

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Pablo Ramudo, Director of Water Resources, Rebecca Sylvester, Vincent Verissimo, and Tim Fuelle were also in attendance.

Laurie Williams was in the audience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tony Williams noted that there had been questions at the August 18 meeting about the August ERPA meeting he had attended and said he provided an excerpt from that meeting in the News and Miscellaneous Section.

Mr. Williams said that as of today, Brad Sherwood is the Interim General Manager for Sonoma Water.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that Marin Water's General Manager, Ben Horenstein, will be retiring at the end of the year and Shaun Horne has been selected as the new GM. Shaun is Marin Water's Director of Watershed Resources.

Mr. Williams announced to the Board that Pablo Ramudo, former Water Quality Supervisor, has been selected as the Director of Water Resources for the newly created Department of Water Resources.

Director Baker mentioned that this particular agenda packet was much larger than usual and Mr. Williams noted the majority of pages in the packet was a required Plan under Item #9.

Director Joly thanked Mr. Williams for the NERF information that was in the News and Miscellaneous Reports section of the agenda as well as the message he sent to Grant Davis on his retirement. Director Joly also noted that Lake Mendocino seems low and asked what could be the cause. Mr. Williams said it is a possible combination of there being slightly below normal amount of rain, and flow variances of PG&E releases from the Eel River. He said that Sonoma Water is not concerned at this time and he thinks there should be good runoff this winter.

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.

Tony Williams noted that Rebecca Sylvester, Engineering Administrative Assistant, will be filling in for Eileen Mulliner, Executive Assistant/District Secretary, at the October 6, 2026 Board meeting while she is on vacation.

Eileen Mulliner noted to the Board that they had all been given a copy of the current Board of Directors Manual that was approved at the August 18, 2026 meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Joly asked that Item #7 be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion and there was no opposition from the other directors.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Joly, the Board approved the remaining consent calendar (Items #4, 5, 6, and 8) by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approve August 18, 2026 Board Regular Meeting minutes

Approve August 27, 2026 Board Special Meeting minutes

Approve Water Main Relocation Agreement – 125 Landing Court Development

Approve Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 1 Board Nomination.

ACTION CALENDAR

APPROVE: CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR NMWD TRENCH RESTORATION PAVING – W.K.

MCLELLAN COMPANY

Director Joly asked to have this item moved to the Action Calendar for procedural reasons. He said he had spoken to Tony Williams earlier regarding the dollar amount ceiling for consent items and felt this item should be on the Action Calendar. Mr. Williams clarified that this item was eligible for the Consent Calendar. He also noted that Consent items still require an approval just as Action items do but that the Directors can always remove an item off consent. President Eichstaedt asked Chris Kehoe to give a brief description of the item. Mr. Kehoe gave an overview of the District working with McLellan for many years and how they can provide the service that the District requires at reasonable costs.

On the motion of Director Joly, seconded by Director Fraites, the Board approved the Contract Extension for NMWD Trench Restoration Paving by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE: OCEANA MARIN WASTEWATER SYSTEM – ACCEPTANCE OF 2026 SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Tim Kennedy explained that this was a regulatory requirement and gave an overview of the item including the required contents of the SSMP. Director Joly asked about sewer spillage liability and for reassurance that it will not occur. Mr. Kennedy said we are doing all that we can to prevent any issues. There was some additional discussion, and then the Board thanked Mr. Kennedy.

On the motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Joly, the Board approved the Oceana Marin Wastewater System – Acceptance of 2026 Sewer System Management Plan by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

PRELIMINARY FY 2025/2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Julie Blue gave a summary of the Preliminary FY 2025/2026 Financial Statement. There was some discussion, the Board thanked Ms. Blue.

REVISIONS TO REGULATIONS 6 AND 36 RELATED TO CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL

Pablo Ramudo spoke to the Board and gave an overview of the changes to Regulations 6 and 36. There were some questions from the Board which Mr. Ramudo addressed and some discussion. The Board thanked Mr. Ramudo.

FY 2025-2026 END OF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT – ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Eric Miller provided an overview of the 2025-2026 End of Year Progress Report for the Engineering Department and gave some highlights. There were some questions from the Board which were answered by Mr. Miller. The Board thanked Mr. Miller.

FY 2025-2026 END OF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT – OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Tim Kennedy addressed the Board and summarized the Operations Department End of Year Progress Report. There were some questions from the Board which were addressed by Mr. Miller. The Board thanked Mr. Kennedy.

NEWS AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board received the following miscellaneous items: Disbursements – Dated August 27, September 3, and 10, 2026; Monthly Progress Report – July, Auditor-Controller's Monthly Report of Investments for July 2026, NOAA Seasonal Precipitation Outlook – September – November 2026, Sonoma Water Interim GM Announcement, Message to Grant Davis, Coalition Urges California Court to Consider Wildfire Implications on Public Water Systems, ERPA Presentation Aug 6, 2026, and SCWA Water Year Webinar.

The Board received the following News Articles: Marin IJ - Candidate field gets larger at deadline, Marin IJ – Candidates emerge as election filing closes, Marin IJ – MMWD General Manager selected, Marin IJ – \$28.5M bridge replacement project gains momentum, Marin IJ – City approves \$16.8M contract for Novato Blvd work, Marin IJ – New fee could hit wireless holdouts, Marin IJ – Ban on watering decorative grass nears despite no signs of drought, Pt. Reyes Light – Water district plans to modernize Nicasio spillway.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Eichstaedt adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Submitted by



Eileen Mulliner
District Secretary