



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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

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, go to: <https://marinwater.zoom.us/j/88134852296>

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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 approve the agenda.

There was no public comment.

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 no public comments.

6. Directors' and General Manager's Announcements

- Vice President Samson complimented staff for organizing the Board Retreat, mentioned that he attended the Lagunitas Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on March 15 and the annual Bald Hill Broom Bust on March 16, and announced that he would be attending the upcoming Lucas Valley Homeowners Association Meeting with Supervisor Mary Sackett.
- Director Smith thanked staff for the retreat and appreciated the dialogue and public participation, and mentioned that he attended the Employee Quarterly Recognition earlier in the day.
- Director Russell provided a report highlighting the agenda items that were discussed at the Operations Committee Meeting on March 8th.
- President Khush reported that he attended a meeting on March 15th with staff from the San Francisco District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Congressman Jared Huffman at Nicassio Reservoir to discuss the proposed pipeline connection and effort to secure Water Resources Development Act funding.
- General Manager Ben Horenstein recognized staff, who were honored by their peers for the outstanding work they performed in the last quarter.

7. Consent Items

- a. Minutes of the Board Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meetings on February 27, 2024, and March 5, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the meeting minutes

- b. General Manager's Report February 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Report

- c. Approve Wildland Fire Services Contract (**Resolution No. 8771**)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution to approve a three-year 'Wildland Fire Services' General Services Agreement (GSA) contract with Biswell Forestry LLC.

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

There was one (1) public comment.

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

8. Regular Items

a. Emergency Contracting Provisions West Peak Power Pole Removal

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution approving the continuing use of the District's emergency contracting procedures and ratifying the award of Contract No. 2021, West Peak Emergency Power Pole Removal, to Pinnacle Power Services as executed by the General Manager to ensure prompt removal of downed and partially downed power poles and associated infrastructure at West Peak

Watershed Resources Director Shaun Horne presented this item. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Director Schmitt and seconded by Vice President Samson to adopt the resolution. **(Resolution No. 8772)**

There were no public comments.

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

b. Legislative Update

RECOMMENDATION: Consider adopting a position of support on Senate Bill (SB) 1159 and Assembly Bill (AB) 2257 and a position of watch on Assembly Bill (AB) 2196

Watershed Recreation Director Horne introduced SB 1159. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Vice President Samson and seconded by Director Smith to support SB 1159.

There was no public comment.

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

Grants Program Coordinator JP Hailer introduced AB 2257. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Director Schmitt and seconded by Director Smith to continue watching this bill.

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

Voting Nay: Director Russell

Watershed Resources Director Horne also introduced AB 2196. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Schmitt to continue watching AB 2196.

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

Staff would bring back to the Board updates on AB 2257 and AB 2196 to a future meeting.

There were no public comments.

c. Recycled Water Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff update on the District's recycled water program

Water Resources Director Paul Sellier introduced this item and Water Quality Manager Lucy Croy, who provided an update. Discussion occurred throughout the presentation.

There were four (4) public comments.

This was an information item. The Board provided feedback to staff, but did not take formal action.

d. Update on the Water Supply Roadmap Local Storage Project

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information on Water Supply Roadmap Local Storage Project

Water Resources Director Sellier and engineering consultants Guilaine Roussel and Bob McManus provided presentations on local storage enhancements, existing reservoir enlargements, and new dam construction. Discussion between the Board and presenters occurred throughout the presentation.

There were five (5) public comments.

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

9. Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Upcoming Meetings

The Board Secretary announced upcoming internal and external meetings.

There were no Board comments or public comments.

This was an information item.

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

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

12. Adjournment

There being no further business the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Board Secretary