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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 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 10:01 by Director Meyer with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer, Carl Yank, Charlie Etcheverry, Darin Pantaleoni and Eric Waterbury. 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 Etcheverry and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

**APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE(S) FOR LABOR NEGOTIATOR:**

Discussion was held on the process needed to appoint district representative(s) to serve as the Joint Water Districts Labor Negotiators for the unrepresented position of Manager/Watermaster. Director Waterbury motioned to approve Director Walt Meyer and Minasian Law Firm to serve as the Joint Water Districts Labor Negotiators for the unrepresented position of Manager/Watermaster. Director Yank seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT: MANAGER/WATERMASTER (Pursuant to Government Code § 54957).**

**CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT LABOR NEGOTIATORS REGARDING UNREPRESENTED POSITION OF MANAGER/WATERMASTER – (Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6)**

**District Representatives: Walt Meyer and Minasian Law Firm**

**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 10:07 a.m.

It is at this time, 11:45 a.m., that Director Pantaleoni left the meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 1:07 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. Director Meyer also noted direction was also given to appointed representatives for labor negotiations Director Meyer and Minasian Law Firm.

**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 in regards to cost share allocations for the GSP. Manager Phillips gave an update on the Sutter Subbasin.

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

- A.** Director Yank motioned to approve the August 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Waterbury and the motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Director Yank motioned to approve the financial reports of September 11, 2023 and to pay the bills numbered 6696 through 6709 in the amount of \$16,144.93. Director Waterbury seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:**

The managers will be meeting with David Guy and Todd Manley on Wednesday.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

No report

**MANAGERS' REPORTS:**

No report

**MEETING AGENDA:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023. Monthly reoccurring items will be placed on the agenda.

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

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Walt Meyer, President

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Donnie Stinnett, Manager