



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

Tuesday, September 01, 2026 at 5:00 PM

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### MINUTES

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#### LOCATIONS:

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

Marin Water Board 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: 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 (*arrived at 5:01 PM*)

Jed Smith

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

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

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

Absent: Director Russell

There were no public comments.

Motion passed.

## 3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

There was one (1) public comment.

## 4. Directors' and General Manager's Announcements

- General Manager Ben Horenstein reported that he sent a letter to City Manager Heather Abrams with the Town of Fairfax regarding the Fairfax Manor First Pump Station reconstruction project and the District's need for an easement from the Town in order to reconstruct the pump station to include off-site access, which would ensure the ability to maintain emergency vehicle access along Tamalpais Road.
- Director Samson acknowledged the recent prescribed fires on the watershed and thanked staff.
- Director Khush thanked the general manager for his outreach to the Town of Fairfax. On another note, he reported that Senate Bill 1153, *Disaster Preparedness: Urban Retail Water Suppliers and Public Water Systems: Wildfire*, passed the California Legislature and was with the governor for his adoption.

There were no further Board announcements.

## 5. Board Committee Reports

Finance & Administration Committee Chair Maier and Vice Chair Smith reported on the items that were brought to their committee on August 27, 2026.

Also, Planning Committee Chair Russell reported on agenda items discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting/Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on August 25, 2026.

## 6. Consent Items

- a. August 18, 2026 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on August 18, 2026

- b. Approve Amended Conflict of Interest Code

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution adopting an amended Conflict of Interest Code for Marin Municipal Water District (*Resolution No. 8841*)

- c. Capital Improvement Program – North Marin Line Stabilization Phase 1: Shafter Valve Relocation Project (D26022)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 2076, Capital Improvement Program – North Marin Line Stabilization Phase 1: Shafter Valve Relocation Project, to W.R. Forde and Associates in the amount of \$722,465 and authorizing the General Manager to execute any necessary amendments to Contract No. 2061, which do not exceed \$110,000 (*Resolution No. 8842*)

- d. Marin County Grand Jury Report Response

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the District’s response to the Grand Jury Report “*Better Service at a Lower Cost: Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin*” (Report) and Authorize the General Manager to execute and transmit the response on behalf of the District

Director Maier motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar. Director Samson seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

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

Motion passed.

## 7. Regular Items

- a. Award of Contract No. 2073 – Fire Flow Improvement Program – Palm Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project (F26002) to D & D Pipelines, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 2073, Fire Flow Improvement Program - Palm Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project, to D & D Pipelines, Inc. in the amount of \$615,410 and authorizing the General Manager to execute any necessary amendments to Contract No. 2073, which do not exceed \$65,000 (*Resolution No. 8843*)

Engineering Director Alex Anaya presented this item.

There was discussion between the directors and staff throughout the presentation.

There was one public comment.

Director Samson motioned to adopt the recommendation. Director Khush seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed.

- b. Seeger Dam Spillway Modernization Design and Alternatives Selection Project

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve award of professional services agreement, MA 6599, with Black and Veatch, for the Seeger Dam spillway modernization alternatives analysis and design of selected spillway alternative in the amount of \$4,848,171 with a staff requested contingency of \$730,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$5,578,171, for the Seeger Dam Spillway Modernization Design and Alternatives Selection Project subject to final negotiation of contract terms, and Authorize the General Manager to finalize and execute the agreement

Engineering Director Anaya and Engineering Planning Manager Elysha Irish presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

There were no public comments.

Director Khush motioned to approve the recommendation. Director Maier seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed.

- c. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2050 with Forester and Kroeger Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. (CN) 2050, with Forester and Kroeger, Inc. to add \$483,000, which includes a 20% contingency for vegetation maintenance and landscaping services supporting the Nicasio Creek Vegetation Management 2026 Project, for a total not to exceed amount of \$5,906,840, and Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement

Water Resources Director Paul Sellier presented this item.

Discussion followed.

There were no public comments.

Director Samson motioned to approve the recommendation. Director Khush seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed.

- d. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Opt-Out Policy

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive an update regarding an Opt-Out policy for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

Water Resources Director Sellier and AMI Program Manager Craig Lauridsen presented this item.

There was discussion between staff and the directors throughout the presentation.

There were no public comments.

This was an information item. No formal action was taken.

**8. Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items**

a. Upcoming Meetings

The board president listed upcoming meetings.

There were no comments.

**9. Announcement of Closed Session Item(s); Public Comments on Closed Session Item(s) - None.**

**10. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out - Not applicable.**

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' regular bi-monthly meeting adjourned on September 1, 2026, at 6:14 PM.

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Board Secretary