

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 17, 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, Ryan Grisso, Corey Reed, and Vincent Verissimmo were also in attendance.

Kent Gylfie and David Royall of Sonoma Water were also in attendance.

PRESENTATION BY SONOMA WATER ON THE WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM CAPITAL PROJECTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

David Royall and Kent Gylfie, of Sonoma Water, gave a presentation on SW's Water Transmission System Capital Projects and Maintenance Update. There was some discussion with the Board afterwards.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams gave a brief Potter Valley Update. He said that Sonoma Water, on behalf of the Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) is evaluating the entities that will benefit from the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF). Mr. Williams also said that he is on a committee to participate in the analysis of revenue sources. He said he will report back once the committee meets.

Mr. Williams said that he and Director Fraites recently attended a quarterly Marin-Sonoma Water Coordination meeting in Petaluma that was attended by Supervisors Rabbitt and Rodoni as well as City of Petaluma, Sonoma Water, and Marin Water representatives.

Mr. Williams said that he and President Eichstaedt recently attended an ACWA informative meeting via Zoom on briefing of the gubernatorial candidates. He said infrastructure funding is a common concern as well as the burden of state regulations and the amount of data requested. He mentioned that the latest ACWA Priority Issues bulletin is in the Miscellaneous section of the agenda packet.

Director Joly asked about the NERF cost, Mr. Williams said it is \$50M for NERF construction.

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 spoke, Paul Deuter, with the Marin Coalition for Water

Solutions, and said he was attending the meeting to just observe and listen. President Eichstaedt thanked him for attending.

STAFF AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Joly asked about the rainfall reporting on the District's website and that it didn't seem accurate. Mr. Williams said that we are working on the issue.

Director Petterle reported that he attended the Russian River Public Policy Facilitating Committee concerning Sonoma Water's Biological Opinion. The meeting was held on January 21. He noted that in the past, attendance was around 60-70 people, but for this meeting there were approximately 30 attendees, approximately 17 of them were presenters.

President Eichstaedt mentioned the ACWA meeting that he attended with Mr. Williams.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Petterle requested that the two consent items be addressed separately.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Fraites, the Board approved Consent Item 5 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approve January 27, 2026 Board Special Meeting minutes.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Baker, the Board approved Consent Item 6 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Director Petterle

Approve February 3, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FY 2025-26 MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT – WATER CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Ryan Grisso gave a presentation on the FY 2025-26 Mid-Year Progress Report for Water Conservation and Public Communication. Director Joly commented that it was good to have added information on Marin Water's ARC project on our website with a link that takes the reader to MW's website for more information. President Eichstaedt thanked Ryan and said that he appreciates the work Ryan does on water conservation.

FY 26-27 BUDGET REVIEW AND RATE HEARING SCHEDULE

Julie Blue gave an overview of the FY 26-27 Budget Review and Rate Hearing Schedule. She noted that there are no Prop. 218 hearings required for Novato and West Marin this year, but there will be one for Oceana Marin. Director Petterle mentioned that we had put the hearing schedule in the Marin IJ last year. Ms. Blue said we could include it in the Waterline newsletter.

FY 25-26 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Julie Blue gave an overview of this item. There was some discussion. President Eichstaedt thanked Ms. Blue.

WAC/TAC MEETING AGENDA – FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Mr. Williams gave a brief overview of Item #7, Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order; Item #9, TAC Finance Subcommittee – FY2025-26 Draft SCWA Water Transmission System Budget (TAC); and #13 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update.

NBWA MEETING AGENDA – FEBRUARY 6, 2026

Director Fraites reported on the February 6th NBWA meeting, in which the topic was the Sonoma Ecology Center's Upper Sonoma Creek Restoration Vision.

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated February 5 and 12, 2026, Monthly Progress Report, Auditor-Controller's Monthly Report of Investments for December 2025, Notice of Preparation of the 2026 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership Annual Report – FY24/25, AWWA Priorities for 2nd Session of the 119th Congress Letter, ACWA Update on Priority Issues – February 2026, NOAA Seasonal Drought Outlook – January 31, 2026, and NMWD Web and Social Media Report – January 2026. Director Joly had a question about one of the disbursements that was clarified by staff.

The Board also received the NMWD Web and Social Media Report – January 2026.

The Board also received the following news articles: June ballot will be packed with Marin County races, Marin IJ – Land deal made for pipeline project, and Sacramento Bee – Bay-Delta water plan divides tribes, farmers and regulators.

ADJOURNMENT

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary