

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
April 21, 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 was General Manager Tony Williams, AGM/Chief Engineer Eric Miller, Auditor-Controller Julie Blue, and District Secretary Eileen Mulliner.

Staff members Tim Kennedy, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Avram Pearlman, Pablo Ramudo, Vincent Verissimo, Corey Reed, Lia Solar, Karen Clyde, and Haylee DeMartini were also in attendance.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Tony Williams said the 2026/27 Sonoma Water Transmission Budget was approved unanimously at the April 6 Special WAC/TAC meeting. The budget will now go to the Sonoma Water Board for adoption on April 28.

Mr. Williams said that Sonoma Water is hosting an AQPI (Atmospheric Quantitative Precipitation Information) celebration on May 11 at their wastewater treatment plant in Sonoma County. He said the AQPI program helps track atmospheric rivers.

Mr. Williams reminded the Board that there is a closed session item 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**

Pablo Ramudo, Water Quality Supervisor, spoke and told the Board that the position that was created when Stacie Goodpaster retired has been filled. He said that Holly Keuth, Lab Analysis I, has joined the laboratory group and that she previously worked for the City of Lodi. He said that over the past 5 years we have had several recruitments and it has been a challenge to find qualified applicants. He said that thanks to Karen Clyde, HR and Safety Manager, the process has been very strategic and has helped in the hiring process.

Director Petterle mentioned one of the items in the News Reports and Miscellaneous Items section of the agenda regarding MMWD's Smart meter installation project. He said he was disappointed that the Marin IJ did not reach out to NMWD on the subject since NMWD installed AMI meters twelve years ago. There was some discussion amongst the Board regarding this topic and

Director Fraites said he had contemplated writing a Letter to the Editor but decided against it. Director Eichstaedt noted that he was working with Ranjiv Khush regarding a Marin Voice on regional collaboration and the AMI topic could be included.

### **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 April 7, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes.

### **ACTION CALENDAR**

#### **RATE INCREASE (PROP 218) NOTICE TO OCEANA MARIN SEWER CUSTOMERS**

Julie Blue gave an overview of the memo regarding the rate increase. There was some discussion with the Board, including the 5-year financial forecast that was provided with the memo.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Fraites, the Board approved the Rate Increase (Prop 218) Notice to Oceana Marin Sewer Customers by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **FY 26-27 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS – RATE STUDY AND PROP 218 REVIEW**

Julie Blue gave a summary of the memo on this item, including the prior necessary notifications regarding the multi-year rates that were previously approved by the Board. The Board thanked Julie.

#### **SAN MATEO TANK TRANSMISSION MAIN – PROJECT COMPLETION PRESENTATION**

Avram Pearlman gave a presentation on the project completion for the San Mateo Tank Transmission Main project. There was some discussion with the Board, and the Board thanked Mr. Pearlman.

#### **NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Tony Williams gave a presentation on the item. There was some discussion with the Board, and the Board thanked Mr. Williams.

**NMWD COMMENT LETTER FOR THE MARIN WATER ARC PROJECT NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

Eric Miller summarized the comment letter and the Board said it was very well prepared. Mr. Williams noted that a copy was posted on the District website in response to a comment from Director Joly.

**NBWA SILVER ANNIVERSARY BIENNIAL CONFERENCE – APRIL 9, 2026**

Directors Fraites and Baker, and Tony Williams attended the NBWA Silver Anniversary Biennial Conference and all agreed it was a very good event.

**NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated April 9 and 16, 2026, Monthly Progress Report, Operational Area Alert & Warning Program and Memorandum of Agreement, NOAA Monthly Precipitation Probability – May, 2026, and NOAA Monthly Drought Probability - April, 2026.

The Board received the following News Articles: Marin IJ – Smart meter slow rollout will be worth it - EDITORIAL, and Pt. Reyes Light – Grandi owner secures permit for renovation.

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

**RECESS**

The Board recessed from Open Session at 6:02 pm for 9 minutes before entering into Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

President Eichstaedt convened the Board into closed session at 6:11 p.m. Closed Session Item #13 was 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 Fraites, Tony Williams, GM and Eric Miller Assistant GM/Chief Engineer were present. Kevin Moore of Bold, Polisner, Maddow, Nelson and Judson, District legal counsel, also joined the meeting via video conference as well.

**OPEN SESSION**

Upon returning to regular session at 6:43 p.m., President Eichstaedt stated that the Board agreed to the terms of a mediated settlement with D.L. Falk Construction Inc. regarding a dispute on the District's Administration & Laboratory Upgrade Project. The Board also authorized its General Manager, Tony Williams, to execute the necessary settlement documents on behalf of the District.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner  
District Secretary