

North Bay Watershed Association

Summary of the meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) Board of Directors.

Date: Friday, March 2nd, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Marin Municipal Water District, Board Room, 220 Nellen Ave, Corte Madera CA

Directors Present Included:

Board Member	Organization	Board Member	Organization
Adrian Cormier	Bel Marin Keys Comm. Services District	Judy Schriebman	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Diane Furst	Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
Pam Drew	City of Novato	Rick Fraites	North Marin Water District
Mary Sackett	County of Marin	Pamela Meigs	Ross Valley Sanitary District

Directors present represented 8 of the 19 agencies signatory to the Association MOU.

1. Call to Order – Jack Gibson, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Directors present did not represent a quorum, but not voting actions were required.
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Agenda – No action was taken on the agenda.
4. Approval of Minutes – No action was taken to approve minutes.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Judy Kelly, executive director, reported that the NBWA is in excellent financial condition going into the 2018 NBWA conference, and has received conference sponsorship commitments for \$24K, which will enable the NBWA to return ~\$25K, which had previously been set aside for conference expenses, to support other projects.
6. Director’s Report – The March Director’s Report is replaced with the NBWA quarterly newsletter. Read the newsletter at: nbwatershed.org/email-newsletter/.
7. Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018: What’s in the Proposal?
Dr. Jerry Meral provided information about the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 which will be on the November ballot in California. This act will invest \$8.9 million dollars in water infrastructure, including key categories like: safe drinking water, SGMA implementations, watershed restoration, fish and wildlife habitat conservation, and infrastructure repair. Certain funds would be specifically targeted to disadvantaged communities. Funding would be distributed by state agencies. There is no money for the Delta Tunnels in this act.
Q: I heard a rumor of a new dam which this initiative might fund? A: No new dam construction funding is included in this initiative. Q: Who is in opposition? A: The Sierra Club, as they fear construction in a canal will lead to a dam in the Upper San Juaquin. ACWA has endorsed this proposition, and gubernatorial candidates have been briefed. Jerry encouraged agencies to endorse the bill as agency legitimacy can add great legitimacy to the bill.
For information on how funding may support NBWA member agency projects, please see Dr. Meral’s presentation which is posted on the NBWA Board Meeting page: nbwatershed.org/board_meeting/. More information: waterbond.org/.
8. Overview and What’s New at Marin Municipal Water District – Krishna Kumar, general manager at the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) provided the NBWA with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of MMWD, specifically focusing on water supply. Krishna began his presentation by thanking Jack Gibson, NBWA chair, for his contributions to the NBWA since its inception. MMWD

relies on a diverse portfolio of water resources to provide drinking water to about 190K people in Marin County which includes 25% imported from the Sonoma County Water Agency and 25% from local watersheds.

Q: How many times have you drawn water from SoulaJule? A: Rarely; that reservoir is an emergency supply. Q: If there were to be an intertie pipeline over the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge will we lose control over our own water resources? A: SCWA water cannot be sold or transferred to anybody else, and this pipeline is not immediately on the table. Additionally East Bay utilities are so much larger there is little chance they would need to depend on us for water supplies. Q: Plans for expanding the recycled water system? A: Plans, but no boots on the ground.

Michael Ban, Environmental & Engineering Services Division Manager, provided an overview of dam safety at MMWD facilities. MMWD's dam safety program includes instrumentation which monitors water seepage, dam movement and water pressure, regular inspections and maintenance, and annual inspections by DSOD. All dam safety information and reports are shared on the MMWD website. More information: www.marinwater.org/31/Water.

9. Surprises at Lagunitas Creek: More Habitat and New Fish – Greg Andrew, fisheries program manager at the Marin Municipal Water District discussed a habitat enhancement project in Lagunitas Creek aimed at improving winter habitat for salmonids (coho and steelhead) and freshwater shrimp which are all on the endangered species list. Previous research showed that winter habitat was the limiting factor for endangered species. Five of the reservoirs used by MMWD for water supply are along Lagunitas Creek, so the health of the watershed impacts the water supply and operations for the District. The project aims to increase winter carrying capacity for coho and steelhead, improve water quality, and connect Lagunitas Creek to the floodplain.

Two members of the Americorps Watershed Stewardship Program who are working in the fisheries program at MMWD, Gabby Guaimi and Justine Brumm, presented on recent sightings of adult pink salmon in Lagunitas Creek following the habitat enhancement project. Pink salmon were previously considered to be extirpated in the Lagunitas Creek Watershed. Justine and Gabby speculate that poor ocean conditions in the Northwest and off the coast of Canada may have caused pink salmon to move south into watersheds they do not typically inhabit in northern California.

More information about Lagunitas Creek watershed: www.marinwater.org/177/Lagunitas-Creek-Watershed.

10. Items of Interest

- NBWA Conference – register soon, space is limited. More information: nbwatershed.org/conferences/.
- Sonoma County Groundwater community meetings will take place in March to provide information and seek input on upcoming rate studies and Groundwater Sustainability Plans being developed for each basin. More information: sonomacountygroundwater.org/.
- May NBWA Board Meeting – this meeting will be a special tour of watershed restoration projects. The tour will meet at the Novato Sanitary District. Reservations are required as bus space is limited. To register please email Sophie.Porcelli@scwa.ca.gov.

11. Items for the Next Agenda

Next Meeting Information: NBWA Conference, April 6th, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sheraton Sonoma County (Petaluma) For more information: nbwatershed.org/conferences/.

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