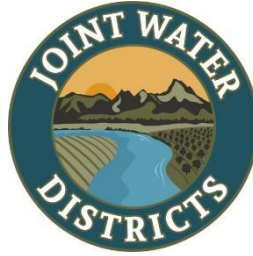


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
MARCH 10, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M.**

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.

DISCUSSION WITH GROWERS REGARDING DRAINAGE ISSUES – *Landowners Mark Leavy and Derek Moffitt gave a presentation on their ongoing drainage issues adjacent to the Main Canal. After some Discussion, the Board requested more information on their ability to connect to Drainage District 833. If that is a possibility, the Board agreed that the Landowners could request an Encroachment Permit to begin the process of putting a pipe under the canal at the Landowners' expense.*

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 79% to 85%. It was also reported that River Releases are currently at 9,368 CFS, and Inflows are 9,000 CFS. Manager Renfree also gave a snapshot of last year's 3.11.25 data, which showed that the lake was at 82%, releases were 7,600 CFS, and inflow was 8,159 CFS.*

b. Update on 2026 Water Season—No Update

c. Update on 2026 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects—

- i. *Manager Renfree gave an update on the several bids he had received to sandblast and paint the Loonies. A bid of \$6,300.00 was selected as the best option for completing the work. Director Meyer motioned to approve Manager Renfree’s decision. The motion was seconded by Director Nevis and passed unanimously.*
- ii. *Manager Renfree presented some options for chemical application of the Main Canal before the Allotted water season for the purpose of destroying the aquatic vegetation surviving in the seed bank of the canal floor. The Chemical combination is TopDeck (Imazomox) + Sonar Genesis (Fluridone). It was determined that Manager Renfree needs to gather a bit more information on pricing, timing, and potential risks. This information needs to be relayed to the Board before any application can proceed.*

B. Approve 2025 Hydrology Report - *The Board reviewed the 2025 Hydrology Report. Director Meyer motioned to approve the report. Director Yank seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

C. 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 February 10, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Director Waller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- B.** *Director Yank moved to approve the financial reports for March 2026 and to pay the March bills totaling \$37,456.90. Director Meyer 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

Upon reconvening into open session, Director Nevis noted that no action had been taken, but direction had been given to legal counsel.

MEETING AGENDA:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 10, 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.*

Dominic Nevis, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager