

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 5, 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, AGM/Chief Engineer Eric Miller, and Auditor-Controller Julie Blue.

Staff members Tim Kennedy, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Vincent Verissimo, Tim Fuelle, and Karen Clyde were also in attendance.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Tony Williams informed the Board that one agenda item was revised due to a date error on the Board memo (Item #5).

Mr. Williams had a brief Potter Valley Update, saying that there has been a lot of media coverage regarding Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District from Southern California that has expressed interest in the Potter Valley Project and in purchasing PG&E's water rights as well as apparent support by US Department of Agriculture. He noted that this proposed action is concerning to Sonoma Water as well as Congressman Huffman. He said that there are few items in the miscellaneous section regarding this.

**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 asked if there were any staff or Director's reports and there was no response.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Joly, 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 April 21, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes; and

Approve Resolution re Consolidation of District Election and Filing Information District Election, November 3, 2026.

### **ACTION CALENDAR**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE – NOVATO BOULEVARD WATER IMPROVEMENTS**

Eric Miller summarized the item including the relationship between the District and the City on the project. The Board had some questions and there was some discussion regarding project costs and the District's plan to purchase the pipe materials separately.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Fraites, the Board authorized advertisement for the Novato Boulevard Water Improvements by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **PREVIEW OF FY 26/27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)**

Eric Miller gave an overview and presentation of the item and answered several questions from the Board. There was some discussion regarding total expenditures and available revenue sources, primarily for Novato and West Marin water systems. The Board thanked Mr. Miller.

#### **2026 LOCAL AND REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS**

Tony Williams gave an overview and presentation of the item. There were some questions from the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Williams.

#### **WAC/TAC MEETING AGENDA – MAY 4, 2026**

Tony Williams highlighted two of the items from the meeting he attended on May 4, 2026. One item, #8, was an update of Sonoma Water's Operations by David Royall which noted that all three Santa Rosa Plain wells are available if needed. The other, #10, was an update on the ERPA and the Potter Valley Project and the recent funding that has been secured for ERPA and the New Eel-Russian Facility (NERF).

#### **NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated April 23 and 30, 2026, Auditor-Controller's Monthly Report of Investments for March 2026, FY26/27 Insurance Renewal, ACWA - Vision for our Water Future, Letter from Congressman Huffman to US Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior re Potter Valley Project.

The Board received the following News Articles: Marin IJ – Dry water supply condition declared for Russian River, Marin IJ – Marin fire officials say State's safety plan could be stronger

Marin IJ – Builder delays housing project, Press Democrat – Reservoirs are in good shape, but officials declare dry conditions in upper Russian River for first time in years, Press Democrat - Trump official touts Southern California water district as potential buyer Potter Valley Project, SF Chronicle – Trump administration offers plan to stop dam removal on California river.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner  
District Secretary