



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

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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## MINUTES

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### LOCATIONS:

**Open Session to start at or after 6:30 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

President Ranjiv Khush called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Larry Russell  
Monty Schmitt  
Jed Smith  
Matt Samson  
Ranjiv Khush

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Schmitt to adopt the agenda.

There were no public comments.

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

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

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

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters**

There were two (2) public comments.

6. **Directors' and General Manager's Announcements**

- Both Director Russell and President Khush reported that they attended the American Water Works Association Conference last week and heard discussions on various topics, including AMI and leak detection.
- General Manager Ben Horenstein reported that staff, while excavating, inadvertently exposed and punctured a PG&E steel gas main. The matter was immediately resolved.

7. **Board Committee Reports**

- President Khush reported that he and Director Russell attended the North Bay Watershed Association Meeting on June 7, and mentioned some pending legislation that water agencies were watching.
- Vice President Samson reported that he attended the Lagunitas Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on June 7. He mentioned that some of their topics of discussion included the reintroduction of beavers in the watershed.

8. **Consent Items**

a. Minutes of the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting on June 4, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the meeting minutes

b. General Manager's Report May 2024

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Report

c. Award of Contact No. 2014 - 2024 Tiburon Pipeline Replacement Project (D23018) to Corcus Construction, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 2014, 2024 Tiburon Pipeline Replacement Project, to Corcus Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,319,685

d. Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Insurance Brokerage Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the General Manager to execute the Insurance Brokerage Services Second Amendment with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for Fiscal Years 2024/25 and 2025/26

- e. Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Auditing Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the General Manager to execute the Audit Services Second Amendment with Maze and Associates to perform Audit Services for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

A motion was made by Director Smith seconded by Director Schmitt to adopt the Consent Calendar.

There were no public comments.

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

**9. Public Hearing Item (6:55 p.m. – Time Approximate)**

- a. Adoption of the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for Phoenix-Bon Tempe Connection Project and Approval of the Phoenix-Bon Tempe Connection Project

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution adopting the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the Phoenix – Bon Tempe Connection Project, approving the Phoenix – Bon Tempe Connection Project, and directing staff to file a Notice of Determination with the Marin County Clerk and State Clearinghouse

Engineering Planning Manager Elysha, joined by Engineering Director Alex Anaya, Watershed Resources Director Shaun Horne, and Aquatic Ecologist Eric Ettlinger, provided an overview of the proposed Phoenix-Bon Tempe Connection Project, the environmental review process, and responses to comments received during the public comments period on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project.

President Khush opened the Public Hearing.

There were three (3) comments from the public.

Director Khush closed the Public Hearing.

The Board deliberated and gave staff direction to meet with Friends of the Corte Madera Creek and the Marin Conservation League to hear their concerns and to further explain the proposed project before bringing this item back to the Board.

**10. Regular Items**

- a. 2024 Annual Strategic Work Plan Quarterly Progress

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive staff quarterly progress update on the 2024 Annual Strategic Work Plan

General Manager Horenstein provided highlights and accomplishments of the District's goals and objectives in the second quarter of 2024. Board comments followed.

There were no public comments.

The Board received the update and did not take any action.

b. Review of Desalination and Recycled Water Costs

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review of Desalination and Recycled Water Costs

Water Resources Director Paul Sellier gave an update on the roadmap projects in progress, an overview of the methodology used in developing project costs to obtain an “apples to apples” comparison, and using this approach reviewed the potential costs of desalination and recycled water projects.

Discussion ensued.

There were five (5) public comments.

This was an information item. The Board did not take any action.

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

a. Upcoming Meetings

The Board received a list of internal and external meetings.

There was no public comment.

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

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

**14. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting adjourned on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 9:04 p.m.

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Board Secretary