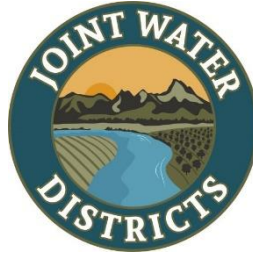


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
MARCH 12, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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, Dominic Nevis, Pete Waller 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 and Jenny Scheer

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. Biggs-West Gridley Water District's request for excess water for Secondary Lands - A**
Discussion was had on the request from Biggs-West Gridley for excess water potentially needed for their Secondary Lands. *No action was taken.*
- 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 Final Liability Percentages. Butte Water District was the only district to reach the 5% threshold which

could potentially trigger a change in liability percentages shared by the Districts. Manager Stinnett noted that BWD has elected not to initiate a change this year.

- D. **2023 Hydrology Report Approval** – Director Nevis motioned to approve the 2023 Hydrology Report. The motion was seconded by Director Yank. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. **SGMA Groundwater Management** – A discussion was had regarding the Butte and Sutter Subbasins.

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANGER’S REPORT:

- A. Director Yank motioned to approve the February 13, 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 February 13, 2024 and to pay the bills numbered 6791 through 6800 in the amount of \$10,095.94. Director Nevis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

Director Meyer gave a report on the Annual NCWA meeting.

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:

No report.

MANAGERS’ REPORTS:

Manger Renfree gave an update on the Vance Avenue Rock Pit operations. Manager Stinnett gave a reminder of AWMP being due January 1, 2025.

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 10:35 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 1:00 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. Director Meyer noted that the board will have a special meeting March 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024. Monthly reoccurring items will be placed on the agenda. Special Meeting on March 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: Being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Walt Meyer, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager