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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

LOCATIONS:
Open Session to start at or after 5:00 p.m.
Marin Water Board Room – 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925
Outside location for Director Matt Samson – Antigua Coffee Shop, 437 A Grand Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Closed Session to immediately follow Open Session
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, 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

Board President Jed Smith called the meeting to order at 5 PM. Acting Board Secretary Tara Hagins provided roll call.

DIRECTORS PRESENT
Matt Samson (*left the meeting at approximately 6:10 PM*)
Ranjiv Khush
Diana Maier
Larry Russell
Jed Smith

2. Adoption of Agenda

Director Khush motioned to adopt the agenda. Director Maier seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

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

Motion passed.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

There were two (2) public comments.

4. Directors' and General Manager's Announcements

- Board President Smith congratulated Directors Samson and Khush, as well as Ms. Erika Lovejoy, for their unopposed Marin Municipal Water District election campaigns.

- Director Khush announced the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 1's upcoming event, *Overview of Russian River Water Systems & Water Management*, which will take place on October 28. He encouraged all to attend.

- Director Maier reported that she attended the Tomales Bay Foundation Meeting on August 12 and that its annual conference is scheduled on October 30 from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

There were no further director announcements.

5. Board Committee Reports

- Planning Committee Chair Russell reported on items that were discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting held on July 28.

- Director Russell attended the Sonoma Water Agency Committee Meeting on August 3.

6. Consent Items

a. July 21, 2026 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes and July 28, 2026 Board of Directors' Special Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings held on July 21 and July 28, 2026

b. General Manager's Report July 2026

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Report

c. Agreement with Stonecourt 365 Holdings, Inc for Remote Data Center Co-Locations Services

RECOMMENDATION: Approve an agreement with Stonecourt 365 Holdings, Inc. for remote data center co-location services through July 31, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed $60,000 and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement

Director Maier momentarily stepped away from the dais.

Director Khush motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar items. Board Vice President Russell seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

Voting Yea: Directors Samson, Khush, Russell, Smith

Absent: Director Maier

The items on the Consent Calendar were adopted.

7. Regular Items

a. Appointment of General Manager and Approval of New At-Will Employment Agreement, and Amendment of Existing At-Will Employment Agreement

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Shaun Horne as the District's General Manager and approve the General Manager's At-Will employment Agreement, and Approve the Fourth Amendment of the At-Will Employment Agreement of Bennett Horenstein

Board President Smith presented this item stating that the 4th Amendment of the At-Will Employment Agreement of Bennet Horenstein was pulled. He further went on to state that Shaun Horne's appointment as General Manager will begin on October 1 and that current General Manager Horenstein will then step into the advisory role until the end of his term.

Director Maier rejoined the meeting.

The Board provided comments on Mr. Horne's appointment and the recruitment process.

Mr. Horne thanked the Board.

There was one (1) public comment.

Director Maier made the motion to appoint Shaun Horne as General Manager and approve the new At-Will Employment Agreement. Director Khush seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously voted in support of the motion.

Motion passed.

b. FY2026 Water Efficiency Year End Review

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff update on the Water Efficiency Master Plan

Water Resources Manager Paul Sellier and Water Efficiency Manager Carrie Pollard presented this item.

Board and staff discussion ensued.

There was one (1) public comment.

Director Samson left the meeting at approximately 6:10 p.m.

This was an information item. No formal Board action was taken.

c. Nicasio Vegetation Management 2026 Project

   RECOMMENDATION: Approve Nicasio Vegetation Management 2026 Project and authorize the anticipated budget not to exceed $1,054,760, which includes a 35% ($273,456) contingency; and Approve the use of the Capital Reserve to increase budget appropriations in the Capital Fund by $1,054,760 for this project

Water Resources Director Sellier presented this item.

Discussion between the Board and staff ensued.

There were no public comments.

Director Khush motioned to approve staff's recommendation. Director Maier seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Director Samson

Motion passed.

d. Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for the Nicasio Hydrology Study

   RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement No. 6494 with ESA to provide environmental analysis for the long-term maintenance plan and to provide support for integrating the long-term maintenance plan into the Atmospheric River Capture project description for an additional amount not to exceed $578,732 and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract amendment; and Approve the use of the Capital Reserve to increase budget appropriations in the Water Resources Administration program by $578,732

Water Resources Director Sellier also presented this item.

Discussion followed.

There were no public comments.

Director Khush motioned to approve staff's recommendation. Director Maier seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Director Samson

Motion passed.

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

a. Upcoming Meetings

Board President Smith announced upcoming Marin Water Board and committee meetings within the next month.

There were no comments.

9. **Announcement of Closed Session Item(s); Public Comments on Closed Session Item(s)**

The Board convened to Closed Session and went to the Mt. Tam Conference Room.

There were no public comments regarding this item.

a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
(Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) California Government Code §54956.9)

Number of Cases: Unknown

The Closed Session was adjourned, and the Board returned to the Board Room.

10. **Reconvene to Open Session; Closed Session Report Out**

At 7:46 PM, the Board reconvened to Open Session. Board President Smith stated that no reportable action occurred.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' regular bi-monthly meeting adjourned on August 18, 2026, at 7:47 PM.

Terrie Gillen

Terrie Gillen, CMC
Board Secretary

On September 1, 2026, the Board of Directors approved the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on August 18, 2026.