

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 4, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

President Schoonover called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North Marin Water District to order at 7:30 p.m. at the District headquarters and the agenda was accepted as presented. Present were Directors Steve Petterle, Dennis Rodoni and John Schoonover. Also present were General Manager Chris DeGabriele, Secretary Renee Roberts, Auditor-Controller David Bentley and Chief Engineer Drew McIntyre. Director Rick Fraites was absent

District employees Robert Clark (Operations/Maintenance Superintendent) and Pablo Ramudo (Water Quality Supervisor) were in the audience.

MINUTES

On motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Rodoni and carried by the following vote, the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting as presented:

AYES: Directors Baker, Petterle, Rodoni, Schoonover

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Fraites

ABSTAIN: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Interagency Agreement for Recycled Water

Mr. DeGabriele reported that he and Drew McIntyre met with Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District staff to discuss the Interagency Agreement for Recycled Water between Las Gallinas and the District. He said it was a productive meeting and the agreement is close to being finalized. He said he hopes to present the draft Interagency Agreement to the Board at the next meeting and a final agreement by next month.

Oceana Marin Homeowners Association Meeting

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that he will attend the Oceana Marin Homeowners semi-annual meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2011 and will provide them with an update on sewer service, District's financial performance and planned projects.

Presentation to Novato Unified School District

Mr. DeGabriele stated that he will make a presentation to the Novato Unified School District Board of Trustees at their February 1 meeting regarding the Recycled Water Program and the District's intent to serve school district property with recycled water. He further stated that he will make a similar presentation to the Novato City Council the following week.

OPEN TIME

President Schoonover asked if anyone in the audience wished to bring up an item not on the agenda and there was no response.

STAFF / DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President Schoonover asked if staff or Directors wished to bring up an item not on the agenda and there was no response.

ACTION CALENDAR

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT ION CHROMATOGRAPH

Pablo Ramudo provided a detailed and technical presentation on the operation and purpose of the ion chromatograph (IC) laboratory analytical instrument and the need for a replacement of the existing Dionex IC which was purchased in 2002. He stated that the Board authorized \$71,000 in the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget for the replacement of the instrument that is used weekly to perform water analyses of naturally occurring ions and test for disinfection byproducts. Mr. Ramudo said that Dionex, the current vendor, can no longer provide service or support for the existing IC and the replacement instrument will allow lab staff to take advantage of new advancements in technology that will save time and increase lab efficiency. He advised that four vendors were solicited for bids and two responded with multiple bids for several instruments capable of running the analyses. He compared the instruments for each vendor and stated that the IC from Metrohm would satisfy the Lab's requirements with simpler chemical and mechanical means at a lesser cost than Dionex instruments. He advised that Metrohm's consumables have a longer warranty period and cost considerably less than Dionex. Mr. Ramudo informed the Board that Marin Municipal Water District and East Bay MUD have used the Metrohm ICs for four years with no problems.

On motion of Director Petterle, seconded by Director Baker and approved by those Directors present, the Board authorized the purchase of the Metrohm 881 Compact Pro Anion and Cation system in the amount of \$69,300.

INFORMATION ITEMS

POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE PETITIONS FOR CHANGE – LAGUNITAS CREEK WATER RIGHTS

Mr. DeGabriele informed the Board that the National Park Service – Point Reyes National Seashore has filed four petitions for change for their water rights on Lagunitas Creek, Olema Creek and Fish Hatchery Creek for instream uses. He stated that the change petitions are similar to the District's petitions for change that the Board authorized at the December 21, 2010 meeting. Mr. DeGabriele advised that District legal counsel believes that if there is any controversy among either the NPS permit petitions for change or the District's permit petitions for change, the State Board may combine the processing of the petitions. He further advised that District petitions have been submitted to the State Board and he has asked for a meeting with them as soon as possible. He stated that the petitions required an \$850 fee to the Department of Fish and Game for each petition over and above the fees paid to the State Board and that another check was processed to DFG for \$3,400 so that there would be no delay.

TAC MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2011

Mr. DeGabriele presented the draft agenda for the Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for January 10, 2011 that includes updates on various ongoing activities.

NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING – JANUARY 7, 2011

The Board received the agenda for the North Bay Watershed Association meeting and Director Baker said that he will attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board received the following miscellaneous information: Disbursements and Increase in 2011 SDI Rate & Decrease in Social Security Rate.

The Board also received the following news articles: PD Editorial: Positive Fish Counts, Chinook Salmon Return in Record Numbers to Eel River, \$50 Scrap Theft Leaves \$4,000 in Damage and Storms Forestall Drought Worries as Reservoirs Fill to the Brim.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schoonover adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by

Renee Roberts
District Secretary