

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 18, 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, and Executive Assistant/District Secretary Eileen Mulliner. Director of Administrative Services Julie Blue was absent.

Staff members Tim Kennedy, Director of Operations, Nancy Williamson, Ling Reilly, Karen Clyde, Ryan Grisso, Pablo Ramudo, Vincent Verissimo, Sebastian Rubio-Gomez, Blake Hall, Tim Fuelle, and Interns Alisa Costello and Ellis Stahley were also in attendance.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams said he attended a Marin County Special Districts Association meeting on August 6 and that the topic was the recent Marin County Grand Jury report regarding Special Districts. He mentioned that staff from the County Executive's office also attended.

Mr. Williams said that the County adopted their Emergency Operations Plan in June. He said the plan identified alternate sites to function as Emergency Operations Centers and NMWD's headquarters, including the Board room, was named as one of the alternate sites. He said that the County did a site visit recently and that a proposed agreement that spells out joint use will be brought to the Board in October.

Director Joly asked if the District will be doing anything to commemorate Grant Davis recognizing him as he will be retiring August 25. Mr. Williams said that the Water Advisory Committee did a proclamation and the TAC Ad-hoc committee recognized him at their meeting.

Director Joly inquired about the August 5 ERPA Board meeting. Mr. Williams said he listened in on the meeting and that there was a presentation on hydraulic studies that have been done which shows that the recent transfer volumes can be maintained under the future NERF essentially. He said he will put the presentation in the next Board agenda.

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.

Tim Fuelle spoke briefly to the Board describing the internship program this year that the Engineering Department utilized and had hired in two interns for the summer. He then introduced Ellis Stahley, who is one of the two Engineering interns who had interned in the department last summer as well. Ellis 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.

Karen Clyde spoke to the Board about the HR/Administrative internship and introduced Alisa Costello. Alisa addressed the Board and described her time in the Administrative Services Department and what she has worked on. She mentioned the Health and Wellness Fair that she is working on putting together with Karen's assistance. She said the internship has been very rewarding and helpful for her and that she has really enjoyed the time at the District. She thanked Karen for her mentorship as well as the Administrative Services Department.

President Eichstaedt mentioned that he went camping recently at Lake Mendocino and learned a lot about the water resources. There were no other Directors reports.

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 August 4, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes.

ACTION CALENDAR

APPROVE: OCEANA MARIN 2026 MASTER PLAN UPDATE & 2027 RATE STUDY – GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Eric Miller gave an overview of the item including a history of the master plan.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Baker, the Board approved the Oceana Marin 2026 Master Plan Update & 2027 Rate Study – General Services Agreements by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Director Baker

**FINAL 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 a summary of the item, noting the summary sheet of responses that was included. Director Joly suggested adding additional language for the response for Finding 2 noting the priority of revenue generation for maintenance and capital needs. President Eichstaedt had a question about Recommendation 1 and the planned visioning for West Marin by the County which Mr. Williams addressed. He commended Mr. Williams on the response letter.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Petterle, the Board approved the Final Responses to Marin County Civil grand Just Report: Better Service at a Lower Cost: Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin, June 11, 2026 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Director Baker

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

Tony Williams gave an overview of the final draft Board manual and appendices. He said that it included feedback from the Directors. Director Joly said the changes are very helpful. Director Baker asked for clarification that the Manual doesn't address any potential future changes to the District services, especially Oceana Marin. Mr. Williams confirmed it did not.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Joly, the Board approved District Board Policy Number 14 – Board of Directors Manual by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Tony Williams summarized this item which was included as an informational item in a prior Agenda.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Fraites, the Board approved District Board Policy Number 26 – On-call and Stand-by Duty by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

FY 2025-26 END OF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT – WATER CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Ryan Grisso gave a presentation on the FY2025-26 End of Year Progress Report for Water Conservation and Public Communication. There was some discussion and questions from the Board which Mr. Grisso addressed. The Board thanked Mr. Grisso.

FY 2025-2026 END OF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT – WATER QUALITY

Pablo Ramudo provided an overview of the 2025-2026 End of Year Progress Report for Water Quality and gave a presentation. The Board had some questions which were addressed by Mr. Ramudo. The Board thanked Mr. Ramudo.

FY 2025-2026 STAFFORD DAM ACTIVITIES REPORT

Eric Miller gave an overview of the report and a presentation. The Board had some questions which were addressed by Mr. Miller. The Board thanked Mr. Miller.

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated August 6 and 13, 2026; Monthly Progress Report – July, Auditor-Controller's Monthly Report of Investments for June 2026, NMWD Candidates who have filed papers for Office – November 6 New Study introduces a transferable framework for evaluating the potential for Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations in watersheds across the country.

The Board received the following News Articles: Marin IJ – Full ballots for voters in Marin election.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary