

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Via Remote and In-Person

Open Session Locations: Marin Water Board Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925; and The Hay-Adams Hotel, Business Center (Lobby Floor), 800 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 2006

Closed Session Location: Marin Water Mt. Tam Conference Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Monty Schmitt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Directors Present: Ranjiv Khush, Larry Russell, Matt Samson, Jed Smith, and Monty Schmitt

Directors Absent: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Khush and seconded by Director Samson, the board adopted the agenda.

Ayes: Directors Khush, Russell, Samson, Smith, and Schmitt

Noes: None

There were no public comments on the *Adoption of the Agenda*.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were two (2) public comments on items not on the agenda.

DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Director Samson reported that we're still in Fire Season and he is pleased to see work done on the watershed and the hiring of the new ranger. He also announced the 8th Annual State of the Tomales Bay Conference scheduled for Friday, September 29th.

- Vice President Khush announced that the Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart Program has received an additional \$188M to fund water recycling programs.
- Director Russell highlighted items discussed at the Operations Committee Meeting on September 15th.
- Director Smith announced that he was in Washington D.C. to meet with elected officials, the Army Corps of Engineers, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to obtain funding for the District's water supply and resiliency projects and watershed.
- General Manager Ben Horenstein addressed both Directors Samson and Director Khush's questions. He also announced that the District recently received a grant for \$4.6M from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for Lagunitas Creek, and that was matched by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for \$1.4M. All phase one restoration sites of Lagunitas Creek are fully funded with grant dollars.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 1-5)

- Item 1 Minutes of the Board of Directors' Special Meeting of August 23, 2023, Special Meeting of August 28, 2023, and Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023**
- Item 2 General Manager's Report – August 2023**
- Item 3 Professional Services Agreement with Terra/GeoPentech, not to exceed \$900,521, for Engineering Services to Develop a Preferred Alternative for Improving the Water Supply Storage Project**
- Item 4 Resolution Approving the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Agreement (Resolution 8757)**
- Item 5 Software License and Maintenance Agreement with Software Maintenance Reinstatement (SAP) through December 21, 2023 in the amount of \$149,979.33**

On motion made by Director Samson and seconded by Vice President Khush, the board approved the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Directors Khush, Russell, Samson, Smith, and Schmitt
 Noes: None

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

REGULAR CALENDAR (ITEMS 6-7)

Item 6 Strategic Plan Development: Vision, Mission, Values

Communications & Public Affairs Manager Adriane Mertens introduced this item and consultant Charles Gardiner with Catalyst, who discussed aspects of the upcoming Strategic Plan, specially looking for input on the Vision, Mission and Values. The board provided feedback throughout the presentation.

There were two (2) public comments.

This was an informational report. The board did not take any formal action.

Item 7 Future Meeting Schedule

The board secretary listed upcoming board and committee meetings.

There were no public comments.

This was an informational item. The board did not take any formal action.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Comment on Closed Session Item Only

There were no public comments.

Convene to Closed Session

The board left the Board Room at 7:46 p.m. to go to the Mt. Tam Conference Room for the Closed Session.

Closed Session Item

- 8. Conference with Labor Negotiators**
(Government Code §54957.6)

Agency Designated Representative: Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Employee Organizations: Service Employees International Union, Local 1021;
Unrepresented Employees

Reconvene to Open Session

The board returned to Board Room at 9:04 p.m.

Closed Session Report Out

Vice President Khush announced that the closed session adjourned at 9:02 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of September 19, 2023, adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Board Secretary