

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 4, 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, Vincent Verissimo, Corey Reed, Lia Solar, Rebecca Sylvester, Sebastian Rubio-Gomez, Blake Hall, Tim Fuelle, and Intern Nathan Aguilera were also in attendance.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams gave a Potter Valley Project update and mentioned there were several comment letters in the News and Miscellaneous section of the agenda, one being from the Marin Conservation League which he noted was a good letter. He said that Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District applied for a motion to intervene, as well as a private company, however EVMWD's motion was denied by FERC because they submitted after the deadline. Mr. Williams noted that a company named Infrastruk out of Southern California also filed a late motion.

Mr. Williams mentioned an IJ article regarding MMWD's Seeger Dam. He said that it has a similar spillway as Lake Oroville's dam that failed in 2017 and that the Division of Safety of Dams inspected it as well as two other MMWD dams, Soulajule and Peters, and 96 other dams in the state. Mr. Williams said that one of the issues found was a potential problem with the spillway underdrains, some of the pipe used was made from paper pulp. Their dam has a fair rating as opposed to a satisfactory rating because of this condition. The Stafford Dam spillway is a different design and the limited underdrains are made of PVC pipe. He said that Eric Miller will bring a Stafford Dam update at a future meeting, similar to past practice.

President Eichstaedt asked about cybersecurity issues in relation to articles in many news outlets about cyber attacks on water districts throughout the United States and if we have discussed the issue with IT. Mr. Williams confirmed that we have received warnings from federal agencies and have been monitoring and coordinating with our IT, CORE Utilities, and we do not think we are exposed to the current threat due to the levels of protections we have in place. President Eichstaedt told Tim Kennedy that they appreciate his work.

Director Petterle asked if the issues with MMWD dams and Nicasio could affect their ARC project. Mr. Williams said it doesn't seem to be an issue currently. Director Joly asked if MMWD's other dams were downgraded as well, Mr. Williams said Soulajule and Peters were not.

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.

At President Eichstaedt's request, members of the Engineering Department who were in the audience and each gave their name and title. Director Joly thanked staff that participated in the July 4th parade.

Tim Fuelle spoke briefly to the Board describing the intern program this year that the Engineering Department utilized and had hired in two interns for the summer. He then introduced Nathan Aguilera, who is one of the two Engineering interns. Nathan spoke to the Board and described his time in the department and how beneficial it has been for him. He thanked the Board and District for the opportunity and said it has been a very positive experience. Director Petterle said that he really supports the internship program. Mr. Williams noted that a third intern was hired to support the Administrative Service department as well.

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 July 21, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

BOARD REVIEW OF DISTRICT POLICY: BOARD POLICY NUMBER 14 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MANUAL

Tony Williams gave an overview of the Board manual and master agenda schedule. He said that any feedback is welcome. Director Joly said the changes are very helpful.

BOARD REVIEW OF DISTRICT POLICY: BOARD POLICY NUMBER 26 – ON-CALL AND STAND-BY DUTY

Tony Williams summarized this item. He said that Chris Kehoe and Karen Clyde provided input to bring the policy up to date, including the new department and title changes.

WAC/TAC MEETING AGENDA – AUGUST 3, 2026

Tony Williams noted a couple of the agenda items. He said that there will likely be an interim general manager after Grant Davis retires on August 25. He noted that recruitment may not occur until after the November elections.

Regarding item 8B, Mr. Williams mentioned that the State has a new regulation for non-functional turf and that commercial properties and HOAs cannot have an area of lawn that is decorative only. He noted that 3 case studies are highlighted in the region as examples of success, one of which is a District customer. He said that Ryan Grisso will be attending a future Board meeting with updates.

For item 10, Mr. Williams said that there will be an ERPA Board meeting on Thursday, August 6. He said there will be a presentation on the Potter Valley Project and the new NERF, including the expected flow volumes based on recent modeling.

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated July 23 and 30, 2026; NOAA Seasonal Drought Outlook, July – October 2026; FERC WAC PVP NEPA Scoping Comments Letter; FERC NMWD PVP NEPA Scoping Comment Letter; FERC MCL PVP NEPA Scoping Comments; FERC EVMWD PVP NEPA Scoping Comment Letter; FERC Notice Denying EVMWD Late Intervention.

The Board received the following News Articles: Marin IJ – Water boards have key races for seats around Marin; Marin IJ – Plan helps prepare for water shortages; Marin IJ – MMWD ordered to submit plans to fix deficient dam; Marin IJ – Slew of offices at stake in Marin; Pt. Reyes Light – Thank you, water crews; The Press Democrat - Federal agency rejects Southern California water district's bid to intervene in PG&E's plans to remove 2 Eel River dams.

President Eichstaedt mentioned the item from the Pt. Reyes Light thanking the NMWD crews for their work in West Marin and thanked them as well.

ADJOURNMENT

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary