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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
APRIL 8, 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 and General Manager of Western Canal Water District Ted Trimble.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Meyer moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Pantaleoni 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 82% capacity to 87%.*
- b. Update on 2025 Allotted Water Season**—*Manager Renfree proposed the tentative start date for the 2025 season. The Board has not decided on an exact day. Manager Renfree said that he would email all managers within the next two weeks with an update.*
- c. Update on 2025 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects**—*Manager Renfree updated the Board on his ride-along with Managers Phillips and Stinnett; nothing catastrophic needs attention on the Main Canal, only some maintenance areas.*

- B. Approve 2024 Hydrology Report** – *The Board reviewed the 2024 Hydrology Report. Director Pantaleoni motioned to approve the report. 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 \$12.00 per acre-foot. Director Meyers motioned to approve their request. Director Yank seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- D. SGMA Groundwater Management**— *Manager Phillips gave an update regarding the Sutter-Butte Sub-basin.*

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER’S REPORT:

- A.** *Director Pantaleoni motioned to approve the March 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Director Yank seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- B.** *Director Meyer motioned to approve the financial reports for April 2025 and to pay the bills for April in the amount of \$21,392.45. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No Report

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:

No Report

MANAGERS’ REPORTS:

Manager Renfree expressed interest in investigating Grant Funding options to line some sections of the Main Canal with concrete. The Board thought this would be a good idea to pursue further.

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 10:35 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:04 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 May 13, 2025. The agenda will include monthly recurring items.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.*

Dominic Nevis, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager