



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

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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## MINUTES

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### 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 either 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 No. 881 3485 2296.

### 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 Schmitt and seconded by Vice President Samson to adopt the agenda.

There were no public comments.

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

6. **Directors' and General Manager's Announcements**

- President Khush reported that he and General Manager Ben Horenstein met with Professor David Sedlak at U.C. Berkeley and Chair of the Research Advisory Council, National Alliance for Water Innovation (NAWI) to discuss possible partnerships with NAWI for future collaborations of treated water projects. He also mentioned that on April 8th, he and Engineering Director Alex Anaya went to East Bay Municipal Utility District to view a new technology installation, which would reduce pressure in water distribution mains and produce hydroelectricity. He further stated that this work fit with the District's strategic plan objectives to explore conduit energy production.
- Director Smith reported that he attended the Sonoma WAC Meeting on April 8 and provided highlights from that meeting including the Sonoma County Water Agency's rate setting process and an update on the Potter Valley Project along the Eel River
- Director Russell reported a water leak this past Sunday that was fixed today, and commented on Sonoma County Water Agency's budget presentation.

7. **Board Committee Reports**

- Director Russell provided highlights from the District's Operations Committee Meeting on Friday, April 5th.

8. **Consent Items**

a. **Minutes of the Board Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting on April 2, 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the meeting minutes

b. **General Manager's Report March 2024**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Report

c. **Emergency Contracting Provisions West Peak Power Pole Removal**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt a resolution approving the continuing use of the District's emergency contracting procedures for 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

- d. Award of Contract No. 2007 Granada Drive Pipeline Replacement Project (D23020) to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 2007, Granada Drive Pipeline Replacement Project, to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. in the amount of \$4,384,384; and, approve a cooperative reimbursement agreement with the Town of Corte Madera and authorize the General Manger to execute the agreement

- e. Award of Contract No. 1996 2024 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Pipeline Replacement Project (D23009) to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 1996, 2024 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Pipeline Replacement Project, to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc. in the amount of \$2,864,400

- f. Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Engineering Design Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Stantec Consulting Services for design engineering services in the amount of \$248,620 with a staff requested contingency of \$25,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$273,620, which will utilize the available \$200,000 of in-kind services

A motion was made by Director Smith and seconded by Vice President Samson to adopt the Consent Calendar.

There were no public comments.

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

## 9. Regular Items

- a. Watershed Recreation Management Planning Feasibility Study

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff with the Watershed Committee recommendations is requesting the Board of Directors approve the final Watershed Recreation Management Planning Feasibility Study.

Watershed Resources Director Shaun Horne provided a presentation on the proposed Feasibility Study. Discussion ensued.

There were 16 public comments.

A motion was made by Vice President Samson and seconded by Director Smith to adopt the Watershed Recreation Management Planning Feasibility Study.

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

b. Grant Program Update

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive a staff update on the District's recent grant activities

Watershed Resources Director Horne and Grant Program Coordinator Jaime Hailer provided the Board with the latest information pertaining to state and federal grants that could impact several of the District's programs. Discussion ensued.

There was one (1) public comment.

Since this was an information item, the Board did not take any formal action.

c. Dual Noticing of Committee Meetings

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve revising the District's current practice of dually noticing the committee meetings as special board meetings

General Counsel Molly MacLean presented a proposal that would revise the District's current practice of dual noticing committee meetings as special board meetings, . Discussion ensued.

Vice President Samson made the motion to do a trial run of the general counsel's proposal for three months, but the motion failed due to a lack of a second motion.

There were two (2) public comments.

After much deliberation, President Khush directed staff to table the item.

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

a. Upcoming Meetings

The Board Secretary announced upcoming internal meetings and external meetings.

The directors did not provide any items to be included for discussion at future meetings.

There were no public 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' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



Terrie Gillen, CMC  
Board Secretary

The minutes were adopted at the Board of Directors' Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting on April 30, 2024.