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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OPERATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OPERATIONS)

**MEETING DATE:** 03-26-2021

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** This meeting will be held virtually, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

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AGENDA ITEMS	RECOMMENDATIONS
Call to Order and Roll Call	
Adopt Agenda	Approve
<b>Public Comment</b> <i>Members of the public may comment on any items not listed on the agenda during this time. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker, and time limits may be reduced by the Committee Chair to accommodate the number of speakers and ensure that the meeting is conducted in an efficient manner.</i>	

**MARIN WATER BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** LARRY BRAGMAN, JACK GIBSON, CYNTHIA KOEHLER, LARRY RUSSELL, AND MONTY SCHMITT

AGENDA ITEMS	RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Calendar</b>	
1. Presentation by Principal Water Agency Engineer Donald Seymour, with Sonoma Water, regarding An Update on the Russian River Water Supply Conditions	<i>Information</i>
2. Minutes of the Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations) Meeting of February 19, 2021	<i>Approve</i>
3. Grant and Legislation Program Update	<i>Information</i>
<b>Adjournment</b>	

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#### FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

- ❖ Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, April 16, 2021  
Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations) Special Meeting  
9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
7:30 p.m.

Board Secretary

## Approval Item

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**TITLE**

Minutes of the Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations) Meeting of February 19, 2021

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the adoption of the minutes.

**SUMMARY**

On February 19, 2021, the Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations) held its monthly meeting. The minutes of that meeting are attached.

**DISCUSSION**

None

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Minutes of February 19, 2021, Meeting of the Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations)

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Communications & Public Affairs Department	 Terrie Gillen Board Secretary	 Ben Horenstein General Manager

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE /BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OPERATIONS) MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Friday, February 19, 2021**

**Via teleconference**

(In accordance with Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20)

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** John C. Gibson, Larry L. Russell, and Monty Schmitt

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Larry Bragman and Cynthia Koehler

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**ADOPT AGENDA:**

On motion made by Director Gibson and seconded by Director Schmitt, the board approved the adoption of the agenda by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Gibson, Schmitt, and Russell

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Bragman and Koehler

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

The committee/board heard first Agenda Item 2, Water System Master Plan Update.

**ITEM 2. WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Engineering Director Mike Ban, Senior Engineer Elysha Irish, and Consultant Xavier Irias, with Woodard & Curran Inc., provided the presentation. Sometime during the first half of the presentation, Director Bragman joined the meeting.

Much discussion ensued between the board and staff throughout this item.

There were no public comments.

**ITEM 1. MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE /BOARD OF DIRECTORS (OPERATIONS)  
MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2021**

On motion made by Director Gibson and seconded by Director Bragman, the board approved the minutes by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Bragman, Gibson, Schmitt, and Russell  
Noes: None  
Absent: Director Koehler

**ADJOURNMENT**

Before the meeting adjourned, General Counsel Molly MacLean pointed out that the next board meetings listed on the agenda under future meetings, were not special meetings, but rather regular meetings.

There being no further business, the Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations) meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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Board Secretary



**Item Number:** 03  
**Meeting Date:** 03-26-2021  
**Meeting:** Operations  
Committee/Board of Directors  
(Operations)

## Informational Item

**DATE:** 03-26-2021

**TO:** Operations Committee/Board of Directors (Operations)

**FROM:** Crystal Yezman, Director of System Maintenance and Natural Resources

**THROUGH:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager

**ITEM:** Grant and Legislative Program Update

### SUMMARY

This item provides an update on recent grant activity and the Marin Municipal Water District's (District) involvement in the 2020-2021 State Legislative session.

### DISCUSSION

The table below describes the status of grant applications submitted by the District in 2020 and 2021.

Project	Funder	Amount	Status	Date
Azalea Hill Phase II	RTP	\$700,000	<b>Awarded</b>	September 2020
Lagunitas Creek Enhancement Plan Phase II	CDFW	\$474,430	Denied	November 2020
San Geronimo Supplemental Power Generation	Cal-OES	\$300,000	Denied	February 2021
UC Davis Energy Recovery Turbine Study	APPA	\$125,000	<b>Awarded</b>	October 2020
Forest Health Fuels Reduction	CALFire	\$3.2M	Applied	March 2021
CARES Act Funding for Ratepayer Relief	US Dept. Treasury	N/A	Redirected	January 2021

District grant efforts in early 2020 targeted funding for the Azalea Hill trail project, as well as for the Lagunitas Creek Enhancement Project's second phase. The awarded Azalea Hill project marks the District's largest trail grant ever received. The request for funding on the Lagunitas Creek Phase II project was denied by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, however staff intends to resubmit this request once the current Lagunitas Creek Enhancement project has moved closer to completion.

The District also applied to the California Office of Emergency Services to help fund the emergency diesel generator being installed at the San Geronimo Treatment Plant. This request was denied. The District's project to study use of Energy Recovery Turbines in our water system, a joint effort with UC Davis, was funded by the American Public Power Association.

In the summer of 2020, the District request to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to reduce fuels and restore forest health on the watershed was denied. However, staff was recently contacted by CalFire and asked to resubmit our Forest Health application for potential funding. This \$3.2 million dollar proposal, which is being submitted in partnership with Parks Conservancy and Marin County Parks, is expected to reach a decision point soon.

#### **LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The District's legislative program continues to track water and natural resource-related bills of interest to the District, most commonly with the help of interest groups such as Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and TOGETHER Bay Area.

The 2021 legislative session is underway, with the focus at both the state and federal levels on COVID-19 relief packages.

At the federal level, the recent passage of a \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill has is being tracked to see how the funds will be appropriated.

- Of particular interest is \$350B in direct allocations to states. In California, this funding may be directed to water districts for either ratepayer relief or infrastructure repairs.

At the state level, the focus is on the largest ever budget for wildfire prevention, on COVID relief, on water affordability, and on a potential Climate Bond for the 2022 ballot.

Tracking priorities for the upcoming legislative session will include bills related to:

- Wildfire or other disaster preparedness.
- Potential regulations or funding for water agencies.
- Wildfire-related funding for vegetation management or emergency preparedness.

Staff will present details on these grant and legislative initiatives during the meeting.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact

#### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

No attachments