

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

President Grossi announced that due to the Coronavirus outbreak and pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by the Governor of the State of California this was a virtual meeting. President Grossi called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District to order at 6:01 p.m. and the agenda was accepted as presented. President Grossi added that there was not a public location for participating in this meeting, but any interested members of the public could participate remotely by utilizing the video or phone conference dial-in method using information printed on the agenda.

President Grossi welcomed the public to participate in the remote meeting and asked that they mute themselves, except during open time and while making comments on the agenda items. President Grossi noted that due to the virtual nature of the meeting he will request a roll call of the Directors. A roll call was done, those in remote attendance established a quorum. Participating remotely were Directors Jack Baker, Rick Fraites, Jim Grossi, Michael Joly and Stephen Petterle.

President Grossi announced in the event of technical difficulties during the meeting, the District Secretary will adjourn the meeting and the remainder of the agenda will be rescheduled for a future special meeting which shall be open to the public and noticed pursuant to the Brown Act.

Mr. McIntyre performed a roll call of staff, participating remotely were Drew McIntyre (General Manager), Tony Williams (Assistant GM/Chief Engineer), Terrie Kehoe (District Secretary), Julie Blue (Auditor-Controller), Robert Clark (Operations/Maintenance Superintendent), Tony Arendell (Construction/Maintenance Superintendent), Pablo Ramudo (Water Quality Supervisor), Ryan Grisso (Water Conservation Coordinator) and Monica Juarez (Receptionist/Customer Service Assistant).

Mr. McIntyre announced also participating remotely were Mark Hildebrand from Hildebrand Consulting, Morgan Biggerstaff from BPMNJ, District legal counsel, Lynne Rosselli from Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) and Will Houston from the Marin Independent Journal.

President Grossi announced for those joining the virtual meeting from the public to identify themselves. There was one unidentified participant in virtual attendance.

MINUTES

On the motion of Director Baker, seconded by Director Joly the Board approved the minutes from the March 2, 2021 meeting by the following vote:

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, Grossi, Joly and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Stafford Lake Backfeeding

Mr. McIntyre reminded the Board at the February 16, 2021 meeting the Board approved initiation of backfeeding up to an amount of 600-acre feet (AF). He stated as of March 15th, 381 AF has been added to Stafford Lake. Mr. McIntyre noted staff still expects to hear sometime in early April what Sonoma County Water Agency's (SCWA) water supply assessment for the year will be. He noted given the continued lack of rainfall there is a good chance that there will be a need to backfeed more than 600 AF. Mr. McIntyre stated at the April 6th Board Meeting he will provide an update on backfeeding operations, latest water supply assessments from SCWA and whether or not NMWD will need to continue to backfeeding operations above and beyond the initial 600 AF limit.

Dry Year Public Outreach

Mr. McIntyre reported there have been some recent public comments about the lack of communication by the water district to its customers regarding dry year planning and long-term water supply options such as desalination and building new reservoirs. He summarized some of the recent District public outreach efforts including a direct mailer newsletter in the fall about current dry year conditions, initiation of a winter public outreach campaign via social media with the message "It's a Dry Year, Save Water with Us" and a recent paid story in the Novato Advance regarding dry year conditions. Mr. McIntyre noted, that said, the District needs to do more, so he and Mr. Grisso are working with Kiosk to push out another updated message soon. He added, staff also plans to submit this update to the Marin IJ for the Marin Voice column and a Spring 2021 Waterline direct mailer is in the works.

Gallagher Well No. 2 Update

Mr. McIntyre announced NMWD is on the agenda to present to the Lagunitas Creek TAC on the morning of March 19th. He stated staff is preparing for the Marin County Local Coastal

Permit Hearing on Thursday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. McIntyre noted the District has also finished a detailed design for the well and pipeline alignment and have what is needed to move forward with an appraisal for the necessary easements using an existing contract with Associated Right of Way Services. Mr. McIntyre added, depending on the March 25th Local Coastal Permit Hearing outcome, staff will be prepared to request Board approval to advertise the well construction phase at the April 6th Board meeting.

OPEN TIME

President Grossi asked if anyone from the public wished to bring up an item not on the agenda and there was no response.

STAFF/DIRECTORS REPORTS

President Grossi asked if any Directors or staff wished to bring up an item not on the agenda and the following was discussed.

Ms. Blue announced Karen Clyde has been hired as our new HR/Safety Manager. She noted Karen comes to the District with extensive experience in Human Resources and is well versed in Safety.

Mr. Ramudo reported on current status on backfeeding Stafford Lake. He stated that a problem occurred over the weekend starting on February 26th which may have resulted in backfeeding water into Stafford Lake that was insufficiently dechlorinated. On March 1st it was discovered and reported to the Regional Water Board, which is required by our permit. Mr. Ramudo added the Regional Water Board referred it to their enforcement section and staff should hear back in the next few weeks. Mr. Ramudo stated he will report back to the Board at that time.

Director Joly asked if this was a public safety issue. Mr. Ramudo replied it was not, the water was only partially dechlorinated. Director Joly asked if everything is set up now so there will not be any future issues. Mr. Ramudo responded as soon as staff identified the issue, they replaced the analyzer and the operators took additional samples.

Director Grossi asked how much 400 acre-feet of back-fed water raises the lake. Mr. Clark replied it depends on the elevation of the lake at the time. Mr. McIntyre added that the lake level is up 2.5 feet to-date due to backfeeding.

Mr. Clark reported on the Residential Recycled Water Pick Up Program. He reminded the Board that a few years ago we had a water storage tank in the yard for customers to pick up recycled water for irrigation. Mr. Clark added the program was later modified to provide irrigation water from a recycled water hydrant located on Woodhollow Lane. He noted the process will be reconfigured and made available again this spring. Additionally, staff is looking at another location located in the south part of town, possibly in the Hamilton area.

Mr. Williams announced he was invited to join the Highway 37 State Route Corridor Stakeholder Group. He stated that they have had some meetings already and his first meeting will be in late March and he will be the 76th participant of the group.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE
IN THE NOVATO SERVICE AREA**

Mr. Grisso reminded the Board that at the February 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, the Board received information on dry year conditions to-date in Novato and there had been no substantial rainfall. He noted, at the February 16, 2021 meeting, the Board approved to backfeed Stafford Lake with Russian River water while it is available. The Board was also advised that NMWD staff had reviewed the Novato area Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance and consulted with legal counsel to determine the best course of action for 2021 given the dry year conditions. Mr. Grisso stated the resulting recommended action was to preemptively approve a Water Conservation Ordinance that included water waste prohibitions, and the option to approve detailed conservation measures by future resolutions once the final rainfall totals and SCWA water supply assessments have been determined in mid-April.

Mr. Grisso presented a draft Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 41) to the Board for review. The Ordinance 41 draft included a declaration that a water shortage emergency condition exists with the Novato Service Area, and specifically prohibits waste of water. Mr. Grisso stated this ordinance will allow flexibility to make updates by resolution in the future with specific reduction levels, water waste and non-essential use prohibition and other changes as needed.

Director Joly noted in Section 4 it refers to suspensions of new connections and asked how this fits in with the state's new housing mandates. Mr. Grisso replied that the District has no specifics yet on this question and will know more on this subject before requesting adoption of Section 4 prohibitions. Director Joly stated if the Board approves the ordinances, will there be bullet points on the NMWD webpage so the public can see how not to waste water. Mr. Grisso confirmed, stating staff is working on a campaign now and will have a summary sheet to replace the news item along with the outcome of the ordinances.

President Grossi declared the public hearing to consider an emergency water conservation ordinance in the Novato service area opened at 6:19 a.m. and there were no comments. President Grossi asked if it takes two meetings to approve the ordinance and Mr. McIntyre replied no.

President Grossi announced that no comments were heard from the public, therefore the public hearing was closed as of 6:20 p.m. and directed further discussion by the Board. There was no further discussion.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Petterle the Board approved the Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance in the Novato Service Area by the following vote:

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, Grossi, Joly and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE 39 IN WEST MARIN SERVICE AREA

Mr. Grisso reported the year rainfall in the Lagunitas Creek watershed measured by Marin Municipal Water District totaled 17.9 inches through March 9th, approximately 10-inches below that necessary for normal year classification, which is 28-inches or more by April 1st. This will be the second consecutive year that the District operates with flows in Lagunitas Creek at less than 8 cfs during the summer under dry year conditions and the third year since 1995. Mr. Grisso stated that by amending Ordinance 39 it will allow flexibility for the Board to make changes to the Ordinance in the future, by resolution, as the dry year conditions continue to evolve.

Mr. Grisso requested that when the Board moves to vote on the ordinance, they make a word change to amend the ordinance rather than modify the ordinance on the title page.

President Grossi declared the public hearing for amending Ordinance 39 in the West Marin service area opened at 6:33 p.m.

President Grossi announced that no comments were heard, therefore the public hearing was closed as of 6:34 p.m. and directed the discussion to the Board. There was no further discussion by the Board.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Fraites the Board approved amending Ordinance 39 in the West Marin Service Area by the following vote:

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, Grossi, Joly and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Monthly Progress Report for February was reviewed. Mr. McIntyre reported that water production in Novato was down 8% from one year ago and up 3% fiscal year to date. In West Marin, water production was down 13% from one year ago and down 3% fiscal year to date. Stafford Lake Treatment Plant production was down 57% fiscal year to date compared to last year and recycled water production was up 6% fiscal year to date. Mr. McIntyre noted Recycled Water was up 68% from five years ago and Recycled Water production to date was approximately 70% of the total Stafford Treatment Plant production this fiscal year to date. Mr. McIntyre reminded the Board that Stafford Lake backfeeding started on February 17, 2021. The Board was apprised that Stafford Lake was at 33% capacity, Lake Sonoma was at 64% and Lake Mendocino was at 48% capacity. In Oceana Marin effluent volume was 0.499 MG for February compared to 0.406 MG one year ago and there was 0.940 MG of irrigation field discharge. Under Safety and Liability, we had 103 days without a lost time injury- Mr. McIntyre reviewed the program to date totals for high efficiency toilet rebates, retrofit certificates filed, cash for grass rebates paid out, washing machine rebates, and Water Smart Home Survey. Under Utility Performance Metric Mr. McIntyre reported an 8-inch main break on Eucalyptus that resulted in six customers with service disruption for up to eight hours. On the Summary of Complaints and Service Orders, the Board was apprised that total numbers were down 41% from February one year ago.

Ms. Blue reported on the February 2021 Investments, where the District's portfolio holds \$24.5M earning a 0.59% average rate of return. Ms. Blue noted that during February the cash balance decreased by \$151,138. She also noted the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) interest rate was 0.41%.

Director Joly stated 80% of investment is in LAIF, which is a burden on the short-term rate. He noted there will be many CD's rolling over and wanted assurance that the 80% in one fund is safe. He stated 80-90% in one investment fund makes him nervous and he would like to feel more comfortable that LAIF is a completely safe investment. Ms. Blue asked how he would like her to deliver that message. Mr. McIntyre responded that staff will bring an item back to the Board at a future meeting discussing LAIF financial safety.

ACTION ITEMS

ACCEPT 2021 WEST MARIN WATER RATE STUDY DRAFT REPORT AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVENUE INCREASES AND RATE STRUCTURE CHANGES

Ms. Blue apprised the Board that the proposed water rates need to be adopted in accordance with Proposition 218, which will require a detailed notice describing the proposed

charges to be mailed to each affected property owner or customer at least 45 days prior to conducting a public hearing on June 22, 2021 to adopt the rates. The proposed revenue increase and rate structure changes will result in a general revenue increase of 6%. Ms. Blue introduced consultant Mark Hildebrand and reminded the Board that this will be the second presentation of the 2021 West Marin Water Rate Study.

Mr. Hildebrand presented the 2021 West Marin Water Rate Study to the Board. He provided a summary, scope of study, and the methodology of the study. He reported on the proposed financial plan, reserve targets, proposed rate increases, cost-of-service, winter rates versus summer rates and tiers in addition to a conclusion and recommendation.

President Grossi asked if there were any questions from the Board.

Director Joly asked Mr. Hildebrand to explain the method for tier allocations, meter equivalency, and hydraulic zones and how they are compliant with Proposition 218. Mr. Hildebrand discussed the various reasons behind the proposed rate structure changes to ensure that each class of customer continues to pay their fair and proportional share of costs as required by Proposition 218. Director Joly noted it is important to let customers know that these percentage variances are solely a first-year equivalency issue. Director Petterle noted these same customers need to understand they were given a break in previous years. Mr. Hildebrand confirmed, stating especially in the hydraulic charges, to Directors Petterle's point, this is correcting the inequity of the past and needs to be fixed. Director Joly added, the study notes \$1.6M borrowed from the Novato Service Area and wanted to know when that would be paid off. Mr. Hildebrand replied there is a ten-year repayment period with an interest rate of .9% which is the cost of money for the District, meaning they would earn the same interest in investments. Director Baker stated this is assuming they will not have other problems and need more money. He added the repayment would be in ten years only if everything goes smoothly, noting with his experience on the Board things happen. Director Baker noted the District has inherited problems in West Marin and there is infrastructure to fix, new pump stations needed, and other unexpected issues. Mr. Hildebrand replied it is unknown how infrastructure will behave, which is why the District maintains a minimum of \$0.5M in reserves, and actual reserves are now holding at \$1M. Mr. Hildebrand added that the only other thing the District could do is to create an even larger reserve, but rate payers do not like to see money set aside if it is not being used.

Director Joly noted there is \$1M in Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for two pipeline creek crossing projects and asked if there will be any other Cal Trans situations for other pipelines in the future. Mr. McIntyre stated these are the only near-term projects that we are aware of within the 5-year CIP planning horizon.

Director Petterle noted our pipeline crosses the San Andreas fault which is a concern and stated something could happen in the future. He commended Mr. Hildebrand and Ms. Blue for their remarkable job at taking something so complex and simplifying it. Director Petterle added this time it really sunk in and all the pieces fit, stating he felt comfortable and trusts the time they put into the study and felt it represents what the customers need to be charged. Director Joly agreed, stating they did a tremendous job with meeting the requirements for Proposition 218, especially considering the small population base with a high CIP. He added there will continue to be seismic and fire worries in the area that could damage infrastructure, so he does take comfort in the debt ratio. Director Baker also expressed concern in regards to Director Petterle's comment on future infrastructure failure due to a large seismic event.

President Grossi asked for public input and there was none.

Mr. McIntyre asked for clarification from the Board on whether staff is being requested to prepare a single year or multiple year rate increase notice. He stated it is the Board's decision, however he advocated for a single year rate increase notice. After additional discussion there was a consensus from the Board that the Prop 218 Notice should be for a single year. Mr. Biggerstaff stated the Board should make a motion to adopt the draft study.

On the motion of Director Petterle, with direction to file the Proposition 218 notice with a single year rate increase and seconded by Director Joly, the Board adopted the Draft 2021 West Marin Water Rate Study and provided direction to staff on preparing a single year Proposition 218 Notice of Public Hearing on proposed rate changes and revenue increases by the following vote:

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, Grossi, Joly and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

OCEANA MARIN SEWER SYSTEM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Blue updated the Board on the five-year forecast for the Oceana Marin Sewer System Financial Plan. She provided information on basic data, operating revenue, operating expense, non-operating expense, other sources and uses, and projected capital improvement projects. She stated the five-year forecast did not change much from the previous year. Ms. Blue stated the proposed 5% rate increase is consistent with the prior year's 5-year financial plan and added that the District does not forecast a new connection in the next fiscal year. She added that borrowed funds were already in the prior year's forecast. Director Joly asked where the District is borrowing funds. Ms. Blue replied it is yet to be determined, she will need to go out and get costs to determine if it would be better to get a bank loan or a loan from the Novato service area.

She stated she will come back to the Board at later date to provide this information along with any grant funds that are available. Ms. Blue noted the pending Oceana Marin grant funds for the Treatment Pond Berm Rehabilitation work are often delayed and it is not predictable when they may come in, which is why it may be a short-term loan situation. Director Joly stated it all looked good except for the bottom of the first page, he stated the plan should stay solvent through 2026 and it made him nervous to borrow money due to the delay of the grant fund. Director Joly agreed that since it was for one year, the Board can review it again when more facts become available.

On the motion of Director Joly and seconded by Director Petterle the Board approved staff to draft a letter to Oceana Marin Sewer customers for Board review noticing a public hearing in Point Reyes Station on June 22nd to consider a 5% increase in the sewer service charge for one year by the following vote.

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, Grossi, Joly and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

AUTHORIZE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR SCWA FY2021-22 WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM (WTS) BUDGET

Mr. McIntyre reported that a TAC Ad Hoc Finance subcommittee was formed in December 2020 to review and negotiate the budget with the Agency. The Ad Hoc Finance subcommittee, which included Ms. Blue, met twice in January 2021 and the TAC unanimously approved the FY2021-22 SCWA WTS budget on March 1, 2021. A special WAC Meeting will be held on April 5th consider the budget. Mr. McIntyre introduced Lynne Rosselli, SCWA Finance Director who will be providing a presentation of the Draft FY2021-22 SCWA WTS Budget.

Ms. Roselli reported that the budget proposes NMWD water purchases next fiscal year at \$1,047.34 per acre-foot, versus \$1,001.00 per acre-foot this current fiscal year. As previously reported to the Board, SCWA's rate increase for NMWD will be 4.63%. She stated SCWA is forecasting future annual water rate increases between 4% and 6% for the water contractors, but the NMWD increase can fall outside of this range. The contractual arrangement between SCWA and NMWD includes a Russian River Conservation Charge and a Russian River Projects Charge in lieu of property taxes levied on Sonoma County properties which accounts for this variation

Director Joly thanked Ms. Rosselli for a wonderful presentation. A discussion ensued about the sensitivity of the 4-6% annual rate increase guidelines.

Mr. McIntyre stated, absent any objections by Board members, he recommended that the NMWD WAC representative, Director Baker, vote in favor of the budget as presented.

On the motion of Director Joly and seconded by Director Petterle the Board approved authorization for WAC representative, Jack Baker, to vote in favor of the FY2021-22 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget by the following vote:

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, Grossi, Joly and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Director Grossi again thanked Ms. Rosselli for the presentation. Mr. McIntyre expressed his gratitude to Ms. Rosselli and agency staff for working with the water contactors to bring the rate increase numbers down. Director Petterle and Director Joly agreed.

STP – COAT TOP OF CONCRETE CLEARWELLS PROJECT: AWARD CONTRACT TO REDWOOD PAINTING

Mr. Williams reported on the STP Coat Top of Concrete Clearwells project. He stated this project consists of coating the upper concrete slabs that form the roofs or tops of each clearwell with the same coating system previously used in 2019. He noted the insides of both clearwells were coated in 2019 because of concern with deterioration of the untreated concrete surfaces and the potential for corrosion of the underlying steel reinforcement. He stated the District started with five qualified bidders, three bidders submitted, one pulled out and the remaining bidders were Redwood Painting and Jeffco. The low bidder was Redwood Painting. Mr. Williams added the project is scheduled to be done before the plant is back in operation.

On the motion of Director Fraites and seconded by Director Baker the Board approved award of the contract to Redwood Painting Company and authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement with Redwood Painting Company by the following vote:

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, Grossi, Joly and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RENEW DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Mr. McIntyre requested the Board find that there still exists a need to continue the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic as reflected by Resolution No. 20-07.

Mr. McIntyre updated the Board that staff has been operating under partial Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation. He stated maximum workplace space continues and walk in services remain suspended. He updated the Board on the financial cost through February were included in the attachment, with total COVID cost impacts estimated at approximately \$157,000.

Mr. McIntyre added that Marin County continues to operate in the red stage or Tier 2 status, but is expected to move into the orange Tier 3 status potential as soon as March 24th. Mr. McIntyre also advised the Board that on March 11th, the state moved water and wastewater workers into the Phase 1B category for Emergency Services Worker, which allows our employees to be eligible to receive a vaccination. He noted this is great news; however, the availability of vaccine supply is still troublesome and will most likely cause frustration for our staff as they move forward with trying to get actual appointments.

Director Joly stated this is overall good news. Director Grossi asked what percentage of staff are not going to get the vaccine, as he has seen it is an issue in some sectors. Mr. McIntyre stated he does not know the percentage for our staff, but has heard news reports that an estimated 20-30% of the country's population has indicated they would not get the vaccine. Director Joly stated March 16th was the anniversary of the Marin Health Services putting us under restrictions. He noted the cost for the year was \$175,000 and asked to explain the delinquencies, so he has a better understanding of what the percentages mean. Ms. Blue replied in February 2020 there was \$55,000 in delinquent balances attributed to customers with three or more late bills; that number went up as high as \$155,000 in February and as of March 16th it was down to \$104,000. She stated staff is keeping a close eye on this and the 3.6% delinquency rate out of all 20,000 plus customers was now down to 3.3%. Ms. Blue warned the number could go back up, but it was going down in a steady pace and she believed staff's collection efforts were working. She stated she is tracking this closely, collection is challenging, but the trend was in the right direction. Director Joly thanked staff for keeping the collection efforts on track.

On the motion of Director Petterle, and seconded by Director Fraites the Board approved renewal of the Declaration of Local Emergency Related to COVID-19 Pandemic by the following vote:

AYES: Director Baker, Fraites, Grossi, Joly and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

ENHANCE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM INCENTIVE OPTIONS FOR 2021

Mr. Grisso updated the Board on the enhanced water conservation program incentive options for 2021. He noted in 2014 the District took similar action to enhance water conservation program incentives. Mr. Grisso stated to further increase customer participation in water conservation programs during dry year periods, staff developed enhanced water conservation

program incentive options. He reported on current and optional enhanced increase water conservation incentive levels for: Residential High-Efficiency Toilet Rebates, Residential Ultra High-Efficient Toilet Rebates, Commercial High-Efficiency Toilet Rebates, Commercial Ultra High-Efficiency Toilet rebates, High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebase, Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Rebates, Water Smart Landscape Rebates, Cash for Grass Rebates, Swimming Pool Cover Rebates and Hot Water Recirculation Rebates.

Director Joly stated it is good to offer enhanced incentives. He asked what the total cost would be. Mr. Grisso replied it is hard to answer as it is based on participation and similarly difficult to budget. Mr. Grisso stated he would come back to the Board with an estimate of the financial impact at the time when the updated resolution would be brought to the Board for approval. Director Joly asked if there were any customer categories missing from our conservation program or if this list covers it all. Mr. Grisso replied it is a very comprehensive list and he will have the final options brought to the Board at a later date and the amounts could always be brought up for discussion if desired. Director Fraites asked how the MMWD Cash for Grass rebate compares to NMWD. Mr. Grisso stated the MMWD rebate is \$1.00 per square foot and the NMWD rebate is currently \$0.50 per square foot. Director Fraites thought we were higher and asked how many football fields of grass was taken out from our program, since it began. Mr. Grisso replied over a million square feet. Director Fraites said comparing it to a football field is a good talking point, because it is more visual. Director Baker said we compare to MMWD frequently, what about comparing to our surrounding agencies in other counties, in the East Bay and Alameda for example. He noted other agencies are rarely mentioned, because MMWD is the most obvious to compare to. Mr. Grisso confirmed he often looks at other Bay Area agencies as well.

Director Grossi asked if expanded recycled water production offsets Stafford Lake or SCWA production. Mr. Grisso replied he would say from SCWA. Mr. McIntyre confirmed. Director Grossi asked if recycled water was cheaper than SCWA water and Mr. McIntyre confirmed. Director Joly stated he remembers it being quite a bit cheaper, and that STP water was expensive, but was still good for redundancy.

REVISED FY21/22 RATE HEARING SCHEDULE

Ms. Blue provided a revised FY2021/22 Rate Hearing Schedule. She stated the schedule was revised to create sufficient time to complete the listed activities and to allow ample time for discussion at upcoming Board meetings.

Director Pettele asked if June 22nd was a special meeting. Ms. Blue replied it is our annual meeting in Point Reyes and the District normally has three meetings in June. Director Joly

commented that if this year's rates are approved to start July 1st, noting last year's rates were delayed to October 1st, this means we will have two rate increases within the fiscal year.

NBWA MEETING – MARCH 5, 2021

Director Fraites reported on the March 5, 2021 NBWA Meeting. He reported on the presentation by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board; in which they gave an update on water quality impacts related to people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, Director Fraites reported on the presentation by the Bay Area Regional Water Board about current water supply conditions. He stated many are concerned about the levels of the lakes, and specifically if Lake Mendocino drops below 10,000-acre feet the dam could be in peril. Director Fraites added MMWD reported pumping water from SoulaJule Lake with portable generators which they never used in the past. He stated in summary the overall water supply situation is not good.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated March 4, 2021, Disbursements – Dated March 11, 2021, Rescheduled Hearing – Gallagher Family Coastal Permit and Use Permit and Russian River Biological Opinion Public Policy Facilitating Committee Annual Meeting Agenda.

The Board received the following news articles: Marin IJ – Novato drought measures weighed – Low Rainfall; Water Finance & Management – Water sector applauds House leadership for affordability program boost; Novato Advance – It's a dry year. Save water with North Marin Water District; Marin IJ – State likely faces critically dry year, water officials say – SNOWPACK RUNOFF; Marin IJ – Saturday Soapbox – North Marin Water District should share plan; Marin IJ – Editorial -Marin knows conservation will be big help; Marin IJ – Water district board president committed to conservation partnership; Washington Observer – Water Agencies Seek Relief for Ratepayers; Point Reyes Light – Bo holds off on rationing; Point Reyes Light – Inverness group asks IPUD to take lead on tax proposal; Marin IJ – Wednesday soapbox – Water districts need to control biggest users first and Marin IJ – County secures another \$8.4M in aid for renters -FEDERAL FUNDS.

The Board received the following social media posts: NMWD Web and Social Media Report – February 2021.

President Grossi adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Kehoe".

Theresa Kehoe
District Secretary