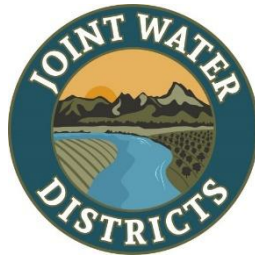


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS  
APRIL 14, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M.**

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THE JOINT WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT BUTTE WATER DISTRICT'S BOARDROOM, LOCATED AT 735 VIRGINIA STREET, GRIDLEY.

*Director Nevis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer, Dominic Nevis, Pete Waller, and Carl Yank. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson, Sean Earley, and Mitch Renfree. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Director Meyer moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Yank seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 2026 Water Season –**

- a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations—***Manager Renfree gave an update regarding Lake levels. Over the last month, the Lake's capacity has increased from 85% to 91%. It was also reported that River Releases are currently at 4,982 CFS, and Inflows are 14,020 CFS.*
- b. Update on 2026 Water Season—***An update was given. Manager Renfree stated that water service for SEWD began on April 8th. There is currently 150 CFS running in the Main Canal.*
- c. Update on 2026 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects—***Manager Renfree gave several updates. He reported that all of the scheduled repairs had been completed on the B- Joint of the Main Canal. Also, the Loonies had been successfully repainted.*

- d. Sutter Butte Main Canal – Unauthorized Excavation & Emergency Repair** - On April 4, an unauthorized excavation occurred along the Sutter Butte Main Canal (B-Joint), where a backhoe breached the canal side bank while attempting to locate an old drain line. The work was immediately stopped by the Joint Manager, and the Joint Board was notified. Due to the proximity of the irrigation start date (April 8), the Board authorized emergency repairs by S&S Construction Services, Inc. Inspection confirmed a levee breach, and the area was capped with concrete as a temporary repair to ensure safe water delivery. The Board authorized invoicing the responsible parties (Derek Moffitt and Mark Lavy) for all repair costs, including Legal Counsel and Joint Manager's time. The Board further directed that no water deliveries be made to these parties (in any district) until payment is received in full, except for ongoing efforts to supply an existing rice field. The Board also noted that the long-term stability of the repair is uncertain and additional work may be required. Future restrictions regarding the use of the canal for drainage will be addressed in a separate letter. Total emergency repair cost: \$6,975 (S&S Construction, Inc.), plus additional staff time. Payment to the contractor has been authorized, with reimbursement pending.
- B. Review of Joint Work Equipment Rates and Potential Adjustments** – The Board discussed the Joint Equipment Rates and decided to increase them all by 33% and round that to the nearest whole number. Director Waller motioned to approve, Director Yank seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- C. Biggs-West Gridley Water District's request for excess water for Secondary Lands**— BWGWD requested up to 15,000 acre-feet of excess water for their Secondary Lands at \$12.32 per acre-foot. This will go back to the individual Districts for their Board approval.
- D. SGMA Groundwater Management**— An update was given regarding the Sutter and Butte Subbasins.

**MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- A.** Director Yank motioned to approve the March 10, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Director Meyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- B.** Director Waller moved to approve the April 2026 financial reports and to pay the April bills totaling \$42,422.61. Director Yank seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:**

No Update

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

*No Update*

**MANAGERS' REPORTS:**

*No Update*

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (CLOSED SESSION) – EXISTING LITIGATION**, Bay Delta Proceedings, including the proposed Delta Conveyance Project and amendments to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Government Code § 54956.9, subdivision (a) and (d)(1).

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54656.9(d)(1).) AquAlliance et al. v. Biggs-West Gridley Water District et al. Butte Co. Superior Court, Case No. 22CV00347. Government Code § 54956.9, subdivision (a) and (d)(1).

*The Board moved into closed session at 11:38 a.m.*

*The Board returned to open session at 12:35 p.m.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

*Director Waller and Nevis had to leave during the closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, Director Meyer noted that no action had been taken, but direction had been given to legal counsel.*

**MEETING AGENDA:**

*The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2026. The agenda will include monthly recurring items.*

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:** *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.*

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Dominic Nevis, President

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Mitch Renfree, Manager