



NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING
 December 2, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
 District Headquarters
 999 Rush Creek Place
 Novato, California

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Est. Time	Item	Subject
7:30 p.m.		CALL TO ORDER
	1.	REORGANIZATION OF BOARD: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of President 2. Election of Vice President 3. Establishment of Meeting Times and Place 4. Establishes the Manner of Calling Special Meetings 5. Appointment of District Officers 6. Confirm Board Meeting Schedule for 2015 7. Committee Appointments
	2.	APPROVE MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING , November 18, 2014
	3.	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
	4.	OPEN TIME: (Please observe a three-minute time limit) This section of the agenda is provided so that the public may express comments on any issues not listed on the agenda that are of interest to the public and within the jurisdiction of the North Marin Water District. When comments are made about matters not on the agenda, Board members can ask questions for clarification, respond to statements or questions from members of the public, refer a matter to staff, or direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. The public may also express comments on agenda items at the time of Board consideration.
	5.	STAFF/DIRECTORS REPORTS ACTION CALENDAR
	6.	Approve: Conditions of Employment – General Manager (Revised Resolution 95-12)
	7.	Approve: Cost Sharing for 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Update
8:00 p.m.		INFORMATION ITEMS
	8.	Adopted State Permit for Discharges of Potable Water
	9.	TAC Meeting - December 1, 2014
	10.	NBWA Meeting - December 5, 2014
	11.	MISCELLANEOUS Disbursements NMWD Safety Bravo Awards (Ortiz & Breit) Ltr. to State Senate re: Endorsement for Senator McGuire NMWD/NSD Recycled Water Subcommittee Agenda – 12/17/14

All times are approximate and for reference only.

The Board of Directors may consider an item at a different time than set forth herein.

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Est. Time	Item	Subject
8:30 p.m.	12.	<u>News Articles:</u> Novato deals with two days of rusty water Editorial: New online pension figures show need for reform Obituary: Sharon Bianchini Doughty
		<i>ADJOURNMENT</i>

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
From: Katie Young, District Secretary *KY*
Subj: Reorganization of Board of Directors in a Non-Election Year
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November 26, 2014

Following is an outline of procedures that may be followed at the December 2, 2014 meeting to meet the requirements of the County Water District Law and the California Election Code concerning organization of the Board of Directors after the election of Directors. Since there was no Board election this fall, reorganization is not required this year. However, the Board has traditionally (since 1971) reorganized every year.

The current President calls the meeting to order. He may conduct the nominations or he may instruct the Secretary to assume the Chair.


1. Nominations are received for the office of President of the Board. Directors vote on nominated candidates for President.
2. The elected President assumes the Chair and presides over the election of Vice President. Nominations are received for the office of Vice President of the Board. Directors vote on the nominated candidates for Vice President.
3. By motion, the Board establishes the time and place of holding its regular meetings: first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District office with a meeting to be held in West Marin at a place and time to be determined.
4. By motion, the Board establishes the manner of calling special meetings (under provisions of Section 54956 of the Government Code).
5. By motion, the Board appoints a General Manager, Chief Engineer, Secretary, and Auditor-Controller, and any other officers necessary and convenient to the District.
6. By motion, the Board accepts the proposed meeting dates for the upcoming calendar year with the understanding that the calendar may be adjusted as needed.
7. Board review committee appointments recommended by the President.

NMWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OFFICER ROTATION

Year	President	Vice President
2015	Jack Baker	John Schoonover
2016	John Schoonover	Steve Petterle
2017	Steve Petterle	Rick Fraites
2018	Rick Fraites	Dennis Rodoni

MEMORANDUM

November 26, 2014

To: Board of Directors
From: Katie Young, District Secretary 
Subject: Time Change for the NMWD BOD Meetings
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Recommended Action: Approve Start Time Change

Financial Impact: None

The North Marin Water District Board meetings were held at 8:00 p.m. from 1946 to 1996, when newly elected Director Dennis Rodoni motioned, and the Board agreed to have the regular Board meeting start time change from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

It is now suggested by staff that the start time of the Board meetings begin earlier. We recommend that the regular Board meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the District office, 999 Rush Creek Place, Novato, CA.

Recommendation:

Regular NMWD Board of Director meetings be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the District office, 999 Rush Creek Place, Novato, CA.

2015 SCHEDULE
NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

MONTH	DATE	TIME
January	6	7:00 p.m.
	20	7:00 p.m.
February	3	7:00 p.m.
	17	7:00 p.m.
March	3	7:00 p.m.
	17	7:00 p.m.
April	7	7:00 p.m.
	21	7:00 p.m.
May	5	7:00 p.m.
	19	7:00 p.m.
June	2	7:00 p.m.
	16	7:00 p.m.
	30 (Point Reyes)	7:00 p.m.
July	21	7:00 p.m.
August	4	7:00 p.m.
	18	7:00 p.m.
September	1	7:00 p.m.
	15	7:00 p.m.
October	6	7:00 p.m.
	20	7:00 p.m.
November	3	7:00 p.m.
	17	7:00 p.m.
December	1	7:00 p.m.
	15	7:00 p.m.

All Board meetings are typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at the District's headquarters, 999 Rush Creek Place, Novato, except one meeting to be scheduled in West Marin (and any others on an 'as-needed' basis).

If you would like information regarding agenda items, please contact District Secretary Katie Young at (415) 897-4133.

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NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COMMITTEES/ASSOCIATION ASSIGNMENTS
2015

<u>Committee</u>	<u>NMWD Representative(s)/Alternate</u>
<u>North Bay Watershed Association</u> 1 meeting per month – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Petaluma / Novato	Rick Fraités /Jack Baker
<u>Public Policy Facilitating Committee</u> (Russian River Biological Assessment/Opinion) 1 meeting per quarter – Friday 9:00 a.m. – Noon Santa Rosa/Ukiah	Steve Petterle/Dennis Rodoni
<u>Water Advisory Committee</u> 1 meeting per quarter – Monday 9:00 a.m. – Noon Santa Rosa	Dennis Rodoni/Jack Baker
<u>Novato Watershed Program Policy Advisory Committee</u> To be determined	Jack Baker/Rick Fraités
<u>North Bay Water Reuse Authority</u> 1 meeting per quarter – Monday 9:30 a.m. Novato Sanitary District Monday, 1/26 Monday, 3/23 Monday, 4/27 Monday, 6/22 TBD	John Schoonover/Jack Baker
<u>Recycled Water Subcommittee</u> As needed	John Schoonover/Jack Baker

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1 Horse Valley Tank overflow which occurred in May. He stated that the discussions are confidential
2 but hopefully the District's goals can be met to reasonably fulfill the requirements.

3 U.S. Coast Guard Housing

4 Mr. DeGabriele advised the Board that he reviewed the bill language that Congressman
5 Huffman and Senator Boxer are proposing for the U.S. Coast Guard Housing Facility sale and
6 provided his concerns to Congressman Huffman's aide about the language that stated that the
7 property would revert back to the Coast Guard if it was no longer used for affordable housing.

8 Lifting of Curtailment

9 Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that the diversion curtailment in the Russian River
10 Watershed has been lifted due to water demands diminishing and the less likelihood of impact from
11 direct diversions. He stated that the state wanted to lift the curtailment so the ranchers and farmers
12 can fill their off-stream storage ponds to be ready for next season.

13 OPEN TIME

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

16 STAFF/DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

19 Mr. McIntyre informed the Board that the evaluation of the Stafford Treatment Plant
20 Transmission Pipeline will begin tomorrow. He stated that an outside firm will be launching an
21 acoustical and video monitor in the pipeline to view the pipe and listen for leaks. He noted that the
22 District's construction crew will be assisting with traffic control and pipeline location. Mr. McIntyre
23 stated that a demonstration will be set up Friday the 21st from 1-2 p.m. at DogBone Park on Novato
24 Blvd. He noted that outreach was made to other local agencies and Novato Sanitary, Marin
25 Municipal Water District and City of Napa will be joining the demonstration. Mr. McIntyre informed
26 the Board that the project will run through the weekend and hopefully be completed no later than
27 Monday morning.

28 Director Schoonover asked what the total cost of the project was. Mr. McIntyre stated that it
29 would be \$130K for the project and approximately \$50K for the construction crew's time. He noted
30 that the project has a not-to-exceed-limit of \$200K.

31 Director Baker asked about the acoustics and if the project would be completed with a dry
32 pipeline. Mr. McIntyre stated that the water will be flowing and the device will be tethered to a cable

1 that moves through the water. He noted that the acoustics will be able to detect any leaks through
2 high frequency noises.

3 Pablo Ramudo, Water Quality Supervisor, advised the Board that because of the Stafford
4 Treatment Plant pipeline investigation project, the reverse flow in the water mains caused sediments
5 to stir up and dirty water complaints in downtown Novato. He stated that staff received approximately
6 25 complaints in the Zone 1 area near Novato High School and the Presidents Area.

7 Director Fraites provided a copy of an article from an Audubon magazine regarding lawn
8 removal and what items to replace the lawn with. He stated that the article suggests replacing lawn
9 with native plants and oak trees to attract native birds and insects. He advised the Board that he
10 spoke with Ryan Grisso, Water Conservation Coordinator, about implementing this into the District's
11 Regulations as a positive outcome for the removal of lawn.

12 Mr. DeGabriele advised the Board that staff is starting to review all of the District's
13 Regulations in-house and will bring the Regulations to the Board for review and Regulation 15 –
14 Water Conservation is appropriate to consider the Audubon suggestions.

15 Katie Young reminded the Board about the District Holiday Party on December 6th at the
16 Petaluma Elks Lodge from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. and provided the Board members with a final copy of
17 the FY2013/14 Annual Report and new updated Board Policy binders.

18 President Rodoni stated that he and Mr. DeGabriele attended the Sonoma County Water
19 District's Water Education Center Groundbreaking ceremony and received a tour of the fish ladder
20 construction project.

21 **MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

22 Mr. DeGabriele provided the Board with the Monthly Progress Report for October. He stated
23 that water production in Novato and West Marin is down significantly compared to last year and that
24 Stafford Lake is at its lowest level. He stated that the total amount of rainfall at the end of October
25 was 1.4". Mr. DeGabriele advised the Board that in Oceana Marin, the freeboard at the treatment
26 and storage ponds are in good shape and ready for a big storm to fill the ponds. He informed the
27 Board that good safety performance continues and he thanked Robert Clark for his work as the
28 Safety Director and all of the staff for practicing good safety. Mr. DeGabriele stated that the water
29 conservation rebates are higher than last fiscal year and the Cash for Grass, Water Smart Home
30 Survey and Toilet Rebates have had a lot of participation. He noted that in the Summary of
31 Complaints and Service Orders, complaints are up 35% for the month due to an increase in service
32 leaks and service leaks on the consumer side.

1 Mr. Bentley provided the Board with the Monthly Report of Investments and stated that at the
2 end of October the District has a cash balance of \$14.1M and the weighted average portfolio is
3 earning 0.48%.

4 **ACTION CALENDAR**

5 **AEEP REACHES A-D/MSN B3 PROJECT: APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY**
6 **CEILING INCREASE**

7 Drew McIntyre reminded the Board of the contract awarded to Ghilotti Construction
8 Company for \$12,275, 517 for construction of the AEEP Reaches A-D/MSN B3 project. He noted
9 that the Board also authorized a contingency of \$615,000 (5% of the contract value). He advised the
10 Board that there has been approximately 35 change orders processed so far and he is
11 recommending a change to the ceiling of the contingency amount. He stated that with various
12 anticipated change orders the amount will be over the allotted 5% and recommends the contingency
13 level be raised to 10%. Mr. McIntyre informed the Board that the bulk of the anticipated change
14 orders are associated with work that will be funded primarily by CalTrans and are due to increased
15 costs associated with delayed construction work on other related project elements.

16 Director Baker asked if the District has a good relationship with CalTrans and if the
17 increased costs of the project are going smoothly. Mr. McIntyre responded that overall the project
18 has gone smoothly but from an administrative stand point, Construction Manager Ken Sinclair has
19 made sure there has been a paper trail documenting of every individual change order along with the
20 funding percentages.

21 President Rodoni asked if the change order requests made by CalTrans but run through the
22 District, does the District get to add on cost of staff's time? Mr. McIntyre stated that staff is charging
23 time when there is a change order.

24 On motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Baker and unanimously carried, the
25 Board approved a construction contingency cost ceiling increase from \$615,000 to \$1,230,000.

26 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

27 **GALLAGHER WELL PIPELINE PROJECT – FINAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

28 Carmela Chandrasekera provided the Board with a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the
29 completion of the Gallagher Well Pipeline Project. She stated that the project constructed by Team
30 Ghilotti, of Petaluma, includes a 5,200 lineal feet of 12" pipe and the steel pipeline bridge crossing at
31 the Gallagher Ranch. She advised the Board that the project is entirely funded by Safe Drinking
32 Water Grants, at \$1.486M and that Team Ghilotti's contract is \$1.039M. Ms. Chandrasekera
33 provided several photographs of the project work for the Board.

1 Director Baker asked if the County has signed off on the paving restoration. Tony Arendell
2 stated that he has a good relationship with Larry Lewis at the County and stated that he was very
3 happy with the Gallagher Well Pipeline Project. Ms. Chandrasekera advised the Board that staff
4 took precautions and had Team Ghilotti take pre-construction pictures and made sure Mr. Lewis
5 was involved in the project. She noted that before the project started there was discussion about the
6 different thickness of the paving with the County and agreement to replace 6" thickness.

7 The Board was very complimentary of the contractor and District staff, especially on traffic
8 control and congratulated staff on the project completion.

9 **FIRST QUARTER FY 14/15 – WATER QUALITY REPORT**

10 Pablo Ramudo, Water Quality Supervisor, provided the Board with the First Quarter FY14/15
11 Water Quality Report. He advised the Board that all of the water served to the Novato and West
12 Marin communities met federal and state primary and secondary water quality standards. He stated
13 that the Stafford Lake water was used as a source of drinking water until September 16th and that
14 algae from the raw water was enumerated and were low for this time of year.

15 Mr. Ramudo advised the Board that the water quality expert the District had contracted, Mike
16 McGuire, to help provide taste and odor strategies had to resign due to family issues. He noted that
17 Mr. McGuire had already started compiling data and that the District is going to contract with another
18 well respected consultant, SRT, to finish the work.

19 Mr. Ramudo stated that Stafford Treatment Plant had great performance in the quarter,
20 having total organic carbon removal above the 35% requirement of the Enhanced Surface Water
21 Treatment Rule and the majority of the TOC removal was accomplished through optimized
22 coagulation and filtration. He stated that of the 243 samples collected for compliance with the Total
23 Coliform Rule in Novato, there were no positive samples and the chlorine residual concentrations
24 were good throughout the system.

25 Mr. Ramudo stated that in Pt. Reyes the water quality parameters affected by salt water
26 increased due to salinity intrusion and the sodium ranged from 29-65mg/L. He informed the Board
27 that the bromide ranged from 0.10-0.89mg/L. He advised the Board that treatment was optimal
28 throughout the quarter and iron and manganese removal was excellent; neither of the metals were
29 detected in the treated water. Mr. Ramudo stated that of 24 samples collected for routine monitoring
30 none were positive for coliform bacteria.

31 Mr. Ramudo stated that the Deer Island Recycled Water Facility operated a few days in the
32 quarter while the Davidson Street Plant was inactive and all samples were absent of coliform
33 positives.

1 Mr. Ramudo reminded the Board that with the exceedance of lead in Pt. Reyes there were a
2 number of steps the District had to take to stay in compliance with the rule, one being to issue an
3 education letter instructing customers how to reduce the lead intake. He stated there was a good
4 response from customers and there have only been 20 requests to do additional sampling.

5 Director Baker asked if customers whom requested additional sampling had health issues.
6 Mr. Ramudo stated that no health effects have been reported to the District.

7 **OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE – FIRST QUARTER 2014/15 UPDATE**

8 Robert Clark, Operations/Maintenance Supervisor, provided the Board with the first quarter
9 FY14/15 report for the Operations/Maintenance Department. He informed the Board that the District
10 performs hearing test for those employees who work in noisy areas such as construction and
11 maintenance. He stated that only two employees have impaired hearing which was caused when
12 they were younger. Mr. Clark complimented staff on utilizing personal protective equipment,
13 especially hearing protection and advised the Board that recent hearing tests show no change from
14 baseline levels for tested employees.

15 Director Schoonover asked how often the District tests employees and if there have been
16 changes in employees hearing. Mr. Clark responded once a year and there have not been any
17 significant changes in employees hearing since the base year of testing.

18 Mr. Clark advised the Board that in the maintenance department, staff tries to remain below
19 20% for unplanned repairs and this last quarter they were at 6%.

20 **NBWRA UPDATE – OCTOBER 27, 2014**

21 Mr. McIntyre provided the Board with a North Bay Water Reuse Authority update from the
22 October 27th meeting. He noted that Director Schoonover and Director Baker were both in
23 attendance at the meeting. Mr. McIntyre stated that the budget is on track and that Phase 1 member
24 agencies have spent approximately 73% of the \$25M grant funds and that four agencies still have
25 projects to be completed. He stated that Napa Sanitary District, Sonoma Valley, Novato Sanitary
26 District and North Marin Water all have funds still available. He noted that some of the agencies will
27 not need the grant funding and that the remaining four agencies will meet to reallocate the
28 remaining funds. Mr. McIntyre stated that it was good news for the District as it could have potential
29 to get grant funding for the extension of Recycled Water to the Ignacio service area. He noted that
30 all projects must be completed by 2018 for the grant funding.

31 Mr. McIntyre advised the Board that the NBWRA Board did unanimously approve a
32 resolution supporting Proposition 1.

1 **MISCELLANEOUS**

2 The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements, Mandated Cost
3 Reimbursement, Update- Bill Payment Options, Ltr. to City Manager Michael Frank, Ltr. to
4 Superintendent Cunningham and Salinity Notices (11/06).

5 The Board also received the following news articles: Healdsburg voters support fluoride,
6 Keeping tabs on North Coast's water use, Making Chemistry Green, Point Reyes hails affordable
7 housing plan, Novato schools superintendent to retire in June, and Huffman bill paves way for
8 affordable housing in Point Reyes.

9 The Board received the following miscellaneous item at the Board meeting: NMWD Safety
10 Bravo (Kurfirst), Lifting of Curtailments in the Russian River Watershed, and Salinity Notice (11/11).
11 The Board also received the following news articles: Huffman bill would force Coast Guard to sell to
12 County, Feature: in the pipeline?, CLAM moves closer to acquiring affordable housing, and Marin's
13 rainy season off to a sluggish start, but wet weather could come this week.

14 **CLOSED SESSION**

15 President Rodoni adjourned the Board into closed session at 8:40 p.m. in accordance with
16 Government Code Section 54957 for Public Employee Performance Evaluation (One), Title: General
17 Manager.

18 **OPEN SESSION**

19 Upon returning to regular session at 8:58 p.m., President Rodoni stated that during the
20 closed session the Board had discussed the issue and no reportable action had been taken.

21 **ADJOURNMENT**

22 President Rodoni adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

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Katie Young
District Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors November 26, 2014
From: Dennis Rodoni, Board President
Subject: Conditions of Employment – General Manager (Revised Resolution 95-12)
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Revised Resolution 95-12 – Conditions of Employment
– General Manager
FINANCIAL IMPACT: +\$14,060/year salary + \$2,889/year benefits

The Board has recently met to discuss the General Manager's performance review and "Conditions of Employment." The Board recognizes the General Managers most recent salary increase was in May 2013 and desires to authorize a salary increase in the amount of \$14,060/year consistent with increases conveyed to the NMWD employees on October 1, 2013 and October 1, 2014. The revised resolution reflects said increase.

Recommendation:

Board authorize Revised Resolution No. 95-12, North Marin Water District Conditions of Employment – General Manager.

Revised
RESOLUTION No. 95-12
OF
THE NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT - GENERAL MANAGER

WHEREAS: Chris D. DeGabriele was appointed General Manager/Chief Engineer of the District by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors on March 21, 1995; and

WHEREAS: Mr. DeGabriele's appointment as General Manager/Chief Engineer became effective on May 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS: Effective October 12, 1998, with the District's hiring of a Chief Engineer, Mr. DeGabriele's appointment was revised as General Manager; and effective December 1, 2014~~May 15, 2013~~ the following provisions apply:

WHEREAS: Mr. DeGabriele serves at the pleasure of the Board and shall:

- a. Have full charge and control of the maintenance, operation and construction of the water and wastewater systems of the District,
- b. Have full power and authority to employ and discharge all employees at pleasure (excluding the District Secretary, Auditor and Chief Engineer),
- c. Have full power to determine the duties of employees,
- d. Set the compensation of employees subject to Board policy,
- e. Represent the District at various public entities/private groups and perform other duties imposed by the Board, and
- f. Report to the Board in accordance with Board policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the conditions of Mr. DeGabriele's employment, remuneration and benefits are:

1. Annual salary of ~~\$180,465~~194,225 per year to be paid in semi-monthly installments. Said salary shall be reviewed annually.

2. Reimbursement of business or business related mileage incurred on privately owned vehicle at the normal rate per mile authorized by the District plus payment by District of \$338 per month. General Manager's use of privately owned vehicle is for the convenience of the District and required as a condition of employment. General Manager shall maintain in force liability insurance on private vehicle of not less than \$300,000 for one individual and \$500,000 for two or more individuals.

3. Reimbursement of all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the conduct or furtherance of District business and affairs.

4. Other benefits as are from time to time afforded all District unrepresented employees with the exception of overtime compensation. Except for vacation, such benefits, which are a function of time in service, shall be calculated from the date first employed by the District. For vacation eligibility purposes, the General Manager shall be credited with five additional vacation days annually.

5. The right to reside in any area within the District territorial boundaries.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly and

regularly adopted/amended by the Board of Directors of NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT at a regular meeting of said Board held on the ~~twenty first day of May 2013~~second day of December 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Katie Young, District Secretary
North Marin Water District

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NMWD Survey of Utility Manager/Public Works Director Salaries
Sorted by Annual Salary

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Agency	Title	Staff Size	Annual Salary	Total Comp. incl. Benefits	# years of service as GM
1 Alameda Co Water	General Manager	232	\$265,732	\$310,230	4 years
2 Contra Costa Water	General Manager	299	\$253,302	\$392,619	4 years
3 Marin Municipal	General Manager	240	\$219,492		1 year
4 Sonoma Co (SCWA)	General Manager	194	\$213,805		4 years
5 Central Marin San	General Manager	41	\$207,862	\$312,000	20 years
6 Las Gallinas San	District Manager	19	\$201,267	\$266,000	8 years
7 Novato Sanitary	District Mgr/Engineer	22	\$184,140	\$260,165	1 year
8 North Marin Water	General Manager	50	\$180,168	\$259,726	19 years
9 City of Napa	Public Works Director	120	\$169,092		6 years
10 City of Vallejo	Public Works Director		\$165,325		
11 City of Santa Rosa	Director of Utilities	240	\$165,000	\$210,951	1.5 years
12 City of Novato	Public Works Director	6	\$158,832	\$212,684	
13 City of Petaluma	Dir of Water Resources	108	\$147,149		2 years
	Average (excluding NMWD)		\$197,153	\$278,047	
	Median (excluding NMWD)		\$192,704	\$263,083	

Additional Benefits

- 1 ACWD provides \$600/mo auto allowance
- 2 CCWD provides \$475/mo auto allow, 110 hours of administrative leave
- 3 MMWD provides \$400/mo auto allowance plus 40 hrs administrative leave and possibility of bonus
- 4 SCWA provides a vehicle.
- 5 CMSD provides a vehicle and 80 hours of administrative leave.
- 6 LGVSD provides a vehicle, plus 80 hrs/yr administrative leave
- 7 NSD provides vehicle; 80 hrs/yr administrative leave
- 8 NMWD provides \$338/mo auto allowance . Last increase 05/16/13
- 9 Napa provides \$375/mo auto allowance plus 13 administrative leave days/yr (50% cash-out); cash-out of 2 weeks vacation; plus \$3,600/yr def comp contribution.
- 10 Vallejo provides \$300/mo auto allowance
- 11 Santa Rosa provides vehicle OR \$250/month auto allowance; 80 hrs administrative leave
- 12 Novato annual cash-out of both administrative leave in excess of 270 hours.
- 13 Petaluma provides a vehicle and 80 hours per year of administrative leave

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
 From: Chris DeGabriele, General Manager 
 Subject: Cost Sharing for 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Update
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize General Manager to enter into Letter Agreement with the City of Santa Rosa to fund consulting services for preparation of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Water Demand Analysis and Water Conservation Measures Update

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$23,753 plus \$2,375 contingency in FY 14/15 Budget

Section 2.7 of the Restructured Agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency states: "The Agency shall periodically prepare a draft regional Urban Water Management Plan pursuant to the Water Code for consideration by the water contractors." The next Urban Water Management Plan (2015) is due for submittal to the Department of Water Resources by June 30, 2016.¹

Again, as was done in 2010, the Water Contractors have banded together to enlist Maddaus Water Management to update the Water Demand Analysis and Water Conservation Measures for the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. The City of Santa Rosa has agreed to be the project manager and contracting entity for the Maddaus work.

A Letter Agreement between the City of Santa Rosa and the participating Water Contractors to share the cost of the contract with Maddaus Water Management is attached. For North Marin the cost share for the work is \$23,753. The Board is requested to authorize the General Manager to execute the Letter Agreement with Santa Rosa.

The Maddaus analysis will only provide the District with an updated water demand and updated estimate of water conservation savings consistent with methodology used by all of the other contractors. Once the demand and water conservation information is available, the District will complete its own Urban Water Management Plan with input from SCWA. Any final Urban Water Management Plan will be reviewed by District staff and our legal counsel prior to request for Board adoption.

Recommendation:

Board authorize General Manager to execute a Letter Agreement with the City of Santa Rosa

¹ SB7X-7 requires per capita target reporting through December 31, 2015. AB2067, signed by the Governor, permits an extension to June 30, 2011 for submittal of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan to DWR.

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to share cost of the Maddaus Water Management work to update Water Demand and Water Conservation Analysis for the 2015 UWMP in the amount of \$23,753 with a 10% contingency (\$2,375).

Exhibit B

2015 UWMP Demand Analysis and Water Conservation Measures Update Work Cost Split

Estimated Total Cost	\$	194,595
Total w/ 10% Contingency	\$	214,055
50% Equal Share	\$	10,811
50% Equal Share with Contingency	\$	11,892

Contractor	No. Services (October 2014)	50% Prorated Share Based on No. Svcs	Total Contractor Cost (50% equal + 50% Prorated)	Total with Contingency
Santa Rosa	52,853	\$ 27,469	\$ 38,280	\$ 42,108
Rohnert Park	8,994	\$ 4,674	\$ 15,485	\$ 17,034
Cotati	2,579	\$ 1,340	\$ 12,151	\$ 13,366
VOMWD	6,901	\$ 3,587	\$ 14,398	\$ 15,837
Sonoma	4,206	\$ 2,186	\$ 12,997	\$ 14,297
Petaluma	20,222	\$ 10,510	\$ 21,321	\$ 23,453
MMWD	61,575	\$ 32,003	\$ 42,813	\$ 47,095
NMWD	20,747	\$ 10,783	\$ 21,594	\$ 23,753
Windsor	9,130	\$ 4,745	\$ 15,556	\$ 17,112
Total	187,207	\$ 97,298	\$ 194,595	\$ 214,055

Letter Agreement

Letter Agreement
Between and Among City of Santa Rosa
And
Cities of Rohnert Park, Petaluma, Sonoma, Cotati, Town of Windsor
And
Marin Municipal Water District, North Marin Water District and Valley of the Moon Water District
For
Funding Consulting Services for Preparation of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan
Water Demand Analysis and Water Conservation Measures Update

1. General

The City of Santa Rosa and other Parties to this Letter Agreement (Cities of Rohnert Park, Petaluma, Sonoma, Cotati, Town of Windsor and Marin Municipal, North Marin and Valley of the Moon Water Districts) cooperatively prepared the Scope of Work for Consulting Services for Preparation of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Water Demand Analysis and Water Conservation Measures Update. The City of Santa Rosa has agreed to contract with Maddaus Water Management Inc. ("Maddaus") for this work. The Parties now desire to establish a cost sharing arrangement whereby the Parties will jointly fund the work administered by the City of Santa Rosa.

2. Agreement for Professional Services and Scope of Work

The Agreement for Professional Services with Maddaus for Preparation of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Water Demand Analysis and Water Conservation Measures Update ("Services Agreement") including the collectively prepared Scope of Work is attached as Exhibit A to this Letter Agreement and establishes the work to be undertaken by Maddaus and administered by the City of Santa Rosa.

3. Cost Share

The Parties agree that the cost of the work performed under the Services Agreement shall be shared fifty percent (50%) on an equal basis and fifty percent (50%) on a pro-rated

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basis based on the number of water service connections existing in each Party's service territory as of October 2014 (collectively "Cost Share"). Said Cost Share for each Party is shown on Exhibit B attached to this Letter Agreement, and incorporated by this reference.

4. Cost for Increase Scope of Work

No increased scope of work shall be authorized under the Services Agreement without the consent of all Parties to this Letter Agreement, and any cost for said increased scope of work shall be shared among the Parties in the same manner as described in Section 3 in this Letter Agreement.

5. Payment

Payment to the City of Santa Rosa by each Party pursuant to the Cost Share identified in Section 3 shall be made as follows:

1. Fifty percent (50%) of Cost Share made within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice from City of Santa Rosa subsequent to Maddaus executing the Services Agreement.
2. Remainder payment within thirty (30) days upon receipt of invoice subsequent to Maddaus completing the work (anticipated to be on July 15, 2015). Payments shall be made to City of Santa Rosa, Attention: Rocky Vogler, 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

6. Miscellaneous

The Parties agree to execute this Letter Agreement by January 31, 2015, which shall be the effective date of this Letter Agreement. If all Parties have not executed this Letter Agreement by said date, the Parties who have executed this Letter Agreement agree that the cost share will be recalculated among participating Parties as described in Section 3 and the Services Agreement will be amended to only include participating parties. The City of Santa Rosa will notify each Party of the recalculated cost share in writing.

7. Letter Agreement Authorization

Letter Agreement

This Letter Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties and supersedes all negotiations or previous agreements between the parties with respect to all or any part of the transaction discussed in this Letter Agreement. This Letter Agreement may be signed in counterparts. By signing below, the Parties signify authorization to enter into this Letter Agreement.

David Guhin
City of Santa Rosa

Date

Darrin Jenkins
City of Rohnert Park

Date

John Brown
City of Petaluma

Date

Carol Giovanatto
City of Sonoma

Date

Damien O'Bid
City of Cotati

Date

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Linda Kelly
Town of Windsor

Date

Krishna Kumar
Marin Municipal Water District

Date

Chris DeGabriele
North Marin Water District

Date

Dan Muelrath
Valley of the Moon Water District

Date

Attachments: Exhibit A – Services Agreement
Exhibit B – Cost Share

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
 From: Pablo Ramudo, Water Quality Supervisor *PR*
 Subject: Adopted State Permit for Discharges of Potable Water
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November 26, 2014

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information only.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$2200 annual permit fees + Cost of implementing BMPs, keeping records, and reporting annually (TBD)

State Water Resources Control Board General Permit

On November 18th the California State Water Resources Control Board adopted a statewide general permit for discharges of potable water from community water systems. The adoption of this permit seems to end the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's push for a similar permit that would separately cover water systems in the San Francisco Bay Region.

The statewide permit covers all of NMWD's activities that would result in a discharge from the transmission and distribution systems in both the Novato system and the Point Reyes system as well as some discharges from treatment facilities and groundwater wells. The permit requires some chemical and physical monitoring of discharges under certain conditions. The permit also requires the use of best management practices (**BMPs**) for control of erosion and sedimentation, and dechlorination of discharge water before entering natural receiving waters.

Types of Covered Discharges

Distribution system discharges that are covered under this permit include planned discharges for system maintenance such as flushing, hydrant testing, meter testing, and water main installation, cleaning and testing. Also covered are unplanned discharges due to system failures and emergencies such as main breaks, tank overflows, and operation errors.

Discharges from groundwater wells for flushing, development, rehabilitation, and testing are covered. Discharges from water treatment plant operations are covered except for "filter backwash that is discharged to a water of the US". Some clarification on this last point will be necessary to see how the permit is applied to operations at Point Reyes Treatment Plant concerning backwashes and filter-to-waste.

Permit Requirements

To obtain coverage under the permit we will need to submit a Notice of Intent along with an application fee, and an application package that includes:

- A site schematic for each system showing the general location of our facilities, points of discharge and identification of the water system that discharges within a 300 foot distance to receiving waters.

- Names of all named receiving waters such as creeks ponds and bays.
- A description of multiple uses or beneficial reuse that water may serve as an alternative to discharge (such as irrigation or groundwater recharge.)
- Any reasons the discharge water cannot be utilized for multiple uses or beneficial reuse.

Once coverage is obtained NMWD will need to maintain a comprehensive Best Management Practices Plan that ensures:

- Discharges are fully dechlorinated prior to entering receiving waters either by addition of dechlorinating chemicals or through natural dissipation.
- Prevention of riparian erosion and hydromodification by using flow dissipation and erosion controls such as straw wattles, sediment bags, and check dams.
- Sediment discharges, turbidity and color impacts are minimized.

BMPs will be used for all planned discharges and as soon as feasible for unplanned discharges.

NMWD will need to implement a quality assurance and quality control protocol to assure that BMPs, and monitoring and reporting are effective and in compliance with the permit. This will include training personnel, record keeping and periodic review.

Monitoring and reporting under the permit is fairly moderate but there are several discharge scenarios with different requirements. A matrix chart showing monitoring requirements will be included in NMWD's BMP plan to allow staff to determine the monitoring requirements and frequency for planned discharges. Although no chemical monitoring is required for unplanned discharges there are other reporting requirements if NMWD becomes aware of adverse impacts resulting from an emergency discharge.

Effective Dates of Permit and Schedule of Compliance

The effective date of the permit is February 26, 2015. Applications for coverage must be received by the State Board between February 26th and September 1, 2015. The permit is required for the Novato System based on the number of connections but not for the Point Reyes system. Coverage for our activities that result in discharges from both systems would seem to be preferred from our perspective in order to minimize financial liability. The State Board as well as the Regional Board have expressed that they see elective coverage for small systems to be positive for beneficial uses. NMWD can apply for both systems together without paying additional fees. The annual permit fee for 2014-2015 is \$2062 plus the application fee of \$100.

NMWD staff have already begun taking steps to develop a comprehensive BMP plan so we will most likely apply for coverage as soon as the application requirements can be met, likely before the end of fiscal year.

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FOR ACCESSIBLE
MEETING INFORMATION
CALL: (707) 543-3350
ADD: (707) 543-3031



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

9:00AM

Utilities Field Operations Training Center
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA

1. Check In
2. Public Comment
3. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order (including report on Water Conservation)
4. Biological Opinion Status Update
5. Items for next agenda
6. Check Out



Russian River Biological Opinion Update – December 2014

The Sonoma County Water Agency is continually planning and implementing the Russian River Biological Opinion requirements. The following project updates provide a brief synopsis of current work. For more detailed information about these activities, please visit www.sonomacountywater.org.

Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement and Demonstration Project

- Hanford Applied Restoration & Conservation, out of Sonoma, has completed construction. Over the coming months, Water Agency crews will be revegetating the disturbed areas of the project site with thousands of native trees, shrubs and grasses.
- Site identification, outreach to landowners, preliminary environmental studies and topographic surveys are underway for the second and third miles of habitat enhancement. Two firms, Interfluve and ESA PWA, are designing the second and third miles of habitat enhancement. Ten-percent designs have been completed and presented to the property owners for feedback. Each design consultant has been given over 1.25 miles of habitat enhancements to advance to 30% design.
- The Water Agency signed a memorandum of understanding with the US Army Corps of Engineers for a Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) project that should allow the Corps to contribute funding for a portion of the mile 2-3 phase of Dry Creek Habitat enhancement.

Fish Monitoring

Traps are checked daily. Water Agency biologists are gathering information about adult salmon and steelhead as they return to spawn in the Russian River. Water Agency staff are regularly consulting with the National Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the status of the migration and plans for reservoir releases. With the inflatable dam down during the Mirabel Fish Passage Improvement Project construction, the return of adult fish are being monitored in Dry Creek and at the Healdsburg Dam fish ladder using video and sonar technology. With the river mouth closed, returns have been low, although several fish were counted following the November 17 estuary breaching. To date, about 400 Chinook have been counted.

Mirabel Screen and Fish Ladder Replacement

Construction of the Mirabel Fish Passage Improvement Project is underway. Installation of the dewatering wells is complete, tieback installation and site excavation is ongoing, and demolition of existing structure is anticipated in two weeks. A tour of the site was offered to WAC and TAC members in mid-November. Nine representatives of the WAC/TAC attended.

Russian River Estuary Management Project

- The 2014 Lagoon Management Period ended on October 15. Since September 18, when the river mouth closed, the mouth has been open for four days: From October 22 (when it was breached by Water Agency staff) to October 24 and from November 17 (breached by staff) to November 19. As of November 25, the mouth remained closed with water levels rising slowly. Downstream migrant fish

sampling is underway at Austin Creek and with an antenna at Duncans Mills that can read passive integrated transponders (PIT) tags. Monthly baseline monitoring of seals and other pinnipeds is ongoing.

- Field investigations of the jetty continue. Work was conducted in early March, including the installation of monitoring wells, and resumed during the summer. The purpose of the studies is to determine if and how the jetty impacts the formation of the barrier beach and lagoon water surface elevation.

Fish Flow Project

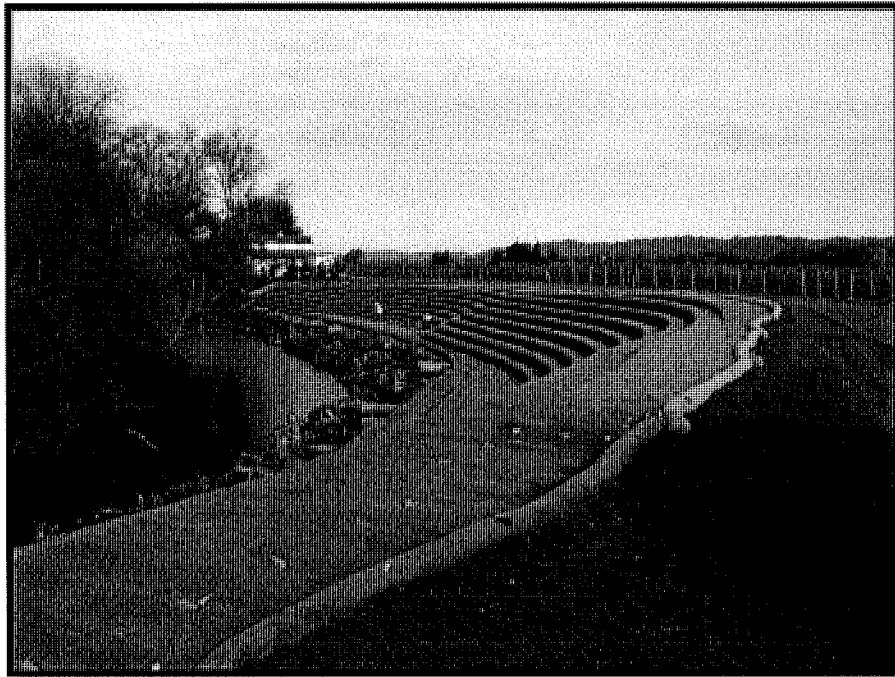
Work is occurring internally on the preparation of the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Fish Habitat Flows and Water Rights Project. The EIR is being prepared by Water Agency staff, with assistance from consultants on some areas of impact analysis. A draft EIR is anticipated to be released Summer 2015.

Interim Flow Changes

On August 25, the State Water Resources Control Board issued a new order, allowing minimum flows to be reduced to 50 cfs in the upper river and 60 cfs in the lower river (minimum flows are based on a five day running average). The Water Agency and the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District requested these changes to preserve water in Lake Mendocino for water supply and for the fall Chinook run. Due to the drought, this is the third TUC issued since December 2013. The Water Agency staff consult regularly with resource agencies and upper river users regarding Lake Mendocino conditions.

Public Outreach, Reporting & Legislation

- The Water Agency continues to work with contractors through the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership on an ad campaign messaging: There's a Drought on. Turn the Water Off.
- A tour of the Mirabel Fish Passage Improvement Project took place on November 14.
- Tours of the Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement project are scheduled for WAC/TAC members on February 5th (1:00--5:00 p.m.) and February 20 (8 a.m. – noon).



Completed bank stabilization, Dry Creek Demonstration Project, November 2014

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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF
NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association will be held as follows:

Date: Friday, December 5, 2014
 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Location: Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Center
 320 N. McDowell Boulevard
 Conference Room 2
 Petaluma, CA 94954

AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
1. Call to Order (Jack Gibson, Chair)	
2. Public Comment	
3. Approval of the Agenda (1 min.)	Approve
4. Approval of Minutes	Approve
5. Treasurer's Report (1 min.)	Accept
6. LandSmart Workshops Project Update (45 min.) Guest Speaker: Leigh Sharp, Napa County RCD	Information
7. STRAW Restoration Project on MMWD Land (45 min.) Guest Speaker: Laurette Rogers, Point Blue	Information
8. Items of Interest	
9. Items for Next Agenda	

Next Meeting Information:

Next Meeting: January 9, 2015

Marin Community Foundation
 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200
 Redwood Room
 Novato, CA 94949

NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) Board of Directors.

Date: November 7, 2014
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Novato Sanitary District
500 Davidson Street
Novato, CA 94945

Directors Present: Directors present included:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>
Judy Arnold	County of Marin	Rick Fraitcs	North Marin Water District
Steve Barbose	City of Sonoma and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
Keith Caldwell	Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Pamela Meigs	Ross Valley Sanitary District
Frank Egger	Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Brant Miller	Novato Sanitary District
		Judy Schriebman	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
		Pamela Tuft	City of Petaluma

Directors present represented 11 out of the 16 agencies signatory to the Association MOU.

Board Actions:

1. **Call to Order.** Jack Gibson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** None.
3. **Approval of the Agenda.** (See Handout) The Board unanimously approved the agenda.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held October 3, 2014.** (See Handout) The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 3, 2014 were unanimously approved, with abstentions by Judy Arnold, Steve Barbose, Keith Caldwell, Frank Egger and Judy Schriebman.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** (See Handout) The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Jack Gibson. Harry Seraydarian noted a \$500 contribution (cost share) each from City of Benicia and County of Solano for the PEAIIP Stormwater Project.
6. **North Bay TMDL Progress Updates.** Kari Wester, Project Manager, Sonoma RCD, began the presentations with a PowerPoint entitled "Implementing Sediment and Pathogen TMDLs in Southern Sonoma County." Kari provided an overview of the original project tasks and then focused on the implementation project. She provided a map and described the seasonal tributary to Sonoma Creek near Schellville draining about .3 square miles. Kari described how the creek had been straightened and deepened over the years and had become a 400 foot gully with estimated erosion of 41 cubic feet/year. She presented some pre-implementation photos and then described the objectives to realign the creek and re-establish sinuosity while restoring the natural gradient and floodplain function. While working with the landowner the RCD was able to obtain all the necessary permits and complete the earthwork and install erosion control this year. Kari then presented the questions to be answered in the monitoring program and the elements of the QAPP – Was erosion reduced? (surveys)? Was floodplain function restored? (high water marks)? Was the project implemented as planned? (photo monitoring). Kari then described the efforts on the other tasks such as the conditional grazing waiver, conditional vineyard waiver (including LandSmart efforts) and regional capacity building (including – Slow it. Spread it. Sink It.) Kari ended with a summary of next steps: planting in winter 2014; post monitoring through spring 2015; and a site tour in spring 2015. The NBWA Board Members had several questions. What is a QAPP? (Quality Assurance Project Plan.) Given BCDC efforts should we get sediment to wetlands to anticipate sea level rise? (Not familiar with BCDC reports.) Is Marin part of LandSmart? (Yes, working with Marin RCD on carbon project.) Were TMDLs developed for San Pablo Bay and how does the process work? (RWQCB develops TMDLs and implements through NPDES permits and Waste Discharge Requirements.)

Mark Newhouser, Sonoma Ecology Center, presented a PowerPoint entitled "Sonoma Ecology Center TMDL Implementation Final Project Briefing" and acknowledged support from MMWD and NBWA. Mark summarized the components of the major project tasks: Project Management, QAPP Development, Permitting, and Implementing the Sediment TMDL. He then described the site prioritization process based on sediment loading and best restoration opportunities. Mark then explained charts showing property sites and planting efforts and described the approach to estimating sediment loading reduction and the estimated savings from revetment efforts. He also provided a number of photos with examples of swales, detention basins, and revetments. Mark summarized SEC efforts on local and regional

capacity building with a number of examples. He also described project evaluation/monitoring which included water quality sampling and BMI data collection and then presented the correlation between suspended sediment and turbidity (easier to measure). Mark discussed other monitoring concepts including a severity index for sediment impacts on salmonids, an EPT index and BMI diversity. Mark concluded with a summary of new and expanded partnerships and a submitted proposal for additional implementation work with the County and City of Sonoma. The NBWA Board Members had several questions. Can sediment turbidity correlation be applied regionally? (RWQCB indicated the correlation is unlikely to change and the concept could be applied to other watersheds with site specific data.) Was all the work conducted in Sonoma Creek? (Yes.) Is the restoration opportunity with Sonoma Development Center better while the state still owns the land? (SEC and Sonoma Land Trust are assessing the resource benefits of the property.) Did you have to deal with feral pigs? (No, further upstream.) Does the revetment technique include only willow weavings? (Included mulefat bush, a plant related to coyote bush.)

Leigh Sharp, Napa RCD, provided a PowerPoint entitled "Implementing Sediment and Pathogen TMDLs in the North Bay: Napa River Watershed." Leigh began by showing a map of the Napa River and identifying the sources of sediment – channel erosion, gullies, roads, and sheet erosion related to vineyards, grazing, rural lands, parks and open space and public works. She then provided a graphic illustrating the impacts of sediment on fish and aquatic habitat. Leigh explained the major tasks in the project and then summarized the results for the first task – Implement TMDL: storm proofed roads, treated erosion sites, and removed a fish barrier. She also presented the overall results and specific examples using a map of Redwood Creek showing landowners and access agreements and a summary of number and types of workshops held. Leigh then moved on to the next task: Implement Vineyard Program to promote TMDL Compliance and described the components. Leigh described the LandSmart program which was implemented as part of this task and explained the process for this program and the elements of a LandSmart Vineyard Plan. She also provided pictures and details on specific management practices implemented, including sediment basin management, road shaping and rolling dips. Leigh then briefly summarized RCD efforts under Capacity Building and the types of outreach. Leigh also described the last task: Watershed Monitoring and presented the specific results from efforts to measure streambed scour and gravel permeability. Leigh ended with next steps which include one more season of monitoring. The NBWA Board Members had several questions. Are there Chinook in the Napa River? (Yes, Chinook now but not in historic record.) Are vineyards contributing to sediment loading? (Vineyards are less manicured now and are using cover crops to reduce erosion.) Who regulates pesticide use? (Pesticide Commissioner.) Is there outreach to vineyards in Sonoma? (Yes, Sonoma RCD has done considerable outreach.)

Chris Choo, Marin Watershed Program, provided a PowerPoint entitled "Richardson Bay TMDL Implementation." Chris began with an explanation of the three sources of pathogens: stormwater, houseboats/marinas, and sewer laterals. She then focused on the Boyle Park restoration designed to reduce stormwater runoff and improve habitat. Chris provided a map of Richardson Bay and also pictures of Boyle Park and described the heavy use and erosion of the creek. She then summarized the overall restoration efforts including: upgrading 300 feet of creek habitat; removing 60 cubic yards of trash and vegetation; and planting trees, shrubs, and grasses. Chris also highlighted stormdrain stenciling and efforts to control pet waste. Chris then presented a summary of efforts to reduce sanitary sewer overflows. She also explained the efforts of the Richardson Bay Regional Authority (RBRA) to reduce problems for houseboats and marinas and their water quality monitoring program at 14 sites in Richardson Bay. Chris then described an additional effort to develop "Story Maps" for Southern Marin: interactive maps that will go on the Marin County website and a Southern Marin Watershed Guide that will be available in spring 2015. She presented examples of webpage information that will be included on flooding, stormwater and sea level rise. She also provided an example of specific watershed information for Marin City, including tributaries, stormwater infrastructure and FEMA special flood hazard areas. The NBWA Board Members had several questions. Are there any ordinances requiring dog owners to pick up after their dogs? (Fairfax has an ordinance.) Is anyone looking at salt water intrusion into sewer pipes, especially given sea level rise? (Ross Valley Watershed Program has a parallel effort with the Ross Valley Sanitation District Study.)

7. Items of Interest.

- * Judy Arnold announced that she will be stepping down from the NBWA Board after 8 years of service.
- * Steve Barbose announced that he will be stepping down from the NBWA Board after 8 years of service.
- * New NBWA 2015 Meetings Calendar has been distributed.

8. Items for Next Agenda.

- * LandSmart Workshops Project, Leigh Sharp, Napa RCD
- * STRAW Restoration Project on MMWD land, Laurette Rogers, Point Blue

Jack Gibson, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL
Submitted By: Elizabeth O. Preim-Rohtla
Assistant to the Executive Director

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

December 5 – Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Ctr., 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954-Conf. Rm. 2
January 9 – Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949

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DISBURSEMENTS - DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Date Prepared: 11/24/14

The following demands made against the District are listed for approval and authorization for payment in accordance with Section 31302 of the California Water Code, being a part of the California Water District Law:

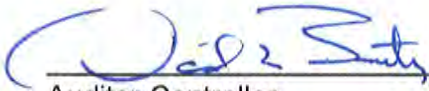
Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
P/R*	Employees	Net Payroll PPE 11/15/14	\$122,332.59
EFT*	US Bank	Federal & FICA Taxes PPE 11/15/14	49,824.25
EFT*	State of California	State Taxes & SDI PPE 11/15/14	9,151.14
P/R*	US Bank	Oct Bank Analysis Charge (Lockbox \$912, Credit Card Processing \$688 & Other \$717) (Less Interest Payment of \$312)	\$2,005.27
1	Air & Tool Engineering	Hydraulic Power Grit Utility Saw (Budget \$5,000)	6,087.97
2	Allied Electronics	RTU Parts	33.32
3	All Star Rents	Fence Post Auger Rental (STP)	124.94
4	American Family Life Ins	December Employee Contribution for Accident, Disability & Cancer Insurance	4,366.65
5	Ardzrooni, Elizabeth	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
6	AT&T	Telephone Charges: Leased Lines	63.52
7	Bank of Marin	Bank of Marin Loan Principal & Interest (Pynt 37 of 240)	46,066.67
8	Brennan, Kelly	Refund Overpayment on Closed Account	14.36
9	Buck's Saw Service	25" Scabbard	6.49
10	Calif Board of Equalization	Water Right Fees (Novato Creek - \$1,050 & Lagunitas Creek - \$492)	1,541.42
11	California Water Service	Sept - Oct 2014 Water Service (O.M.) (0 CCF)	157.41
12	Calif Dept of Fish & Wildlife	Gallagher Well Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification	4,912.25
13	CalPERS Retirement System	Pension Contribution PPE 11/15/14	43,306.23
14	Correia, Joseph	Refund Overpayment on Closed Account	5.25

Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
15	Environmental Resource Assoc	Annual Lab Certification (Balance Remaining on Contract \$1,680)	139.73
16	Evoqua Water Technologies	Service on Deionization System	305.60
17	Farwest Corrosion Control	Cathodic Protection Test Stations (35)	772.00
18	Charles Z. Fedak	Final Billing on FY 2014 Financial Audit (Total \$18,380)	1,680.00
19	Fisher Scientific	Autoclave Basket (Lab)	38.24
20	Golden Gate Petroleum	Gas (\$2.95/gal) & Diesel (\$3.47/gal)	2,793.50
21	Goodpaster, Stacie	Exp Reimb: Filters for Lab (4)	39.22
22		Cafeteria Plan: Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	105.22
23	Grainger	Flashlight Bulbs (4) (\$83), Flashlights (3) (\$132) & 'C' Batteries (36)	235.03
24		Cafeteria Plan - Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	80.00
25	Harrington Industrial Plastics	Ball Valve (\$82), Actuator (\$320), Flare Nuts & Tee	488.36
26	InfoSend	Oct Processing Fee for Water Bills (\$1,376) & Postage (\$3,976)	5,351.97
27	Jak Wonderly Photography	Photograph AEEP Reach A-D/MSN B3 Construction Project (Balance Remaining on Contract \$3,115)	486.00
28		Cafeteria Plan: Uninsured Medical Reimbursement	106.00
29	Koenig, Louise	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
30	Marin Municipal Water District	Water Deliveries to Lagunitas Creek (10/10-10/27/14 - 33.66 AF)	6,651.22
31	Marion Park Associates	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	300.00
32	McLellan, WK	Misc Paving	7,448.96
33	MegaPath	November DSL Internet Service	142.88
34	MSC Industrial Supply	Tubing (\$423) & PVC Pipe	398.89

Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
35	Munoz, Alice	Replacement Check - Original "Lost in Mail"	50.00
36	Mutual of Omaha	Dec Group Life Ins Premium	748.34
37	Novato Disposal Service	October Trash Removal	419.94
38	Pace Supply	Adaptors (2) (\$118), 1" Copper Pipe (3,000') (\$12,786), Tapping Sleeve (\$751), Pipe Support (4) (\$213), 8" PVC Pipe (100) (\$977), Bell Restrainer (6) (\$449), All Thread Studs (14) (\$132), Hex Nuts (28) & Flanges (2)	15,837.07
39	Parkinson Accounting Systems	Create Custom Visual Process Flow for Payroll Processing (\$780) & Quarterly Accounting Software Support (11/1-1/31/15) (\$1,500)	2,280.00
40	PipeMan Products	Replacement Parts for Freeze Machine (Copper Services)	175.53
41	Rising Sun Energy Center	Green House Calls/Water Smart Home Surveys (223) (6/6-8/7)	4,906.00
42	Roberts & Brune	Ford Service Gaskets (100)	32.16
43	Schwaab	Date Stamp (Mello)	45.41
44	Shields Consulting Group	Mandated Cost Reimbursement Processing Fee	2,865.65
45	Sonoma County Water Agency	October Contract Water	498,111.95
46	SPG Solar	Oct Energy Delivered Under Solar Services Agreement	10,087.79
47	Strahm Communications	West Marin Fall Waterline Printing (\$1,288) & Mailing Services (\$177)	1,465.96
48	Tamagno Green Products	Sludge Removal (13 yds Sludge) (15 yds GAC)	560.00
49	Township Building Services	Oct Janitorial Service	1,588.84
50	Tran, Tran	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
51	Verizon California	Telephone Charges: Leased Lines	453.97

Seq	Payable To	For	Amount
52	Wilhelm, Doug	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
53	Williamson, Nancy	Exp Reimb: Mileage & Parking for LAIF Conference in Sacramento on 11/18/14	114.72
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>857,505.88</u>

The foregoing payroll and accounts payable vouchers totaling \$857,505.88 are hereby approved and authorized for payment.



Auditor-Controller

11/24/14

Date



General Manager

11/24/2014

Date

DISBURSEMENTS - DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Date Prepared: 11/17/14

The following demands made against the District are listed for approval and authorization for payment in accordance with Section 31302 of the California Water Code, being a part of the California Water District Law:

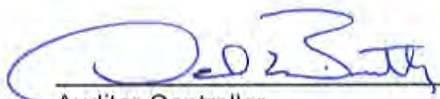
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1	Accel-Dev	Electronic Document Linking Project to Engineering Database for Job Tracking	\$480.00
2	Alpha Analytical Labs	Lab Testing	284.00
3	A.S.T.I.	Test Fire Services (108) (Balance Remaining on Contract \$11,050)	10,090.00
4	Bastogne Inc.	Refund Overpayment on Closed Account	381.86
5	Blastco	Atherton Tank Rehabilitation Project (Balance Remaining on Contract \$1,270,350)	74,575.00
6	Borges & Mahoney	Chlorine Feed Vacuum Regulator Service & Maintenance (\$1,232), Nipples, Seal (\$61) & Gear Oil (1 liter)	1,338.21
7	Caceres, Mila	West Marin "Toilet Rebate" Program	88.00
8	California State Disbursement	Wage Assignment Order	1,018.50
9	Calpico	Cadweld Shots (40)	97.66
10	Caltest Analytical Laboratory	Lab Testing	35.00
11	Chow, Gary	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Ultra High Efficiency Toilet Program	300.00
12	Clipper Direct	Commuter Benefit Program (2 Employees)	186.00
13	Cummings Trucking	Rock (65 yds)	2,389.23
14	Diggs, James	Retiree Exp Reimb (Nov Health Ins)	1,017.68
15	Doyle, Sheriff Robert	Wage Assignment Order	473.61
16	Environmental Resource Assoc	Annual Performance Testing Study for Laboratory Certification (Balance Remaining on Contract \$1,820)	1,033.26
17	Evoqua Water Technologies	Service on Deionization System	300.82

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18	Fairway Design & Const	Refund Excess Advance for Const Over Actual Job Cost - 57 Pacheco Creek Upsize to 1" Meter	465.86
19	Falzon, Frank	Novato "Cash for Grass" Program	400.00
20	Farwest Corrosion Control	Double Check Assembly Upgrades	124.99
21	Fertitta, Sharon	Novato "Hot Water Recirculation System" Rebate Program	75.00
22	Fisher Scientific	Buret Filler & Flasks (6) (\$219)	252.86
23	Frasco, Collen & Christofer	Refund Overpayment on Closed Account	23.59
24	Fremouw Environmental Svc	Solid Oil Waste Disposal	357.23
25	GFOA	Application for Government Finance Officers Assoc FY14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award	435.00
26	Golden Gate Petroleum	Lube for STP (5 gal)	263.60
27	Goodpaster, Stacie	Exp Reimb: Hotel (\$402), Food & Transportation (\$242) for AWWA Conference in Reno (10/19-23)	700.25
28	Grainger	Heat Shrink Tubes (6) (\$207) & RTU Signal Wire (\$230) (500')	437.90
29	Harrington Industrial Plastics	Connector Panel (\$96), 3/4" Flaring Tool (\$196), Adaptors (3) (\$229) & 'O' Rings (3) (\$110)	631.13
30	Hennes, Patty	Novato "Cash for Grass" Program	75.00
31		Vision Reimbursement	116.00
32	Kvalheim, Pamela	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
33	Lawrence, Philip	Novato "Toilet Rebate" Program	100.00
34	Lemontt, Jeffrey	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
35	Lincoln Life Employer Serv	Deferred Compensation PPE 11/15/14	12,064.42
36	Maffei, Frank	Novato "Cash for Grass" Program	400.00
37	Maltby Electric	Telemetry Cable Pulling String	324.75
38	Marin Reprographics	Bond Paper (2) (36" x 500')	85.04

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39	Matchette, Tim	Retiree Exp Reimb (Nov Health Ins)	349.23
40	Montobbio, Mark	Novato "Cash for Grass" Program	380.00
41	Moore, Doug	Retiree Exp Reimb (Nov Health Ins)	943.40
42	Nationwide Retirement Solution	Deferred Compensation PPE 11/15/14	1,025.00
43	NMWD Employee Benefit Fund	Refund Employee Benefit Deductions (11 Employees) (Includes \$22 Interest)	550.00
44	Northern Tool & Equipment	Portable Fuel Caddy With Hand Crank Pump (2)	1,281.61
45	Novato Sanitary District	Recycled Water August 2014 (\$9,881), FY14 Electric Power for Deer Island Recycled Water Facility (Revised) (\$1,716) & Recycled Water September 2014 (\$7,424)	19,021.15
46	Novato Horse & Pet Supply	Bale of Straw	11.43
47	Office Depot	Stamp "Scanned" & Surge Protector(\$51) (Landeros)	57.19
48	Pace Supply	Hydrant Bury (5) (\$1,922), Meter Stops (20) (\$737), Flange Adaptors (3) (\$1,137), Elbows (14) (\$101), Nipples (2), Flanges (4), Couplings (2), 2" Pipe Wrap Tape (100) (\$320), 6" Marking Tape (4), Meter Boxes (3) (\$574) & Meter Box Extension (6) (\$487)	5,538.47
49	Parkinson Accounting Systems	Oct Accounting Support Program (Clipper Card Payroll Deduction)	75.00
50	Petaluma Elks Lodge	2014 Holiday Party Hall Rental	1,680.00
51	Randall Bros. Automotive	Smog Test ('08 F250)	40.00
52		Cafeteria Plan: Childcare Reimbursement	208.33
53	Roberts, Renee	Retiree Exp Reimb (Nov Health Ins)	349.23
54	Rosemount	Flow Tube & Electronics for Gallagher Well	2,981.68
55	Staples Business Advantage	Copy Paper (100 reams) (\$374), Paper Clip Holder, Legal Pads (12) & Pens (60)(\$69)	469.76
56	State Water Resources Control	Clean Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Annual Principal & Interest for RW N-Plum St Storage (Pynt #3)	29,413.76

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57	Stuller, Jay	Novato "Washer Rebate" Program	50.00
58	Sultzer, Sean	Refund Overpayment on Closed Account	141.30
59	Syar Industries	Asphalt (5 tons)	616.50
60	TeeVax	Replacement Refrigerator for 25 Giacomini Rd Rental	576.32
61	TelePacific	Telephone Charges: Voice Lines	461.71
62	United Parcel Service	Delivery Services: Sent Gallagher Pipeline Reimbursement Request/Prop 50	26.35
63	US Bank	Oct Safekeeping Fee: Treasury Securities	121.25
64	US Postal Service	Meter Postage	1,000.00
65	Vali Cooper & Associates	Construction Management Services for Aqueduct Relocation AEEP Reaches A-D/MSN B3 (Balance Remaining on Contract \$845,247)	94,420.49
66	Van Bebber Bros	1/4" Plate (8" X 30")	122.12
67	Verizon California	Telephone Charges: Leased Line	158.23
68		Cafeteria Plan: Childcare Reimbursement	1,041.65
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>1,041.65</u> <u>\$274,632.61</u>

The foregoing payroll and accounts payable vouchers totaling \$274,632.61 are hereby approved and authorized for payment.

 11/13/14
 Auditor-Controller Date

 11/18/2014
 General Manager Date



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November 21, 2014

Subject: NMWD Safety Committee Bravo Award

Dear Luis:

Congratulations! The NMWD Safety Committee has awarded you a Safety Bravo for your dedication and time volunteering to help the City of Napa after the August 24th earthquake. Your personal initiative has enhanced NMWD's reputation and is greatly appreciated. Please accept this "Safety Star" pin as an outward acknowledgement of our appreciation, as well as your choice of a \$50 gift card from Target, Starbucks or Italian Delite.

Sincerely,

Chris DeGabriele
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November 25, 2014

The Honorable Kevin de León
President Pro Tempore
California State Senate
California State Capitol Room 5108
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Endorsement for Senator McGuire to Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Dear Senator de León,

On behalf of the North Marin Water District (North Marin), I am writing to express my strong support for assigning Senator Mike McGuire as a member of the Senate's Committee on Natural Resources and Water (Committee). Senator McGuire possesses an understanding of natural resource and water issues on the north coast that would greatly benefit the Committee.

North Marin serves drinking water to approximately 62,000 people in and around Novato, Marin County, CA. Eighty percent of North Marin's water supply is delivered from the Russian River by Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA). Throughout his time as Sonoma County Supervisor, Mr. McGuire also served as a Director of SCWA and has been a knowledgeable, active and vocal advocate for protecting the vital Russian River resources.

In closing, I reiterate my strong support for Senator McGuire being assigned as a member of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Chris DeGabriele
General Manager

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NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT
RECYCLED WATER SUBCOMMITTEE

AGENDA

Novato Sanitary District
500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA
3 p.m.
December 17, 2014

1. NBWRA Phase 1 Status Review
2. Deer Island & Davidson RW Treatment Capacity/Reliability Study
3. NMWD Central Service Area Expansion & Ignacio Area Extension
4. RW InterAgency Agreements Capital Replacement & Expansion Fund
5. NBWRA Phase 2 Update

Sub-committee Members:

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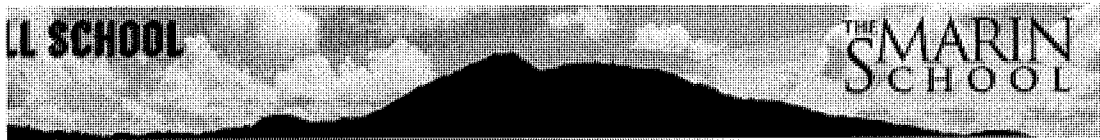
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Novato deals with two days of rusty water

By Laith Agha

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1 COMMENT

Novato faucets spouted some rust-colored water a couple times this week in incidents that affected up to 15,000 customers in the North Marin Water District.

The good thing, officials said, is that the discoloration is not dangerous. In both cases, it was caused by actions in the water pipes that stirred up sediment, mostly iron oxide and manganese oxide,

"So, basically rust," said Pablo Ramudo, water quality supervisor for the North Marin Water District. "This is very fine sediment. There are no health effects. There has been no outside contamination."

On Tuesday, the water district turned on the Stafford Lake water treatment plant as part of a pipeline inspection, "looking at the integrity of the interior of the pipe," Ramudo said. That procedure "reversed the flow of water in our water mains, which stirred up some sediment."

Chris DeGabriele, the water district's general manager, said that resulted in some rust-colored water coming out of pipes and prompted some customers to call the water district to complain.

A second disturbance happened Wednesday around noon, when a Pacific Gas and Electric Co. crew working on Center Road, near Lu Sutton School, drilled into the water main. Some nearby driveways flooded, while the "really rapid flush of water stirred up the same kind of sediment," Ramudo said.

Rust-colored water showed in much of Central Novato, from Marion Avenue to Hill Road, Ramudo said.

Water district crews spent most of Wednesday afternoon fixing the pipe and were expected to finish the job sometime in the evening. At that time, water service was expected to be restored to about 30 customers on Center, Crescent Lane and Ormond Court.

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Ramudo recommended to any customers still finding discolored water coming from their faucets "to turn on a couple cold taps and flush the water from their own internal plumbing."

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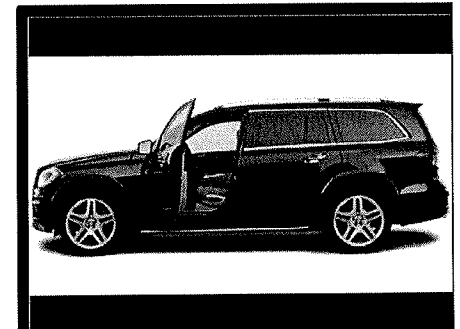
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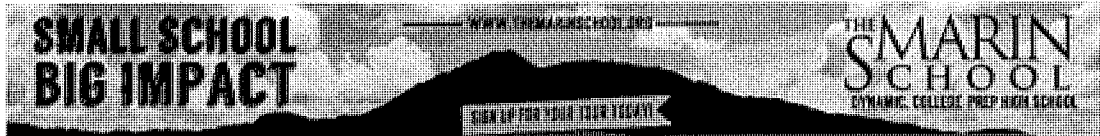
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Editorial: New online pension figures show need for reform

Marin Independent Journal

POSTED: 11/19/2014 12:38:38 PM PST

13 COMMENTS

State Controller John Chiang has begun posting online the assets and obligations of public pension programs across the state. The figures are troubling, showing taxpayers that more of the tax dollars they pay will go to public workers' retirement checks and benefits.

Easy public access to these numbers is overdue. Those sums are the cost of promises made by state and local officials, on behalf of taxpayers, to their workers.

Chiang reports the 130 public pension systems in 2013 had an unfunded liability that had grown to \$198 billion. In 2003, that liability was only \$6.3 billion.

Taxpayers are paying for that legacy of debt with cuts in public services and increased taxes, tuition, fees and fares.

And yet, state lawmakers have done little over the past two years to reform pension programs that obviously have grown into promises that taxpayers cannot afford to keep — without raising taxes and losing services.

Even when the state's largest pension — the California Public Employees' Retirement System — approved a host of policies that undermined the 2012 anti-spiking rules, the reactions from most legislators, Gov. Jerry Brown and local leaders were tepid, at a time when outrage was more appropriate.

The 2012 reforms were supposed to be a start, not an end.

Sacramento is largely responsible for California's pension mess and lawmakers need to make reforms a higher priority.

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The posting of the pension figures —

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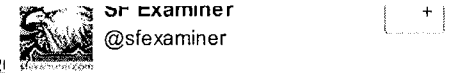
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Lawmakers should take a look at those numbers. The numbers tell their constituents that more reforms are needed. Lawmakers' lack of leadership, unfortunately, sends a different message.

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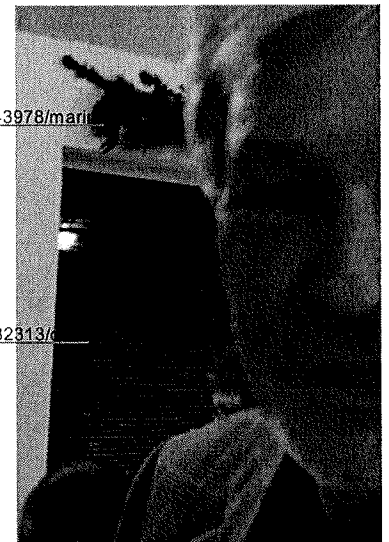
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SHARON MENDOZA TREMARI BIANCHINI DOUGHTY

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Sharon Mendoza, Tremari, Bianchini, Doughty Passed away on November 19, 2014 Sharon was born on July 1, 1942 Daughter, Wife, Teacher, Accountant, Mother, Dairywoman, Winemaker, Inn Keeper and a true friend to many. Truly an Entrepreneur. A native of Marin County, Sharon was born and raised on the Point Reyes peninsula. She went to a one room School house on the Historic "B" ranch for eight years. She graduated from Tomales High School in 1959 as valedictorian, and attended The University of the Pacific graduating in three years in 1963 with degrees in accounting. After marrying her High School sweetheart, Ed Tremari in 1963, she settled in Petaluma and taught school at Kenilworth Junior High. Ed died in an accident in 1967 and later while still teaching she was courted by and married Bill Bianchini Jr. a Two Rock Dairyman. Sharon and Bill moved to a new home on Skillman Lane in Petaluma and became parents of two girls, Kathleen and Karen. They started their own dairy renting space for a while before purchasing the Grandi ranch in Pt. Reyes Station in 1974 from Sharon's Father and Mother. Together they worked to grow and improve the ranch for nine years. Just as things were going well Bill became seriously ill and passed away. Never one to give up on anything, Sharon undertook the running of the ranch herself, with great guidance from her father Joe Sr. and her two brothers Joe Jr. and Jim and neighbor, Bob Giacomini, also her veterinarian, Bob Fisher. She became a successful dairywoman and leader in the community and the dairy industry. She served on the Board of the Marin Agricultural Land Trust, (M.A.L.T., serving two terms as president). Sharon was an alternate member of the California Coastal Commission for one term. She was on the board of directors of the Marconi Conference Center in Marshall California. In 1985 she met Steve Doughty of Napa, they were married in 1987. Together they ran the dairy for twenty-five years. Looking like the future of the Dairy Industry was heading for troubled times, Steve and Sharon conceived the ideas for a Winery and a Bed & Breakfast. Steve and Sharon consulted with Saralee and Richard Kunde. They recommended that Sharon plant Champagne Grapes on the ranch. Sharon planted some wine grapes on the ranch, and produced award winning California Sparkling Wine. Thus was born the Point Reyes Vineyards and that was followed by the Point Reyes Vineyard Inn. As pioneers in the Marin County Wine industry, they opened the first Winery and Tasting room in Marin County since Prohibition (1930s), on their ranch on Highway 1. Sharon was very

passionate about her family heritage. She was the granddaughter of Joseph V. Mendoza, an immigrant from the Azores Islands who worked hard and eventually purchased the historic "A" and "B" Ranches on the Point at Point Reyes in the early 1900's. Sharon was raised on the "B" Ranch. Later in her life Sharon managed the "L" ranch dairy in the Point Reyes National Seashore after her Father passed away. She spent many hours helping others create the history of West Marin County and especially Point Reyes. She was predeceased by her parents, Joe and Scotty Mendoza. In addition to her husband Steve she is survived by her daughters Kathleen von Raesfeld (Steve) of Petaluma and Karen Taylor (John) of Pt. Reyes. Nephew Will Clark (Lena) of Pt. Reyes; Grandchildren, Audrey and Nina von Raesfeld, Camilla, William Joseph, and Eva Taylor, also her two brothers Joseph H. Mendoza Jr. (Linda) and James L. Mendoza (Lucy). Nephews J.V., Jaime Mendoza, Jarrod Mendoza and nieces, Teresa Hatcher and Jolynn McClelland and many great nephews and nieces, as well as step-sons Richard Doughty and Steve Morse. The Vigil Service, Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Olema, CA. Family and friends are also invited to attend the Funeral Mass, Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 11:00 am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Petaluma, CA. The family prefer memorials be made to Marin Agricultural Land Trust (M.A.L.T.), Tomales Regional History Center or to [your favorite charity](#) . PARENT-SORENSEN MORTUARY & CREMATORY