

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

President Eichstaedt called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District to order at 4:00 p.m. at the District Headquarters, and the agenda was accepted as presented. Present were Directors Jack Baker, Ken Eichstaedt, Rick Fraites, Michael Joly, and Stephen Petterle. Also, present were General Manager Tony Williams, District Secretary Eileen Mulliner, and AGM/Chief Engineer Eric Miller, and Auditor-Controller Julie Blue.

Staff members Tim Kennedy, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Chris Kehoe, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, Tim Fuelle, Corey Reed, Pablo Ramudo, Lia Solar, and Vincent Verissimmo were also in attendance.

OPEN TIME

President Eichstaedt asked if anyone in the audience wished to bring up an item not on the agenda. A member of the audience asked if there were any issues with water storage capacity and if there is anything NMWD is doing looking ahead. President Eichstaedt said that we try to maximize storage and preserve as much as we can. Mr. Williams said that we will be bringing an item to a future Board meeting for potentially modifying the spillway gate at Stafford Dam. He said that Stafford Lake can only hold so much currently so he described briefly the regional storage capabilities of Sonoma Water.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams gave a brief Potter Valley Project (PVP) Update and said the comment period to submit comments on PG&E's surrender application closed on December 19th, he said that over 2,000 comments have been received. He said that about 40 key submittals have been submitted to FERC including motions to intervene, one of which was from the District. He said the next step is to wait out the environmental review process, which could be over the next 2 years.

Mr. Williams said that the storm events during the period of December 20, 2025 – January 6, 2026 resulted in just under 10" in the Novato Creek watershed. He mentioned that Marin Water's watershed exceeded 30" and that it is officially a normal year in the Lagunitas watershed. He said that Stafford Lake was high but still under the spillway elevation. Director Joly mentioned that he thought the rainfall information is possibly not correct on the website, Mr. Williams said he will look into it.

Director Fraites asked in regard to the PVP/FERC situation, how likely is it to not happen they way it is planned. Mr. Williams said that FERC has never denied a surrender request, but it is being watched closely by many stakeholders, so it is hard to say what will happen.

STAFF AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Eric Miller reminded the Board that next Tuesday, January 27, is the workshop for the 2025 Novato Water Master Plan.

Eileen Mulliner noted that the current Emergency Contact List had been distributed to the Board. She also mentioned that paperwork will be forthcoming for the Board to provide emergency contacts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Petterle, the Board approved the consent calendar by the following vote:

AYES: Director(s) Baker, Eichstaedt, Fraites, Joly, and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approve December 16, 2025 Board meeting minutes.

ACTION CALENDAR

AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – APN 119-198-09

Eric Miller gave a brief background on the item. There was some discussion with the Board. Jarrod Russell, Executive Director of CLAM spoke to the Board and thanked them for working closely on the project. President Eichstaedt thanked Mr. Russell for coming and working with NMWD on this project.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Joly, the Board approved the Temporary Water Service Agreement for APN 119-198-09 by the following vote:

AYES: Director(s) Baker, Eichstaedt, Fraites, Joly, and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AMEND CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT – FREYER & LAURETA, INC.

Eric Miller gave an overview of the staff memorandum detailing the need to amend the Consulting Services Agreement with Freyer & Laureta, Inc. The Board had some questions and there was some discussion.

On the motion of Director Fraites, seconded by Director Baker, the Board approved Amending the Consulting Services Agreement with Freyer & Laureta, Inc. by the following vote:

AYES: Director(s) Baker, Eichstaedt, Fraites, Joly, and Petterle

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

CREST PUMP STATION PROJECT COMPLETION PRESENTATION

Avram Pearlman gave a presentation on the Crest Pump Station project, including the initial planning phase through final construction. The Board asked questions and Mr. Pearlman responded during the presentation. The Board thanked Mr. Pearlman.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA – JANUARY 5, 2026

Mr. Williams gave a brief overview of Item #4, TAC Finance Subcommittee Update – SCWA FY 26/27 Budget, and Item #6, Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order.

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated December 18, 24, 31, 2025, January 8 and 15, 2026. Monthly Progress Report, Auditor-Controller's Monthly Report of Investments for November 2025, Annual Report on Board Compensation, Increase in Board of Director's Compensation, NOAA Precipitation Outlook – January 15, 2026. The Board also received the following articles: Marin IJ – Bridge project secures funding; New change for housing proposal in West Marin; California's reservoirs rise as rain eases shortage fear. Pt. Reyes Light - Third try for subdivision proposal; North Marin wraps up water line work ahead of Green Bridge replacement. The Mendocino Voice - Letter to the Editor – Water is Life. San Francisco Chronicle - PG&E plans to remove century-old California dams. But there's a new obstacle: Trump.

The Board also received the NMWD Web and Social Media Report – December 2025.

Regular Board recessed from open session at 5:15 p.m. for a 5-minute period before entering closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

Item #10: President Eichstaedt convened the Board into closed session at 5:20 p.m. regarding anticipated litigation regarding a District construction project in accordance with California Government Code Section § 54956.9(d)(2). In addition to Directors Eichstaedt, Joly, Petterle, Baker and Frites, Tony Williams, GM and Eric Miller Assistant GM/Chief Engineer were present. Kevin Moore of Bold, Polisner, Maddow, Nelson and Judson also joined the meeting via video conference as well.

Item #11: President Eichstaedt began discussions at 5:40 pm regarding the General Manager's performance evaluation (California Government Code Section § 54957). At this time Tony Williams, Eric Miller and Kevin Moore left the room/meeting. At 5:56 p.m. Tony Williams re-entered the meeting to confer with the Directors at President Eichstaedt's request.

OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to regular session at 6:16 p.m., President Eichstaedt reported there was no action to report.

ADJOURNMENT

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary