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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 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 Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer, Carl Yank, Dominic Nevis, and Darin Pantaleoni. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson, Sean Earley, and Mitch Renfree. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm, Chris Harter, Becca Thorne, Nadya Alexander, and Sam Sanchez of Verdant Engineering, LLC.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Nevis moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

PRESENTATION FOR IGNITION —*Verdant Water Engineering, LLC. Gave a presentation on the costs and benefits of upgrading the Joint District's monitoring system to Ignition. Ignition is a more user-friendly data collection and retention platform for the Districts' water data. It would enable the Districts to monitor flow conditions in real-time and mine data for modeling or other purposes. It is also scalable and adaptable to meet future water measurement and control requirements. After the presentation, direction was given to the Managers to agendize the item at their respective upcoming board meetings to consider funding approval.*

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2024 Water Season –

- a. **Update on Lake Oroville Operations** – *An update was given on current Lake Oroville operations. Storage continues to be above historical average and there are no anticipated issues with fall and winter water deliveries.*
- b. **Update on 2024 Allotted Water Season** – *An update was given on the current 2024 water season.*
- c. **Update on 2024 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects** – *An update was given on the projects scheduled for completion.*

B. SGMA Groundwater Management—Manager Earley updated the Board on the recent DWR meeting he attended. They are working on identifying locations for new shallow groundwater monitoring wells, which will help to inform the Butte groundwater model. Manager Earley informed the Board that they have a SGMA manager's meeting on September 16th to discuss their periodic 5-year review. Manager Phillips reported no issues in the Sutter Subbasin, and things are looking positive.

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER'S REPORT:

- A. *Director Meyer noted that Director Nevis needed to be removed from the August 13, 2024 minutes. With this correction, Director Yank motioned to approve the August 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- B. *Director Yank motioned to approve the financial reports for September 10, 2024, and to pay the bills for September in the amount of \$46,574.22. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No report.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

No report.

MANAGERS' REPORTS:

Manager Phillips discussed being contacted by Jacob Montgomery, who works for Cal-Trout. They are trying to incorporate participants into a fish food program. Manager Phillips asked if anyone else had been contacted. Manager Earley said he had also been contacted about participating in the program. Both managers said that they would be interested in potentially participating but needed more details on expectations from the Districts and whether the program aligned with operational realities of the Districts.

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 11:10 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:14 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:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2024. The agenda will include monthly recurring items.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.*

Walt Meyer, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager