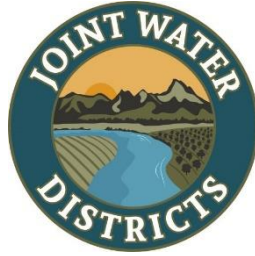


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
AUGUST 8, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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 10:00 by Director Meyer with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer, Carl Yank, and Eric Dominic Nevis. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson 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 Nevis and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 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 current hydrology reports
- c. Update on 2023 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects* – An update was given on the projects scheduled for completion.

B. SGMA Groundwater Management – Managers Earley gave an update on the Butte Subbasin meetings and happenings. Manager Earley noted that the Butte Subbasin plan has been approved by the Department of Water Resources.

C. Watermaster Candidates Interview Schedule and Procedures – The board discussed option for holding interviews for the Watermaster candidates. It was determined the board will conduct interviews during a special meeting on September 7th at 8:00 a.m. with

a full board present. Direction was given to Manager Stinnett to inform the candidates and to set up a schedule for the interviews. Direction was also given to Manager Stinnett and Attorney Cooper to compile a list of questions to be asked for the interviews. The Candidate Committee will more than likely meet before the special meeting to finalize procedures and questions.

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER’S REPORT:

- A. Manager Earley motioned to approve the July 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Manager Phillips and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Director Yank motioned to approve the financial reports of August 7, 2023 and to pay the bills numbered 6685 through 6695 in the amount of \$103,394.54. Director Nevis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No Update

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:

No report but direction was given to set up an operations call with DWR.

MANAGERS’ REPORTS:

Manager Stinnett updated the board on the Watermaster search.

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).

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Each District Manager and its General Counsel of record regarding the terms and conditions of a potential 2024 water transfer with potential downstream buyers, including members of the State Water Project Contractors and Central Valley Project Contractors. *Government Code § 54956.8*

The Board moved into closed session at 10:49 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 11:46 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 September 12, 2023. Monthly reoccurring items will be placed on the agenda. A special meeting will be held on September 7, 2023 to conduct interviews.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: Being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Walt Meyer, President

Donnie Stinnett, Manager