

# North Bay Watershed Association

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

Date: Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato CA, 94949

## Directors Present Included:

Board Member	Agency/Organization	Board Member	Agency/Organization
Mike Healy	City of Petaluma	Leon Garcia	Napa Co. Flood Control & Water Cons. Dist.
Mariam Aboudamous	City of American Canyon		
Pam Drew	City of Novato	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
Paul Jensen	City of San Rafael	Rick Fraites	North Marin Water District
Megan Clark	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	Brant Miller	Novato Sanitary District
Pamela Meigs	Ross Valley Sanitary District		

Directors present represented 10 of the 18 agencies signatory to the Association MOU.

## Board Actions:

1. Call to Order – Jack Gibson, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.
2. Public Comment - No public comment.
3. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was unanimously approved.
4. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved with two abstentions.
5. Treasurer’s Report – The NBWA budget is in better shape than we’ve seen before.
6. Director’s Report – Judy Kelly, NBWA executive director presented the following information:
  - o This is Sophie Porcelli’s last meeting as she is moving to Colorado at the end of the month. Tessa Foster from the Sonoma County Water Agency is joining the NBWA team in her place.
  - o Krishna Kumar, General Manager for Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD), has announced that he will retire in December. Krishna has served the MMWD since 2012. For more information read the news article here: [www.marinij.com/article/NO/20180513/NEWS/180519906](http://www.marinij.com/article/NO/20180513/NEWS/180519906)
  - o Please check through the 2019 proposed dates for NBWA board meetings and let us know about any conflicts. Find them here: [www.nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Agenda\\_2019-01-01.pdf](http://www.nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Agenda_2019-01-01.pdf)
  - o Watch a video of Robin Grossinger’s (SFEI) presentation on new strategies for enhancing local biodiversity and resilience at the June 2017 board meeting: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsnBoZGGSbU&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsnBoZGGSbU&feature=youtu.be)
  - o The first round of funding from Measure AA was awarded and 4 projects in the North Bay were selected. [www.sfbayrestore.org/sf-bay-restoration-authority-current-projects-TEST.php](http://www.sfbayrestore.org/sf-bay-restoration-authority-current-projects-TEST.php)
7. 2018 NBWA Conference Wrap-Up – Judy Kelly updated the NBWA Board on the results of the 2018 conference and provided some feedback from participants. Overall it was a very successful conference. 97% of people said the conference met their needs, 98% that the facility was good, 93% that the length was good, and 97% that the info would let them be more effective. The

finances for the conference were less stressful this year because they were more self-funded; the conference made a net revenue of \$18k. The most popular speakers were Jared Huffman, Grant Davis, Sam Schuchat, and Fraser Shilling. Some comments were: want more interactivity; drop intros, have a summation by moderators; some of the panels were duplicated; and asking how will things continue without IRWMP money. For the 2020 conference, Judy proposed to keep the first Friday of meeting date, and to rotate locations. Presentation here: [www.nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Presentation\\_2018-06-08.pdf](http://www.nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Presentation_2018-06-08.pdf)

8. Improving the Quality of North Bay Waters through Non-Point Source Regulations and Solutions – Jim Ponton, senior engineering geologist with the SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, presented on the Regional Water Board’s limitations for certain pollutants that impair North Bay waterbodies including Tomales Bay, Napa River, Sonoma Creek, and Lagunitas Creek. There are Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for bacteria, sediment, and mercury. In order to implement these TMDLs, various permitting programs have been developed for grazing, confined animals, dairies, and vineyards. Ponton’s presentation also addressed the statewide cannabis order, and the need for a cannabis cultivation regulatory program to establish waste discharge requirements to ensure that water diversion and discharge from cannabis cultivation does not affect the conditions for salmonid species. See the full presentation here: [www.nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Presentation\\_2018-06-09.pdf](http://www.nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Presentation_2018-06-09.pdf)

9. NBWA 2019 Budget Information: Judy Kelly presented the following information about next year’s budget: IRWPM money will be tapering down. City of American Canyon is a new full partner of the NBWA; this results in a reduction of member dues. Would like to be self-funded again for the 2020 NBWA conference.

Q: Should the NBWA do outreach to other agencies to see if they want to become dues-paying members? A: We could pursue new memberships, but perhaps we should consider the goals of the NBWA during a strategic planning process to decide which agencies should be included in any outreach efforts.

*The 2019 NBWA Budget was approved.*

Presentation here: [http://nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Presentation\\_2018-06-10.pdf](http://nbwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/Presentation_2018-06-10.pdf)

10. Items of Interest: Marin Conservation League will host a breakfast event *From Wasteshed to Watershed* at 7:30am on June 29<sup>th</sup> about waste getting into waterways at the McInnis Park Golf Center in San Rafael. More information: [www.eventbrite.com/e/from-wasteshed-to-watershed-reducing-marins-wasteline-protecting-the-bay-tickets-46547147772](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/from-wasteshed-to-watershed-reducing-marins-wasteline-protecting-the-bay-tickets-46547147772)

**Next Meeting Information:** July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Marin Municipal Water District, Board Room, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

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