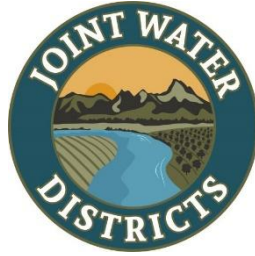


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
MAY 12, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M.**

THE JOINT WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT BUTTE WATER DISTRICT'S BOARDROOM, LOCATED AT 735 VIRGINIA STREET, GRIDLEY.

Director Nevis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer, Dominic Nevis, and Pete Waller. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson, Sean Earley, and Mitch Renfree. Guest(s) present: Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Meyer moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Nevis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2026 Water Season –

- a. Update on Lake Oroville Operations—***Manager Renfree gave an update regarding Lake levels. Over the last month, the Lake's capacity has increased from 91% to 96%. It was also reported that River Releases are currently at 1,066 CFS, and Inflows are 3,636 CFS.*
- b. Update on 2026 Water Season—***An update was given. Manager Renfree stated that water service for all districts has been going and that there is currently around 1000 CFS running in the Main Canal.*
- c. Update on 2026 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects—***No update was given.*

- B. Encroachment Permit Procedure –***Discussion was held regarding the procedure to request encroachment to Joint Works of the Joint Districts, including requests for drainage*

into the Main Canal, into a standardized Encroachment Permit process. It was agreed that each grower's request will be initiated at the individual district level and then submitted to the Joint Districts for final approval. It was noted that permit approval is not guaranteed and that any permit issued will be temporary and subject to revocation or termination at any time. No Action was taken, and this item will be agendaized at next month's regular Board Meeting. As requested by the Board, Counsel Cooper prepared a draft letter to landowners Mark Lavy and Derrick Moffitt regarding the process for temporary and long-term encroachment to address their drainage issues. Manager Stinnett reported on a discussion with landowner Mark Lavy and requested that consideration of sending the letter be tabled for two months to allow further discussion.

C. Rules and Regulations – *Discussion was held regarding the rules and regulations for the Joint Water District Board and the potential adoption of penalties for violation of rules and regulations, and the enforcement of violations. The Board reached consensus and directed Counsel Cooper and the managers to review policies from other districts to evaluate potential approaches, including fines and other enforcement measures, and to bring that information back for board consideration next month. No Action was taken, and this item was tabled until next month's regular Board meeting.*

D. SGMA Groundwater Management— *An update was given regarding the Sutter and Butte Subbasins.*

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A.** *Director Waller motioned to approve the April 14, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Director Meyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*
- B.** *Director Meyer moved to approve the May 2026 financial reports and to pay the May bills totaling \$14,273.59. Manager Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No Update

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

No Update

MANAGERS' REPORTS:

No Update

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).

The Board moved into closed session at 11:45 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 11:56 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Upon reconvening into open session, Director Nevis noted that no action had been taken, but direction had been given to legal counsel.

MEETING AGENDA:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2026. The agenda will include monthly recurring items.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.*

Dominic Nevis, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager