1991 and assisted in Master Plan Updates in 2002 and 2007. He stated that in addition to helping with the update of the model, Mr. Soldati will provide peer review of the other chapters in the Master Plan Update.

On motion of Director Schoonover, seconded by Director Baker and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute an amendment to GHD, Inc.'s General Consulting Services Agreement in the amount of \$30,000.

APPROVE: DISTRICT'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE BROWN ACT COMPLIANCE

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board of a recent change in the Brown Act implementation. He advised that the State Legislature adopted a budget bill that will no longer reimburse public agencies for complying with certain provisions of the Brown Act. He noted the public's concern that public agencies will no longer follow the Brown Act. Mr. DeGabriele stated that some agencies have adopted resolutions, or within their public meeting, affirmed their intention to continue to comply with the Brown Act. He said that staff is requesting that the Board vote to continue Brown Act compliance and that intent will be reflected in tonight's Board meeting minutes.

On motion of director Fraites, seconded by Director Baker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the District's intent to continue Brown Act compliance in the interest of conducting the District's business transparently.

INFORMATION ITEMS

GOVERNOR'S PENSION REFORM PLAN

Mr. DeGabriele stated that subsequent to writing the memo to the Board regarding the Governor's Pension Reform Plan, both the State Senate and Assembly voted overwhelmingly to adopt AB 340. He said the summary of the provisions are included as an attachment to the memo. He said that the new law applies to all public employers and public pension plans. Mr. DeGabriele advised that staff has gathered information to conduct a salary survey this year pursuant to the agreement with the Employee Association. He said that the information will be shared with the Employee Association within two weeks and the information will also be shared with the Board during discussions in closed session on the direction the Board desires District management to proceed with salary negotiations.

LETTER AGREEMENT FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ON GEORGE GROSSI RANCH

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that the District has executed a letter agreement with the George Grossi & Son Dairy for Water Quality Protection on the Stafford Lake Watershed. He advised that the agreement states that Grossi will not spread manure near Stafford Lake and that the District will assist with payment to haul and spread manure away from the lake. He said that this alternate practice will provide good information on the impact on water quality and help in decision-making in the future on how to approach this problem.

Director Rodoni asked for assurance that all State Board rules and regulations regarding spreading of manure will still apply. Mr. Clark responded yes.

TAC MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Mr. DeGabriele reviewed the agenda for the Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10.

NBWA MEETING - SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

Mr. DeGabriele stated that the North Bay Watershed Association meeting will be held Friday, September 7 , 2012 and that Director Fraites will attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board received the following miscellaneous information: Disbursements and CIR/CITR Status Report.

The Board also received the following news articles: Grant awarded to establish Santa Rosa wastewater exchange, Sonoma County Water Agency Press Release- Local Organizations Form Russian River Science Panel.

ADJOURNMENT

President Petterle adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. in memory of Pete Poiani.

Submitted by



Renee Roberts
District Secretary