NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 2, 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, Dennis Rodoni and John Schoonover. Also

present were General Manager Chris DeGabriele, Secretary Renee Roberts, Auditor-Controller

David Bentley and Chief Engineer Drew McIntyre. Director Fraites was absent.

**MINUTES** 

On motion of Director Schoonover, seconded by Director Baker and carried by the following

vote, the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting as presented:

AYES:

Directors Baker, Rodoni, Petterle, Schoonover

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

**Director Fraites** 

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** 

SMART Meeting

Mr. DeGabriele advised that he and Drew McIntyre will meet with representatives of SMART

on Thursday, October 4, to coordinate closure of the Rush Creek and Golden Gate Place railroad

crossings as SMART plans for improvements to the pavements and crossing arms. He said that

each crossing area will take about two days, and traffic is planned to be routed along District

property. Mr. DeGabriele stated that he will advocate that work be done on the weekends and that

he will request compensation for District staff to provide security so that traffic does not enter the

District corporation yard.

Meeting with Marin County Civil Grand Jury

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that on Monday, October 8, David Bentley, Ryan Grisso

and he will meet with two representatives from the Marin County Civil Grand Jury. He said that they

are interested in the District's Water Conservation Programs, how effective the programs are and

their impact on District water rates.

# Joint NSD/NMWD Board Meeting and Recycled Water Dedication

The General Manager reminded the Board of Directors that Thursday, October 11 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a joint Board of Directors meeting with Novato Sanitary District, followed by the Recycled Water Treatment Facility dedication.

## General Manager Vacation

Mr. DeGabriele announced that he will be on vacation next Friday, October 12 and that David Bentley will be Acting General Manager.

## **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 item was discussed:

# 15 Gustafson Court

David Bentley reported that the bank sale of the house at 15 Gustafson Court has again been postponed to November 26, 2012.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Director Baker, seconded by Director Rodoni and carried by those Directors present, the following item was approved on the Consent Calendar:

## AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

The Board approved the Auditor-Controller's Annual Statement of Investment Policy which is presented annually to the Board for review. There are no changes in this investment policy from that approved by the Board last year.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### TAC MEETING - OCTOBER 1, 2012

Mr. DeGabriele reported on the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of October 1, 2012. He stated that there was an update on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan wherein it was reported that \$1.37M in FEMA funding has been secured for the Santa Rosa Aqueduct Rodgers Creek Fault Crossing Retrofit and \$7.69M is pending for the Russian River-Cotati Aqueduct crossing of the Russian River and Mark West Creek.

Mr. DeGabriele stated that the Agency reported that a valve was replaced by SCWA staff on the transmission system in Santa Rosa in preparation for shut-down of the Santa Rosa Aqueduct for the Rodgers Creek Crossing project. He advised that there were presentations on the proposed five-year update on the Agency's Strategic Plan and the Water Supply Action Plan which is updated annually. He said that he disclosed to the public that the TAC is embarking on an initiative to identify where future water supply projects will occur. Mr. DeGabriele advised that the TAC is working in an ad hoc committee to evaluate all future alternate projects, and the TAC will make recommendations to the WAC at its November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. DeGabriele said that Pam Jeane provided an update on the Biological Opinion and that she stated the demonstration project at Quivira Vineyards is going quickly and the Corps of Engineers Enhancement Project just downstream of Warm Springs Dam will break ground this month.

Mr. DeGabriele reported on a subsequent meeting wherein he met with Sonoma Supervisor Efren Carrillo, SCWA General Manager Grant Davis, SCWA Deputy General Manager Pam Jeane and Sonoma County's new health officer, Dr. Lynn Silver Chalfin to discuss fluoridation. He said that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors are unanimous and strident in their desire to see the Russian River supply fluoridated and that the new health officer has been charged with this task. He stated that fluoridation of the water supply will likely come to fruition, but it needs to happen at the direction of the Board of Supervisors and the funding must come from other than the water contractors' ratepayers or taxpayers. He advised that he advocated for a solid technical plan and cost estimate developed before proceeding and that it is important that the decision and dollars be driven by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board received the following miscellaneous item: Disbursements.

The Board received the following news articles: Mendocino County Judge Tosses Out State's Frost-Protection Rules, "Right to Water" Bill Gets Governor's Signature, Marin Voice: Why Marin Chiefs Oppose State Fire Fee, New Plant Pumps Recycled Water From San Rafael to Novato, Dairy Task Force Set To Begin and Measure A Endorsement.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

President Petterle adjourned the Board into closed session at 7:43 p.m. for: In accordance with Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with Labor Negotiators; District's Designated Representatives – Chris DeGabriele and David Bentley; Employee Organization – North Marin Water District Employee Association; and

In accordance with California Government Code Section 54957 for Public Employee Performance Evaluation (One), Title: General Manager.

# **OPEN SESSION**

Upon returning to regular session at 8:05 p.m., President Petterle stated that during the closed session the Board had discussed the issues and no reportable action had been taken.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

President Petterle adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by

Renee Roberts District Secretary