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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT WATER DISTRICTS
JANUARY 13, 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 10:02 a.m. with the following Directors present: Walt Meyer, Dominic Nevis, Darin Pantaleoni, 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 Pantaleoni moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Yank seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2024 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 50% to 76%. It was also reported that River Releases are currently at 5,392 CFS, and Inflows are 11,659 CFS.*
- b. Update on 2026 Non-Allotted Water Season**—*Manager Renfree relayed to the Board that each district has requested its water shut-off dates. It was determined that Sutter and Butte will shut off on January 14th. Richvale and Biggs will shut off on January 26th.*
- c. Update on 2026 Joint Work Maintenance and Future Projects**— *Manager Renfree gave an update on his plans for Joint Work and his intentions to discuss/meet with each District Manager over the next few weeks to prepare for seasonal Joint Work.*

B. Approve 2023-2024 Financial Audit – *The Board discussed approving the 2023-2024 JWDB Financial Audit. Director Nevis motioned to approve and file. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

C. 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 December 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

B. *Director Yank moved to approve the financial reports for January 2026 and to pay the January bills in the amount of \$25,693.41. Director Pantaleoni seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

NCWA MEETINGS UPDATES:

No Update

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:

No Update

MANAGERS’ REPORTS:

Manager Stinnett reported that at the next Board meeting, two growers with whom he has been in contact will attend and request a solution to a drainage issue that they are having.

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 11:30 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:05 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 February 10, 2026. The agenda will include monthly recurring items.

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

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