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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS SEPTEMBER 8, 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 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. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Meyer 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 67% to 54%. River Releases are currently at 7,578 CFS, and Inflows have increased from last month's 2,370 CFS to 3,166 CFS.*

b. **Update on 2026 Water Season—** *An update was given. Manager Renfree stated that water service for all districts has been running smoothly. Total water used for the year, including Sunset Pumps, as of September 6th was 386,109 AF (62.3%). There was nothing more to report.*

c. **Update on 2026 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects —** *No update given.*

B. Rules and Regulations – *Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law presented the proposed Rules and Regulations to the Board for review. Following discussion, the Board directed that revisions be made and the revised document be distributed to each District Board for*

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review. The item was tabled until next month's Joint Board meeting for further consideration and possible approval.

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

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Contingent upon the correction removing Director Nevis from the list of those present, Director Meyer motioned to approve the August 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Director Nevis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. *Director Meyer moved to approve the September 2026 financial reports and to pay the September bills totaling $25,442.26. Manager Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No Update

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

No Update

MANAGERS' REPORTS:

No Update

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 10:37 a.m.

Director Nevis Left at 11:55 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:00 p.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:

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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 12:02 p.m.*

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Dominic Nevis, President

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Mitch Renfree, Manager

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