

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

**Via Virtually and In-Person**

***Open Session Location:*** Marin Water, Board Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA  
94925

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Monty Schmitt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

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

***Directors Absent:*** Larry Russell (He arrived before the Board convened to Closed Session.)

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

Ayes: Directors Smith, Khush, Samson, and Schmitt

Noes: None

Absent: Director Russell

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – ONLY ON ITEM ON THE CLOSED SESSION**

There were no public comments on the Closed Session item.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Director Russell arrived at 5:32 p.m.

The directors convened to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. and went to the Mt. Tam Conference Room.

## **CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

### **1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (California Government Code Section §54957)**

Title: General Manager/General Counsel

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

President Schmitt reconvened the Open Session at 6:33 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT**

President Schmitt announced that the Closed Session adjourned at 6:32 p.m. with no reportable action taken.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were two (2) comments from the public.

## **DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Vice President Khush reported on his attendance at the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) meeting, where he learned about the many groundwater basins in the region, specifically Sonoma County. He also noted that former Marin Water's Board of Director Jack Gibson was elected as an Honorary Board Member to the NBWA.
- Director Samson reported that some of his constituents were appreciative of the District's rate calculator tool maintained on the District's website and would like to see it remain there. He also reported that he attended the Watershed Recreation Management Planning Community Workshop VI, and thanked Watershed Recreation Manager Shaun Horne for his leadership on this item. Director Samson encouraged all the stakeholders to work together in creating the Watershed Management Plan.
- General Manager Ben Horenstein announced that Federal Senators Alex Padilla and Diane Feinstein submitted earmarked requests for \$1.5M towards the Soulajule Electrification Project.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 2-6)**

**Item 2            Minutes of the Board of Directors' Special Meeting of March 14, 2023 and  
Special Meeting of March 30, 2023**

- Item 3            General Manager’s Report March 2023**
- Item 4            Clarifications to Board Handbook regarding Newly Elected Directors Time for Taking Office, Election of Board Officers and the Date for Adoption of the Board Calendar, and Adoption of Proposed Ordinance No. 463 to Change the Time for Election of Board Officers**
- Item 5            Request to Fill Accounting Clerk III Position in the Administrative Services Division**
- Item 6            Request to Fill Safety and Emergency Response Manager Position**

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

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

There were no public comments.

**REGULAR CALENDAR (ITEMS 7 - 11)**

- Item 7            Resolution to Approve Purchasing Valves and Fittings from Core and Main Company for the Bon Tempe Treatment Plant Backwash Line Project (Resolution No. 8744)**

Assistant Engineer Dion Mokhtari presented this item. Discussion ensued.

There were no public comments.

On motion made by Director Smith and seconded by Vice President Khush, the board approved the resolution.

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

- Item 8            Bolsa Redwood Tank Removal Project**

Assistant Engineer Hagar Negash presented this item. Discussion followed.

There were no public comments.

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

**Item 9            Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act Loan**

Engineering Division Manager Crystal Yezman presented this item. Discussion ensued.

There were no public comments.

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

**Item 10           Water Supply and Water Shortage Contingency Levels Update**

Water Resources Division Manager Paul Sellier presented this item. Discussion ensued.

There were three (3) public comments.

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

**Item 11           Future Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The board secretary reported on upcoming internal and external meetings.

General Horenstein added that there would be a robust presentation at the Friday Operations Committee Meeting pertaining to the Integrated Roadmap Implementation and he announced again the Budget Study Session at the regular Board meeting on May 2.

Director Russell announced that there was a NBWRA (North Bay Water Reuse Authority) meeting on April 24.

There were no public comments.

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:47 p.m., President Schmitt announced that the Directors would go to Closed Session to discuss the second Closed Session item.

**Public Comment – Only on Item 12**

There were no public comments on the Closed Session item.

**Convene to Closed Session**

The board left the Board Room and went to the Mt. Tam Conference Room.

## Closed Session Item

12. **Conference with Labor Negotiator**  
(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

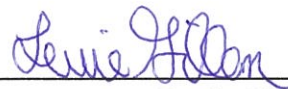
The Board of Directors reconvened in the Board Room for Open Session at 9:01 p.m.

## Closed Session Report Out

President Schmitt reported that the Closed Session adjourned at 8:57 p.m. and that there were no reportable actions.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting of April 18, 2023, adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



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Terrie Gillen, CMC  
Board Secretary

The minutes were approved at the May 2, 2023 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.