

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 7, 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 Fraiters, Michael Joly, and Stephen Petterle. Also, present were General Manager Tony Williams, District Secretary Eileen Mulliner, and Auditor-Controller Julie Blue. AGM/Chief Engineer Eric Miller was absent from the meeting but would be joining the closed sessions remotely.

Staff members Tim Kennedy, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Chris Kehoe, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, Ryan Grisso, Vincent Verissimo, Corey Reed, and Haylee DeMartini were also in attendance.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams said there was no Potter Valley Project update and said that there was no news yet from FERC regarding the status of PG&E's license surrender and decommissioning application. He said that Sonoma Water is proceeding with the CEQA process for the NERF on behalf of ERPA.

Mr. Williams said that at the March 3, 2026 Board meeting, the Board authorized him to sign two legislation support letters and that those letters are in the Miscellaneous section of the Agenda.

Mr. Williams reminded the Board that there are two closed session items at the end of the meeting.

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

President Eichstaedt said he met with Ranjiv Khush at Marin Water, who has a background as a water scientist, and expressed his concerns on their ARC project. He also said that he has attended the second ARC public scoping meeting and said that there was low public attendance. There was some discussion amongst the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Eichstaedt asked that Item #6, Approve Text for Spring 2026 West Marin "Waterline", Issue 25, be pulled from the Consent Calendar. The Board agreed to his request.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approve March 17, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes

Approve Text for Spring 2026 Novato *Waterline*, Issue 56.

President Eichstaedt said that he had some comments on the West Marin *Waterline* that he had sent via email. Mr. Williams said that the edits will be made before final publication.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Petterle, the Board approved the Text for Spring 2026 West Marin "*Waterline*", Issues 25, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approve Text for Spring 2026 West Marin "*Waterline*", Issue 25.

ACTION CALENDAR

SET PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR NOVATO

Ryan Grisso gave a brief overview of the item and then introduced Dawn Flores of EKI, Inc. Ms. Flores gave a presentation to the Board on the Water Shortage Analysis. There was some discussion with the Board with additional information provided by Ryan Grisso.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Joly, the Board approved Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Approval of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan for Novato by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

FY 2025-2026 MID-YEAR REPORT – OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Tim Kennedy summarized the 2025-2026 Mid-Year Report for the Operations and Maintenance Department. The Board thanked Mr. Kennedy for his report.

AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION 2026 BEYOND THE REPLACEMENT ERA REPORT

Tony Williams gave an overview of the report and said that the full report is on our website.

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated March 19 and 26, 2026, Auditor-Controller's Monthly Report of Investments for February 2026, ACWA Update on Priority Issues, Final AB 2180 Support, Final SB 1153 Support.

The Board received the following News Articles: Marin IJ – Trump team to break up renowned climate lab, Marin IJ – County advances housing project, Marin IJ – MMWD pursues planning of drought-fighting pipeline, Marin IJ – Funds allotted for bridge sites, Marin IJ – New Bay Area radars boost storm-tracking capability, Marin IJ – MMWD should push forward with good pipeline plan, Marin IJ – Pipeline plan is doable move for Marin now, Pt. Reyes Light – Marin Water proposes Nicasio capture.

RECESS

The Board recessed from Open Session at 5:08 pm for 9 minutes before entering into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

President Eichstaedt convened the Board into closed session at 5:17 p.m. Closed Session Item #12 was regarding property in Novato owned by a telecommunication company; APNs 160-274-07 and 160-020-15. The discussion was in accordance with California Government Code Section § 54956.8. In addition to Directors Eichstaedt, Joly, Petterle, Baker and Fraites, Tony Williams, GM, and Eric Miller, Assistant GM/Chief Engineer, were present and represented the District's Property Negotiators.

Next, the Board and Staff present considered Item #13 regarding District-owned property in unincorporated Marin County also in accordance with California Government Code Section § 54956.8). The property is APN 125-100-13 and may be of interest to another local agency.

OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to regular session at 6:38 p.m., President Eichstaedt stated that no reportable action had been taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary