

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:30 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 Outside location for Director Diana Maier – The Dupont Circle Hotel, Room #643, 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

## Closed Session begins at 5:30 p.m.

Marin Water Mt. Tam Conference 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, <a href="https://marinwater.zoom.us/j/88134852296">https://marinwater.zoom.us/j/88134852296</a>; or by phone, 1-669-444-9171 using Webinar ID #: 881 3485 2296.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Samson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Jed Smith

Ranjiv Khush

Diana Maier

Larry Russell (arrived at approximately 5:45 p.m.)

Matt Samson

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Vice President Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda. Director Khush seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

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

## 3. Announcement of Closed Session Item(s); Public Comments on Closed Session Item(s)

There were no public comments regarding the Closed Session items.

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

# a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation

(California Government Code §54956.9)

#### **Hughes v Marin Municipal Water District**

Workers Compensation Board of Appeals Case #: ADJ16560128; ADJ16560129

#### b. Conference with Labor Negotiators

(California Government Code §54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

**Employee Organization:** Service Employees International Union, Local 1021; Unrepresented Employees

Director Russell arrived at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The Board adjourned the closed session and left the Mt. Tam Conference Room at approximately 6:15 p.m. to go back to the Board Room.

## 4. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:30 p.m. President Samson reported that no reportable action was action.

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

There were three (3) public comments.

# 6. Directors' and General Manager's Announcements

 Vice President Smith reported that he was asked to write a letter to be included in Mill Valley's time capsule for the year 2100, and he wrote about Marin Water's impact on the land and its inhabitants.

- Both President Samson and Director Khush provided comments on the general manager's report.
- President Samson acknowledged the recent prescribed burning and reported that Fire Chief Jason Webber of Marin County Fire would like to see a bigger scale of the prescribed burning next year.

# 7. Board Committee Reports

- Both Director Russell and President Samson had attended the North Bay Watershed
  Association (NBWA) Meeting on October 10. They reported that the NBWA's conference next
  year will take place on April 9 at the Jonas Center at Indian Valley College. President Samson
  reported that he volunteered Marin Water staff to present at the conference regarding
  wildfire risk reduction on the watershed.
- Director Samson also reported that he attended the Tomales Bay Foundation meeting and highlighted their focused discussion on water quality at various beaches.

#### 8. Consent Items

a. October 7, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting on October 7, 2025

b. General Manager's Report September 2025

**RECOMMENDATION**: Approve Report

c. Award of Contract No. 2008 - Bon Tempe Treatment Plant Backwash Valves Replacement Project (D23008) to Corcus Construction, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 2008, Bon Tempe Treatment Plant - Backwash Valves Replacement Project, to Corcus Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$548,500 (*Resolution No. 8820*)

Vice President Smith made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Khush seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

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

#### 9. Regular Items

a. Road and Trail Management Plan Update Professional Service Agreement

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a professional services agreement with Ascent Environmental, Inc. for the Road and Trail Management Plan Update and environmental analysis and review, in the amount of \$1,145,000 with a staff requested agreement contingency of \$114,500, for a

total not to exceed amount of \$1,259,500 and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement

Watershed Resources Director Shaun Horne and Environmental Planner Carly Blanchard presented this item.

Discussion between staff and directors occurred during and after the presentation.

There were two (2) public comments.

Director Khush made the motion to approve staff's recommendation. Vice President Smith seconded the motion.

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

b. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineering, Inc. for Design Engineering Services for Water Treatment Plant Projects

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a professional services agreement with Carollo Engineering, Inc. for design engineering services in support of the Capital Improvement Program for water treatment plant projects, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement

Engineering Design Manager Zak Talbott and Water Quality Manager Matthew Steiner presented this item.

Discussion followed.

There were no public comments.

Vice President Smith made the motion to approve the staff's recommendation. Director Khush seconded the motion.

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

#### 10. Future Board and Committee Meetings and Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Upcoming Meetings

The board secretary announced upcoming committee meetings.

There were no comments.

- 11. Announcement of Closed Session Item(s); Public Comments on Closed Session Item(s) None.
- 12. Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out Not applicable.

## 13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Directors adjourned their meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Terrie Gillen, CMC Board Secretary

The Board of Directors approved the minutes at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 4, 2025.