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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
MARCH 11, 2025 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, Darin Pantaleoni, 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 and David Guy, President of NCWA.

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. 2025 Water Season –

- a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations—Manager Renfree gave an update regarding Lake levels. Over the last month, the Lake has gone from 81% capacity to 82%.*
- b. Update on 2025 Allotted Water Season—Manager Renfree reported that with all the rain so far, water availability looks promising for the 2025 season.*
- c. Update on 2025 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects—Manager Renfree updated his plans to ride with district managers once the weather allows for driving on the canal banks.*

B. Approve 2024 Hydrology Report – **This Item was tabled until next month's meeting.*

- C. **Determine 2025 Pricing for Interdistrict Transfers**—The Board discussed and determined the set pricing for interdistrict transfers at the end of the 2025 allotted water season. Director Pantaleoni motioned to approve the price of \$5.00 an acre. Director Meyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Biggs-West Gridley Water District's request for excess water for Secondary Lands** – *This Item was tabled until next month's meeting.
- E. **Approve Amendment to Joint Working Agreement** – Director Pantaleoni motioned to approve the Amendment to the Joint Working Agreement. Director Yank seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- F. **SGMA Groundwater Management**— Manager Phillips gave an update regarding the Butte Sub-basin.

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER'S REPORT:

- A. Director Yank motioned to approve the February 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- B. After reviewing the March bills, the Board requested that Manager Renfree cancel the monthly subscription to Surf-Thru Car Wash. Director Meyer motioned to approve the financial reports for March 2025 and pay the bills for March in the amount of \$27,519.26. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

NCWA president David Guy updated the Board on the current state of NCWA and answered all questions proposed by the Board.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

No Report

MANAGERS' REPORTS:

No Report

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 11:47 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:29 a.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 April 8, 2025. The agenda will include monthly recurring items and those items that were tabled this month.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.*

Dominic Nevis, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager