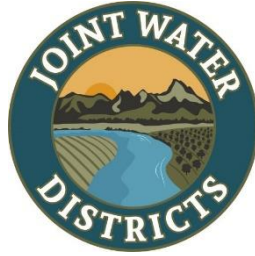


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS  
JULY 12, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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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 10:03 by Director Meyer with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer, Dominic Nevis and Carl Yank. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Mark Orme and Sean Earley. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 2022 Water Season –**

- a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations** – An update was given on current Lake Oroville operations. There will be call with DWR on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- b. Update on Current Water Season** – Manager Stinnett gave an update on repair work needed to be done at the Green House Gates. Manager Stinnett also noted the issues with aquatic weeds in the main canal and how running levels are higher than normal. Reports that have been submitted on water use were discussed.

**B. SGMA Groundwater Management** – Manager Earley gave an update on the current SGMA proceedings in the Butte Subbasin and Manager Phillips and Orme gave an update on the current happenings in the Sutter SGMA process.

**C. Liability Amendment to the Joint Working Agreement** – The Board reviewed the options of how to break down the liability proportions for the four member districts. After discussion the Board directed Attorney Cooper to draft a Liability Amendment based on

the findings of the Board. The Board will review the Liability Amendment once completed and then look to adopt it for future water years.

**MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER'S REPORT:**

- A. Director Yank motioned to approve the June 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Nevis and the motion passed unanimously.
  
- B. Manager Yank motioned to approve the financial reports of July 11, 2022 and to pay the bills numbered 6500 through 6521 in the amount of \$34,007.40. Director Nevis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:**

No Update

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

No Update

**MANAGERS' REPORTS:**

Manager Stinnett provided information to the Board in regards to having an unpaid non-statutory volunteer be added to the Joint Water Districts Workers' Compensation plan. Upon a motion from Director Yank, and a second from Director Nevis, the following motion passed unanimously and is adopted:

Under labor code sections 2263.5 and 3363.6, the Board hereby elects to cover its non-statutory volunteers under the California Workers' Compensation Laws. It is understood the remuneration reported to the insurance carrier of Workers' compensations shall be fair market value of the services provided by the volunteers.

It is further understood that advance notice to the insurance carrier is required as it is necessary to evaluate the exposure contemplated and to develop an appropriate basis of premium and establish the proper record keeping system:

Authorization was given to the Board President to sign the enclosed documents and for the Manager to submit the forms as needed.

**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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (CLOSED SESSION) – Each District Manager and its General Counsel of record regarding the terms and conditions of a potential 2022 water transfer with the State Water Project Contractors.** *Government Code section 54956.8*

**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.**

The Board moved into closed session at 11:04 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 11:33 a.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 August 9, 2022. Monthly reoccurring items will be placed on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:** Being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

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Walt Meyer, President

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Donnie Stinnett, Manager