



NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

Open Session to start at or after 5:00 p.m.

Marin Water Board Room – 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Outside location for Director Larry Russell – Outrigger Kauai Beach Resort & Spa, Business Center, 4331 Kauai Beach Drive, Lihue, HI 96766

Closed Session to immediately follow Open Session

Marin Water Mt. Tam Conference Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Public Participation:

The public attended this meeting in-person or remotely using one of the following methods: on a computer or smart device, <https://marinwater.zoom.us/j/88134852296>, or by phone, 1-669-444-9171, using Webinar ID No.: 881 3485 2296.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board President Jed Smith called the meeting to order at 5 PM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ranjiv Khush

Diana Maier

Matt Samson

Larry Russell

Jed Smith

2. Adoption of Agenda

Director Maier made the motion to adopt the agenda. Director Khush seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

Voting Yea: Directors Khush, Maier, Samson, Russell, and Smith

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

There was one (1) public comment.

4. Directors' and General Manager's Announcements

- Director Khush reported that he, Director Maier, and several District staff had attended the Association of California Water Agencies' Spring Conference. He also announced that he attended the Sonoma Water Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting on May 4.
- Director Samson mentioned that he attended the One Tam annual fundraiser dinner and mentioned their appreciation of the District's partnership with them and for the work performed by District staff.
- Vice President Russell shared that he had also attended the Sonoma WAC meeting.
- President Smith commented on artificial intelligence (AI)'s potential impact on various workplaces.
- General Manager Ben Horenstein responded to Director Smith's comment sharing that the District recently formed an internal AI working group to consider AI in the workplace.

5. Board Committee Reports

- Finance & Administration Committee Chair Maier and Vice Chair Smith highlighted various aspects of the monthly financial update and budget update discussed at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting.
- Planning Committee Chair Larry Russell reported on the agenda items discussed at the previous Planning Committee meeting.

6. Consent Items

- a. April 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting on April 21, 2026

Director Khush made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Maier seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

Voting Yea: Directors Khush, Maier, Samson, Russell, and Smith

Motion passed.

7. Regular Items

- a. 2025-26 School Education Program - High School Video Contest Winner Awards

RECOMMENDATION: Recognize and award the winning student creators in Marin Water's 2025-26 High School Video Contest

Water Resources Director Paul Sellier and Water Efficiency Manager Carrie Pollard presented this item. The winning videos were shown, and the students received their awards and had their pictures taken.

Following the last award recipient, the Board commended the students' achievements.

There were no public comments.

Board President Smith moved on to the next agenda item.

- b. Atmospheric River Capture (ARC) Project Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update on the Atmospheric River Capture (ARC) Project

Water Resources Director Sellier, Water Resources Manager Lucy Croy, and Woodard and Curran Consultant Xavier Irias presented this item.

After the presentation, the Board provided feedback on the presentation.

There were four (4) public comments.

No formal action was taken.

- c. Overview of Rate Setting Process and Professional Services Agreement for a Cost-of-Service Water Rate Study

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff overview of rate setting process; Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Water Resources Economics, LLC for a Cost-of-Service Water Rate Study and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract

Finance Director Bret Uppendahl and Finance Management Analyst Greg Plumb presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

There were four (4) public comments.

Director Khush made the motion to approve the agreement with Water Resources Economics, LLC. Director Samson seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Directors Khush, Maier, Samson, Russell, and Smith

8. Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Upcoming Meetings

The board secretary corrected the day of the Planning Committee Meeting, confirmed the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for June 10, and announced the District's employee appreciation event on June 11, instead of June 9.

There were no comments from the public or Board.

9. Announcement of Closed Session Item(s); Public Comments on Closed Session Item(s)

Board President Smith announced that the Board will go to Closed Session.

There were no public comments.

The Board convened to Closed Session and went to the Mt. Tam Conference Room.

a. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**

(Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) California Government Code §54956.9)

Number of Cases: Unknown

b. **Public Employment**

(California Government Code §54957(b))

Title: General Manager

c. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

(California Government Code §54957)

Title: General Counsel

The Board adjourned the closed session at 8:40 PM and went to the Board Room.

10. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 8:44 PM. Board President Smith reported that no reportable action took place in the Closed Session.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Directors adjourned their meeting on May 12, 2026, at 8:45 PM.

Board Secretary