

NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 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, Vincent Verissimmo, and Haylee DeMartini were also in attendance.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams had a Potter Valley Update. He said he is on a committee representing the TAC on an economic study that Sonoma Water (SW) is leading on behalf of ERPA. He said the committee also includes TAC representatives from Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park, and members of the Mendocino County IWPC. The first meeting was on March 6 and the next meeting is this coming Friday.

Mr. Williams also said that he and President Eichstaedt, along with members of the Water Contractors, as well as Sonoma Water, attended a State Legislative visit in Sacramento on March 11th and gave a presentation on the visit which consisted of photos with legislatures that the team met with. There was some discussion with the Board about the visit. President Eichstaedt said attending was very valuable.

OPEN TIME

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

STAFF AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Eileen Mulliner reminded the Board to complete their Emergency Contact Forms, and that the State Form 700 as well as the Ethics Training need to be completed by April 1st.

Director Fraites asked about the future development of a 6-story structure in downtown Novato and if the District is able to provide water to the entire building. Eric Miller responded that building will very likely need to have its own pumping system which is not uncommon for taller buildings.

Director Joly mentioned that there was a San Marin Improvement Association meeting recently that Eric Miller and his wife also attended. The topic was Marin Water's Atmospheric River

Capture (ARC) project. He said they learned the cost of the project has increased from \$168M to \$195M with the potential to be as high as \$293M and MW has started on the EIR. There was some discussion with the Board.

Director Eichstaedt said that he and Director Fraites, separately, recently met with City of Novato Mayor Farac. He said the ARC project was discussed as well as other topics.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Baker, the Board approved the consent item by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approve March 3, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes.

ACTION CALENDAR

CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT – WOOD RODGERS, INC.

Eric Miller gave an overview of the memo requesting approval of a Consulting Services Agreement with Wood Rodgers, Inc. for phase 1 of the new Gallagher Well No. 3 project.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Petterle, the Board approved the Consulting Services Agreement with Wood Rodgers, Inc. by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

TAC MEETING AGENDA – MARCH 2, 2026

Tony Williams highlighted a couple of the March 2nd TAC meeting agenda items. He said that TAC had approved the Sonoma Water water transmission budget and it will now be going to the WAC for approval in April.

Mr. Williams also said that Brad Sherwood of SW had asked for input in relation to attending the Legislative Day in Sacramento.

NBWA MEETING AGENDA – MARCH 6, 2026

Director Fraites said he attended the March 6, 2026 NBWA meeting which was held via Zoom. He said that there was a discussion on removing politics from the meetings. He also said that there won't be a May meeting. He mentioned that there is an NBWA conference on April 9 in

Novato at the Indian Valley College campus. He and Director Baker will be attending and encouraged the other Directors to attend if possible.

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated March 5 and 12, 2026, Monthly Progress Report, March 3, 2026 Sonoma Water 2026-27 Water Transmission Budget and Rates Presentation Clarification, NOAA Monthly Precipitation Outlook – March, 2026, NOAA Monthly Drought Outlook – February, 2026.

The Board received the following news articles: Marin IJ – Sonoma’s Rabbitt won’t seek fifth term, Pt. Reyes Light – County to transfer Coast Buard parcel to CLAM.

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

RECESS

The Board recessed from Open Session at 4:47 pm for 8 minutes before entering into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

President Eichstaedt convened the Board into closed session at 4:55 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 Fraitas, 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.

RECONVENE

Upon returning to regular session at 5:35 p.m., President Eichstaedt stated that no reportable action had been taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary