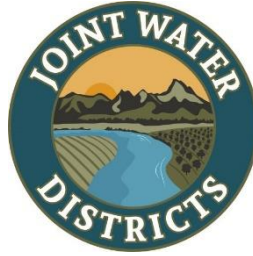


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS  
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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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 10:00 by Director Meyer with the following Directors present: Darin Pantaleoni, Walt Meyer, Eric Waterbury, and Carl Yank. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Mark Orme, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson, Mitch Renfree and Sean Earley. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm, Xavier "Tito" Cervantes, Tara George, Brian Bettencourt, and George Valente of the Department of Water Resources.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion with Xavier "Tito" Cervantes of the Department of Water Resources** – At the Department of Water Resources' request, Xavier "Tito" Cervantes, Tara George, Brian Bettencourt, and George Valente introduced DWR's northern region staff and summarized services that DWR can assist with.
  
- B. 2024 Water Season** –
  - a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations** – An update was given on current Lake Oroville operations.
  - b. Update on 2024 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects** – An update was given on the projects scheduled for completion.
  - c. Liability Percentage Adjustments for the A- Joint and the Biggs-Extension for the Conclusion of the 2023 Water Year** – An update was given on the Liability

Adjustments for the A-Joint and the Biggs Extension for the 2023 Water Year; the matter was tabled until the annual water report for 2023 is available.

- C. **SGMA Groundwater Management** – Manager Earley and Manager Robinson gave an update on the cost allocation amongst GSAs for the Butte Subbasin. GSAs will look to approve at their March meetings once finalized. Manager Phillips had no update for the Sutter Subbasin.

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

- A. Director Yank motioned to approve the January 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Manager Orme and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Director Yank motioned to approve the financial reports of January 8, 2024 and to pay the bills numbered 6764, 6766, 6767, and 6776 through 6786 and 6788 through 6790 in the amount of \$121,898.90. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:**

No report.

**DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:**

No report.

**MANAGERS’ REPORTS:**

Manger Renfree proposed a conference call with DWR on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for an update on the upcoming water season.

**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 10:58 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:11 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Upon reconvening into open session Director Meyer noted that no action was taken, but direction was given to legal counsel and real property negotiators.

**MEETING AGENDA:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024. Monthly reoccurring items will be placed on the agenda and potential liability percentage adjustments for the A-Joint and Biggs Extension.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:** Being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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Walt Meyer, President

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Mitch Renfree, Manager