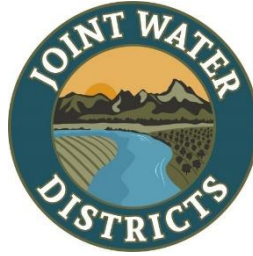


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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
JULY 14, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M.**

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 Carl Yank. Managers present: Donnie Stinnett, Lynn Phillips, Danny Robinson, Sean Earley, and Mitch Renfree. Guest(s) present: Jackson Minasian 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 94% to 81%. It was also reported that River Releases are currently at 8,026 CFS, and Inflows are 1,841 CFS.*
- b. Update on 2026 Water Season**—*An update was given. Manager Renfree stated that water service for all districts has been running smoothly. Nothing more to report.*
- c. Update on 2026 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects** — *An update was provided that Butte Water District and Sutter Extension Water District coordinated efforts to place additional soil on a low section of canal along the B Joint. The*

associated Joint Work costs, including material hauling and equipment usage, will be included in the billing presented at the next regular meeting.

- B. Encroachment Permit Procedure** – Continued discussion was held regarding the procedure for requesting encroachments onto the Joint Works of the Joint Districts, including requests for drainage into the Main Canal, through a standardized Encroachment Permit process. During the discussion, Butte Water District Manager Donnie Stinnett requested that Board President Dominic Nevis accompany him to meet with the current grower requesting the encroachment. The Board concurred and directed Manager Stinnett and President Nevis to meet with the grower to inform him that an approved Encroachment Permit must be obtained prior to any work or drainage into Joint Facilities. The Board also directed Legal Counsel to prepare a simple, one-page Encroachment Permit form for future use. The Board reaffirmed that permission to encroach upon Joint Facilities remains solely at the discretion of the Joint Districts and may be denied, revoked, or modified at any time if the proposed or existing encroachment is determined to adversely affect the Joint Districts or their facilities. No formal action was taken.
- C. Rules and Regulations** – No action was taken, and the item was tabled until the next 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 Yank motioned to approve the June 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Director Meyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- B.** Director Meyer moved to approve the July 2026 financial reports and to pay the July bills totaling \$20,990.09. 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 10:59 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 11:35 p.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 August 11, 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 11:37 a.m.*

Dominic Nevis, President

Mitch Renfree, Manager