

NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 16, 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, AGM/Chief Engineer Eric Miller, District Secretary Eileen Mulliner, and Auditor-Controller Julie Blue.

Staff members Tim Kennedy, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Chris Kehoe, Construction Superintendent, Ryan Grisso, Karen Clyde, and Vincent Verissimo were also in attendance.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams noted that in the last agenda packet there was a miscellaneous item about FERC officially starting the NEPA process for the Potter Valley decommissioning and it is the time for formal comments. He said we will coordinate with the other water coordinators for consistency as a group. He said he will bring this to the July Board meeting.

Mr. Williams noted that the Novato Fire Protection District is having their 100-year celebration on July 1 and that he will be attending and that the Board is welcome to attend as well.

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.

Eric Miller said he attended a meeting that Supervisor Rodoni and his aides, the Novato mayor and a Novato council member also attended, for a roundtable discussion. He said that the Novato Master Plan updates, and budget were among the District related topics discussed.

Mr. Miller also said that the Engineering Department has student interns coming on board, one of them being Ellis Stahley who interned last year.

President Eichstaedt announced that things went very smoothly in Tony Williams' recent absence and told Mr. Williams that NMWD staff are great.

Director Fraites asked about the July 4th parade and Mr. Williams said that we will be participating again this year.

President Eichstaedt said that the District water station provided for Western Weekend in Pt. Reyes was very much appreciated. Mr. Williams said that former employee Robert Clark provided that on behalf of the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Baker, 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 June 2, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING: STATUS OF VACANCIES, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION

The public hearing to consider the Status of Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention was opened at 4:09 p.m. by President Eichstaedt.

Julie Blue gave a summary of the item which required no action by the Board. There was some discussion and comments.

There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed at 4:12 p.m.

Director Joly had some questions related to news reports about “super” El Nino. There was some brief discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING/APPROVE: PROPOSED OCEANA MARIN SEWER SERVICE AREA RATE INCREASE

The public hearing to consider the Proposed Oceana Marin Sewer Service Area Rate Increase was opened at 4:17 p.m. by President Eichstaedt.

Tony Williams presented the item, giving a brief summary of the public notification steps performed to date and the need for the sewer service charge increase. There was some discussion and comments.

There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed at 4:28 p.m.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Fraites, the Board approved the Proposed Oceana Marin Sewer Service Area Rate Increase by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING/APPROVE: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR NOVATO SERVICE AREA

The public hearing to consider approval of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan for Novato Service Area was opened at 4:29 p.m. by President Eichstaedt.

Ryan Grisso spoke and then introduced Kendra Olmos of EKI who gave a presentation on key elements of the plan development and content. The Board had some questions which were addressed by either Ms. Olmos or staff. The Board thanked Ms. Olmos.

There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed at 5:01 p.m.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Fraites, the Board approved the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan for Novato Service Area by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION CALENDAR

APPROVE: NOVATO AND WEST MARIN WATER SERVICE AREAS RATE INCREASE

Julie Blue gave an overview, including the prior Prop 218 notifications. There was some discussion, and the Board thanked Ms. Blue.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE: FY 26/27 BUDGETS NOVATO AND WEST MARIN SERVICE AREAS

Julie Blue gave a detailed presentation of the budget across all enterprises as well as proposed overall District organizational structure changes. There was some discussion and comments. The Board thanked Ms. Blue.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Baker, the Board approved the FY 26/27 Budget Novato and West Marin Service Areas by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE: BASE SALARY SCHEDULE REVISION

Julie Blue gave a summary of the item. The Board thanked Ms. Blue.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Joly, the Board approved the Base Salary Schedule Revision by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE: REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROJECT COSTS FROM FUTURE FINANCING PROCEEDS

Julie Blue summarized the item and explained it will allow flexibility for the District in the short term for various debt pathways. There was some discussion and comments.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Fraites, the Board approved the Reimbursement Resolution for Project Costs from Future Financing Proceeds by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated June 4 and 11, 2026; Monthly Progress Report – May; NOAA Monthly Drought Outlook, June 2026; and NOAA Monthly Precipitation Outlook, June 2026.

The Board received the following News Articles: Marin IJ – ‘Historical Approval’ hailed by MMWD; Marin IJ – MMWD to electrify key pump station; and Marin IJ – Regulators signal support for upstate dam removals.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary