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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
OCTOBER 14, 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: Dominic Nevis and Walt Meyer. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson, Sean Earley, and Mitch Renfree, who called in with conference line due to illness. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Manager Phillips moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Meyer 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 provided an update on the lake levels. Over the last month, the Lake's capacity has decreased from 63% to 54%. It was also reported that River Releases are currently at 3,280 CFS.*
- b. Update on 2025 Allotted Water Season**— *Manager Renfree reported that everything is going smoothly at this time.*
- c. Update on 2025 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects**—*Manager Renfree reported that the Districts will be working together to repair both sites where canal failures had occurred during the summer. Water will be shut off (South of the Loonies) on Sunday, November 2nd, for several days until repairs are completed. Manager Renfree also informed the Board that the Joint District's SCADA system would be switched to Ignition during or shortly after the repairs. There was also discussion of installing a Safety Pressure Sensor on the Brooks Drain to serve as an alert in case another blowout occurs in that section of the canal.*

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

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANAGER’S REPORT:

- A.** *Director Meyer motioned to approve the September 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Director Nevis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- B.** *Director Meyer motioned to approve the financial reports for October 2025 and to pay the bills for October in the amount of \$22,375.76. Director Nevis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*
- a.** During the discussion regarding the October Financials, the Board requested that Manager Renfree look into gathering multiple quotes for both the purchase and the rental of a SonTek River Surveyor ADCP for the purpose of verifying flows during the season. Secondly, the Board requested that Manager Renfree look into the warranty of SonTek Meters after they have been sent in for calibration and updates every two years. And lastly, the Board reminded Manager Renfree to continue what he is doing, check meters, and clear any debris while inspecting the Main Canal and Joint Facilities during his daily routes.

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No Report

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 11:11 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 11:56 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 November 11th, 2025. The agenda will include monthly recurring items.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.*

Dominic Nevis, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager