

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Via Remote and In-Person

Open Session Locations: Marin Water Board Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925; and, 103 Herring Pond Road, MA 02360

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 5:30 p.m.

Directors Present: Ranjiv Khush, Larry Russell, Matt Samson, Jed Smith, and Monty Schmitt (*Director Russell arrived after the Board convened to Closed Session.*)

Directors Absent: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

There were none.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The directors convened to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. and went to the Mt. Tam Conference Room.

Director Russell arrived at 5:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

(Government Code §54956.9)

Hamm v. Marin Municipal Water District

Civil Case No.: CIV 2300738

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators

(California Government Code Section § 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 adjourned the closed session and went back to the Board Room.

President Schmitt reconvened the Open Session at 6:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

President Schmitt announced that the Closed Session adjourned at 6:36 p.m. with no reportable actions taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Director Russell reported that he attended the AWWA (American Water Works Association) Conference in Canada with General Manager Horenstein and some District managers. He also provided a summary report on what occurred at the June 16th Operations Committee Meeting.
- Vice President Khush reported that he attended the celebration of the expansion of the Las Gallinas Sanitary District with Director Russell.

- Director Samson thanked Watershed Recreation Manager Shaun Horne, Chief Don Wick, and the rangers for a watershed tour. He also acknowledged the increase of vegetation at the Watershed that need to be mitigated. He also provided a Watershed Committee Report from the June 15th meeting.
- Director Smith reported that he met with Congressman Jared Huffman, Congressman Corey Booker, and other Congressional staff to discuss obtaining funding earmarked funding from the Water Resource Development Act through the Army Corps of Engineers to increase regional water supply.
- General Manager Ben Horenstein provided an update on the North Marin Aqueduct indicating that there will need for a repair. Also, he announced that the Grand Jury Report was out regarding accessory dwelling units and the challenges with utility fees, and he would bring back to the Board the District’s response in September for review.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 3-5)

- Item 3 General Manager’s Report May 2023**
- Item 4 Request to Fill of Two (2) Watershed Protection Park Ranger Trainees for a Limited Duration of Up to Three Years**
- Item 5 A Resolution Certifying Review of the Environmental Impact Report Prepared by the Town of Tiburon for the Alta Robles Residential Development Project and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and Adopting Additional Mitigation Measures and Approving a Pipeline Extension Agreement (Resolution No. 8748); A Resolution Regarding the Fees Contained in Pipeline Extension Agreement (Resolution No. 8749); and A Resolution Regarding Impending Peril in Connection with the Pipeline Extension Agreement (Resolution No. 8750)**

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 Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023/24 and Fiscal Year 2024/25**

Finance Director Bret Uppendahl provided an overview of the proposed budget for FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25, and Planning Engineer Manager Elysha Irish presented a focused presentation on the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) two-year proposed budget, including highlighting the projects of the Water Resiliency Roadmap.

Much discussion between the Board and staff occurred throughout the presentation.

There were five (5) public comments.

The Board then deliberated on adoption of the FY 24-25 budget including changes to current year funding to increase funds for vegetation management on the watershed and water efficiency programming.

On motion made by Director Samson and seconded by Director Russell, the Board approved the adoption of the budget with the addition of (1) directing one-time salary savings from FY24 up to \$700,000 to the Water Efficiency Program budget, and (2) moving up \$500,000 from the CIP to the Biodiversity, Fire, and Fuels Integrate Plan (BFFIP) for FY24 and offset it in future years out.

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

Noes: None

Item 11 Future Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The board secretary reported on upcoming internal and external meetings, and Director Russell added that the North Bay Water Reuse Authority meeting was cancelled.

There were no public comments.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of June 20, 2023, adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Terrie Gillen, CMC
Board Secretary

The minutes were approved at the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of July 11, 2023.