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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS OCTOBER 13, 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 Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Director present: Walt Meyer. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson, Sean Earley, and Mitch Renfree. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm remotely via phone and General Manager of Western Canal Water District, Jenny Scheer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Manager Stinnett moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Manager Phillips 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 decreased from 54% to 44%. River Releases are currently at 3,243 CFS, and Inflows have decreased from last month's 3,166 CFS to 2,188 CFS.*

b. **Update on 2026 Water Season—** *An update was given. Manager Renfree stated that water service has been running smoothly for all districts. Total water used for the year, including Sunset Pumps, as of October 11th was 430,020 AF (69.4%). There was nothing more to report. Manager Stinnett stated that water drawdown will commence on October 31. (This process involves BWD removing almost all of the boards within the weirs through the Main to allow free flow.)*

c. **Update on 2026 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects —** *Manager Renfree gave an update that work will begin reinforcing the Biggs Ext. with rock from Vance Ave Mine within a week or two.*

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B. Rules and Regulations – The Directors and Managers reported that the Rules and Regulations had been presented to their respective District Boards and approved by each District. Following discussion and confirmation of those approvals, Manager Stinnet moved to adopt the Rules and Regulations as written. Director Meyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. SGMA Groundwater Management — *An update was given regarding the Sutter and Butte Subbasins.*

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Director Meyer moved to approve the September 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Director Nevis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. *Director Meyer moved to approve the October 2026 financial reports and to pay the September bills totaling $19,395.76. Manager Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No Update

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

No Update

MANAGERS' REPORTS:

a. *The Board requested that Manager Renfree find out why the JWDB was responsible for paying into CalPERS each year and whether the Board could be removed from that obligation. It was discovered that the JWDB has an active 218 agreement. It was explained to Manager Renfree via email that "as of April 20, 1983, 218 Agreements cannot be terminated".*

b. *During Manager's time, Jenny Scheer of Western Canal Water District discussed the option of retaining Rob Doornboss and his professional services to aid in ongoing discussion of the DWR rice ETAW study. The group determined that JWDB and WCWD would cost-share the services consistent with past practice which is based on the Thermalito Afterbay diversion percentages they already have in place. (JWDB at 2/3 the expense and WCWD at 1/3.) Total estimated expense not to exceed $12,000. The Board directed the work with Mr. Doornboss to proceed as discussed.*

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).

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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 10:56 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 11:35 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM 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 October 13, 2026. The agenda will include the regular monthly recurring items, as well as any items tabled during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.*

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Dominic Nevis, President

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Mitch Renfree, Manager

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