

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 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 were General Manager Tony Williams, AGM/Director of Engineering Eric Miller, Director of Administrative Services Julie Blue, and Executive Assistant/District Secretary Eileen Mulliner.

Staff members Tim Kennedy, Director of Operations, Chris Kehoe, Director of Utilities, Vincent Verissimo, and Corey Reed were also in attendance.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams noted that there is a Potter Valley item later in the agenda and said that there is interest from a Southern California water district and they have filed a late motion to intervene. He said that the water contractors are unsure of what is happening regarding this development. Mr. Williams also mentioned an updated comment letter for Item #6, a copy of which was provided to the Board at the meeting.

Mr. Williams said that on July 1 he and Director Joly attended the Novato Fire Protection District's 100-year celebration and that it was a very nice event with a good turnout.

Mr. Williams noted that the District participated in Novato's July 4th parade in which the new crew truck was used. He said that Ryan Grisso, Brian Northen, Danny McDonald, Haylee DeMartini and her daughter, and Melissa Klapp and her daughter all participated in the parade. Along the route, Vincent Verissimo, who was there to watch the parade, was seen and brought out from the crowd into the parade to help out as well. Mr. Williams noted that each of the Directors have been given one of the new ducks the District used this year to pass out at the parade. He also said that Tim Kennedy volunteered with the parade logistics.

Mr. Williams said that on July 9 he participated in the quarterly meeting of Marin water managers and there was a good discussion about the recent Marin Civil Grand Jury report. He said they also discussed the state's Cross Connection Control program and the new state requirements.

Mr. Williams reminded the Board that there is a closed session at the end of the meeting.

Director Fraites asked regarding the Southern California water district, why they are getting involved in a Northern California situation. Mr. Williams responded that the water contractors are not sure. Director Joly asked if Lake Pillsbury is a recreational lake and not a water supply. Mr. Williams said that it is mainly a recreational lake and not for water supply directly.

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 noted to the Board that a current informational flyer produced by Marin Municipal Water District on their ARC Project was given to each of the Directors. He said that we have a supply at the front desk for the public and that additional copies are available if any of the Directors would like a few more. Directors Joly and Petterle both said they would like some extra copies. There was some discussion on the project amongst the Board.

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 June 16, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes

Approve On-Call Consulting Services Agreement – GIS Support.

ACTION ITEMS

POTTER VALLEY PROJECT LICENSE SURRENDER AND DECOMMISSIONING NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) SCOPING COMMENTS

Tony Williams gave a summary of the item. He noted that the response letter, Attachment 2, had been slightly revised and a copy was provided to the Board. There were some questions from the directors which Mr. Williams responded to.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Joly, the Board approved the Potter Valley Project License Surrender and Decommissioning National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Scoping Comments by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAM LOAN REQUEST - VINCENT VERISSIMO

This item was pulled from the agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

DRAFT RESPONSES TO MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT: *BETTER SERVICE AT A LOWER COST: OPTIMIZING ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE FUTURE OF MARIN.* **JUNE 11, 2026**

Tony Williams gave an overview of the item. There was some discussion amongst the Board, including feedback on term limits and barriers to consolidation. Mr. Williams said he will bring back the final response letter for approval in August.

NBWA MEETING AGENDAS – JUNE 30 and July 17, 2026

Director Fraites said that he attended the June 30 meeting via Zoom in which the topic was setting business for the upcoming year. He was unable to attend the July 17, 2026 meeting.

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated June 18, 25, July 2, 9 and 16, 2026; Monthly Progress Report – June; NOAA Monthly Drought Outlook, July 2026; and NOAA Monthly Precipitation Outlook, July 2026, Water Agencies, Tribes, and Conservation Groups Defend “Two-Basin Solution” Amid Federal Meetings on Potter Valley Project, Motion to Intervene Late - Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District.

The Board received the following News Articles: Marin IJ – Bridge replacement proposed near Pt. Reyes Station, Marin IJ – Special district mergers sought, Marin IJ – MMWD eyes rates for fiscal unknowns, Marin IJ – Plans approved for road project, Marin IJ – Novato finishes 2-year upgrade of permitting system for city customers, Marin IJ - \$2.6M ok'd for drought project, Marin IJ – Agencies have more room for consolidation, Pt. Reyes Light - Bridge to be replaced on Levee Road, Pt. Reyes Light - Letter to PRL re Western Weekend Thanks, Press Democrat - Trump administration ups ante in quest to thwart removal of PG&E's Eel River Dams.

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

RECESS

The Board recessed from Open Session at 5:00 pm for 9 minutes before entering into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

President Eichstaedt convened the Board into closed session at 5:09 p.m.

Closed Session Item #13 was discussed first which regarded 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 AGM/Director of Engineering, were present and District Legal Counsel attorneys Craig Judson and Kevin Moore of Bold, Polisner, Maddow, Nelson and Judson participated remotely.

At 5:40 p.m., attorney Kevin Moore left the meeting, and President Eichstaedt began discussions regarding Closed Session Item #12. This item was anticipated litigation under California Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4), regarding Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project, the PG&E Draft Application for Surrender of License and Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and the associated New Eel-Russian Facility (NERF).

At 5:55 p.m., Eric Miller left the meeting, and the Board and the General Manager considered Item #14 regarding unrepresented District staff in accordance with California Government Code § 54957.6.

OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to regular session at 6:12 p.m., President Eichstaedt reported that the Board directed District Counsel to take appropriate action regarding Item #13. President Eichstaedt then stated that there were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session for Items #12 and #14.

ADJOURNMENT

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary