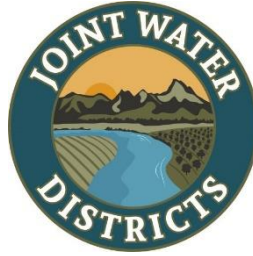


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
FEBRUARY 14, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.**

THE JOINT WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT BUTTE WATER DISTRICT'S BOARDROOM, LOCATED AT 735 VIRGINIA STREET, GRIDLEY.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Director Meyer with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer, Eric Waterbury, Carl Yank and Charlie Etcheverry. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Danny Robinson, Lynn Phillips, Mark Orme and Sean Earley. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Yank moved to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Director Etcheverry and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2022-2023 Water Season –

- a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations** – An update was given on current Lake Oroville operations.
- b. Updated on 2023 Allotted Water Season** – An update was given on the upcoming 2023 Allotted Water Season.
- c. Update on 2023 Joint Work Maintenance** – An update was given on the current projects being worked on and those that will need to be completed.

B. SGMA Groundwater Management – Manager Earley gave an update on the current SGMA proceedings in the Butte Subbasin. Attorney Cooper discussed new legislation laws that could impact SGMA. Manager Phillips gave an update on the current proceedings in the Sutter Subbasin.

- C. Employee Sharing Agreement between Butte Water District and the Joint Water Districts Board** – Manager Stinnett submitted the Employee Sharing Agreement between the Joint Water Districts Board and Butte Water District provided by Attorney Cooper. The Board reviewed the agreement and requested to have time to review it and place it on the next agenda for possible approval during the March meeting.
- D. 2023 Joint Water Districts Budget** – Manager Stinnett submitted and reviewed the proposed 2023 Joint Water Districts Budget. Director Yank motioned to approve the 2023 budget as submitted. Director Etcheverry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER’S REPORT:

- A.** Director Yank motioned to approve the January 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Etcheverry and the motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Director Waterbury motioned to approve the financial reports of February 13, 2023 and to pay the bills numbered 6594 through 6611 in the amount of \$120,742.52. Director Yank seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

Director Meyer gave an update on the NCWA priorities meeting and the elected officers for NCWA.

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:

No Update

MANAGERS’ REPORTS:

Manager Stinnett reported that the 2021-2022 audit information has been submitted and is currently being performed. Manager Stinnett also noted that he will need approved minutes and budgets in reference to the Budget Set Aside motions approved for Vance Avenue by each district. Manager Phillips gave an update on the meeting with DWR Maintenance in regards to the fixes that need to be done on the main canal.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (CLOSED SESSION) – EXISTING LITIGATION, Bay Delta Proceedings including the proposed California Water Fix, the accompanying petition to change points of diversion, and amendments to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a).

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.**

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Each District Manager and its General Counsel of record regarding the terms and conditions of a potential 2023 water transfer with potential downstream buyers, including members of the State Water Project Contractors and Central Valley Project Contractors. *Government Code section 54956.8*

The Board moved into closed session at 10:59 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:25 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Upon reconvening into open session Director Meyer noted no action was taken but direction was given to legal counsel.

MEETING AGENDA:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023. Monthly reoccurring items will be placed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: Being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Walt Meyer, President

Donnie Stinnett, Manager