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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS JUNE 10, 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, Darin Pantaleoni, Carl Yank, and Walt Meyer. 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 Pantaleoni 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 provided an update on the lake levels. Over the last month, the Lake has increased from 96% to 97% capacity. It was also reported that River Releases are currently at 2,788 CFS.
- b. Update on 2025 Allotted Water Season—Manager Renfree reported that everything is going well. He asked if he should contact NCWA to see if they can help with potential aquatic weed issues in the future. The Board requested that Manager Renfree investigate what NCWA can do and inquire about other districts' approaches to this problem.
- **c. Update on 2025 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects**—*Manager Renfree reported that everything is progressing well with the maintenance projects, and it has been a pleasure working with each district and observing how they collaborate to accomplish tasks.*

B. SGMA Groundwater Management—Manager Stinnet provided an update on the recent BAB Meeting in the Butte and Sutter Subbasins Managers Meeting.

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANAGER'S REPORT:

- **A.** Director Pantaleoni motioned to approve the May 13, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Director Yank seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- **B.** Director Yank motioned to approve the financial reports for June 2025 and to pay the bills for May in the amount of \$9,893.15. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No Report

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

No Report

MANAGERS' REPORTS:

Manage Stinnett provided an infographic, and a discussion was held regarding the 2025 update to the Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP).

<u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (CLOSED SESSION)</u> – 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).

<u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION</u> (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).

<u>PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION</u> - (Joint Water Districts Manager/Water Master, Mitch Renfree). Government Code § 54957

The Board moved into closed session at 10:50 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:02 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.

Having conducted a performance evaluation of Manager Renfree in a closed session, the Board, in an open session, discussed potential changes in compensation and benefits for Manager

Renfree. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Pantaleoni, and unanimously carried to provide a one-time \$2,500.00 bonus for services rendered. As is customary, President Nevis will meet individually with Manager Renfree to discuss the content of the performance evaluation.

MEETING AGENDA:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 8, 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.

