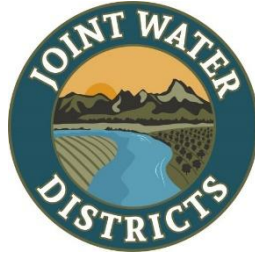


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
AUGUST 11, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M.**

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 and Carl Yank. 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 Yank moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Meyer 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 decreased from 81% to 67%. It was also reported that River Releases are currently at 8,525 CFS, and Inflows have increased from last month's 1,841 CFS to 2,370 CFS.*
- b. Update on 2026 Water Season**— *An update was given. Manager Renfree stated that water service for all districts has been running smoothly. Total water used for the year, including Sunset Pumps, as of August 9th was 301,411 AF (51.4%). There was nothing more to report.*
- c. Update on 2026 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects** — *No update given.*

- B. Rio Bonito Sutter Butte Canal Bridge Replacement Project** – *Discussion was held regarding the Rio Bonito Bridge Project and the Districts' interests moving forward. The Board stated that no District property will be sold as part of the project.*

Direction was given to Legal Counsel and Manager Renfree to work together to develop a list of items and conditions that the Districts would like addressed moving forward. Manager Renfree was also directed to continue discussions with Dokken Engineering consistent with the direction provided by the Board. No action was taken.

- C. Encroachment Permit Procedure** – Continued discussion was held regarding the standardized Encroachment Permit for requests to encroach upon the Joint Works of the Joint Districts. It was reported that the standardized permit had been prepared and provided to the requesting grower, who subsequently requested revisions.

The Board determined that the terms of the standardized Encroachment Permit are not subject to negotiation or modification. Director Yank moved to approve the encroachment request, contingent upon the grower executing the Encroachment Permit as presented, with no changes or modifications to its terms. Director Meyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- D. Rules and Regulations** – Continued discussion was held regarding the development of Rules, Regulations, and a Penalty Structure for the Joint Water Districts. It was reported that Counsel Cooper had not yet completed the proposed Rules, Regulations, and Penalty Structure and that it would be presented at a later meeting.

In the interim, a discussion was held regarding the need for a temporary disciplinary structure to remain in place until the Board considers a permanent one. The Board discussed the following temporary penalty structure for violations: \$500 for the first day, \$1,000 for the second day, and \$5,000 for the third day. For each additional day the violation continues, an additional penalty of \$6,500 per day will be imposed, in addition to any costs incurred by the Joint Districts as a result of the violation.

The Board further determined that violations and associated penalties shall remain applicable throughout the water season, and that enforcement shall be at the Board's discretion. Director Yank moved to approve the temporary disciplinary structure as presented, to remain in effect until further action is taken by the Board. The motion was seconded by Director Meyer and passed unanimously.

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

MONTHLY RECURRING ITEMS/MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A.** Director Yank motioned to approve the July 14, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Director Meyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- B.** Manager Stinnett moved to approve the August 2026 financial reports and to pay the August bills totaling \$137,460.89. Director Yank 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 10:37 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:06 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

MEETING AGENDA:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026. The agenda will include the regular monthly recurring items, as well as any items tabled during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: *There was no further discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.*

Dominic Nevis, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager