



BOARD MEETING

October 4, 2024





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Welcome and Call to Order – Roll Call and Introductions



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General Public Comments



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Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Review

Treasurer's Report

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Proposed Action
9:30	Welcome and Call to Order – Roll Call and Introductions <i>Jean Mariani, Chair</i>	<i>N/A</i>
9:35	General Public Comments This time is reserved for the public to address the Committee about matters NOT on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Committee.	<i>N/A</i>
9:40	Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Review <i>Jean Mariani, Chair</i> Treasure's Reports <i>Jean Mariani, Chair</i>	<i>Approve/ Review</i>
9:45	Guest Presentation — The incredible (and incredibly colorful) history of Mare Island <i>Kent Forner, President of the Board of Directors of the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation and Founder of Mare Island Brewing Co.</i> Kent will take us through a rapid-fire slideshow of the incredible (and incredibly colorful and impactful) history of Mare Island, starting with the planting of a flagpole in 1954.	<i>Presentation slides</i>

10:15	Guest Presentation — Mare Island Infrastructure Assessment (MIIA) Project Overview <i>Anne Girtz, PE, Senior Engineer, West Yost</i> Anne will present assessment highlights from the Mare Island infrastructure assessment project which covered the water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage and flood control, roads, and dry utility systems on Mare Island.	<i>Presentation slides</i>
10:45	Guest Presentation — Overview of Russian River Watershed Pilot Project <i>Chris Delaney, Principal Engineer, Sonoma Water</i> Chris Delaney will be giving a brief talk on the Russian River Watershed Resilience Project. This past July, Sonoma Water received a 2-million-dollar grant from the California Department of Water Resources to develop a climate resilience plan for the Russian River Watershed by April 2026. Chris's talk will cover the major project tasks and the anticipated outcomes.	<i>Presentation slides</i>
11:15	Executive Director Report <i>Andy Rodgers, Executive Director</i> Andy will provide updates on activities since the August 30 Board meeting, including active projects such as Small Grants and Scholarship Program, recent meetings, regional programs and initiatives, communications, and committees. Andy will outline ideas for next and future Board meeting topics and solicit feedback.	<i>ED updates, Board questions, and input</i>
11:30	Announcements/Adjourn Next Board Meeting: November 8 Self-guided Tour of Mare Island NBWA to provide map with suggested points of interest. (Tour will not be virtual)	<i>N/A</i>

North Bay Watershed Association Board of Directors Meeting - Summary

August 30, 2024 | 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

City of Petaluma Ellis Creek Treatment Plant
3890 Cypress Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954

Zoom was available for those to attend virtually
www.nbwatershed.org

1. Welcome and Call to Order—Directors, Member Representatives Present Included:

Michael Boorstein – Central Marin Sanitation Agency
Leon Garcia – City of American Canyon
John Shribbs – City of Petaluma
Kate Hagemann – City of San Rafael
Ron Wellander – City of Sonoma
Megan Clark – Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Ryan Gregory – Napa Sanitation District
Larry Russel – Marin Municipal Water District
Rick Fraithe – North Marin Water District
Jean Mariani (Chair) – Novato Sanitary District
Pamela Meigs – Ross Valley Sanitary District
Elizabeth Patterson – Solano County Water Agency
Andy Rodgers – NBWA
Sabrina Marson – NBWA
Oriana Hart – City of Petaluma
Chelsea Thompson – City of Petaluma
Susan Stompe – Public
Kate Powers – Public
Julia La Rue – Public
Crystal Martinez – Aid to Supervisor Mary Sackett
Philip Chapman – Public
Ann Thomas – Public
Mark Milan – Public
Stephanie Bastianon – Guest Presenter
Janelle Sellick – Guest Presenter

Twelve NBWA board members attended the meeting comprised of 23-member agency staff, stakeholders, partners, and interested members of the public. Meeting participants attended remotely in-person and via Zoom.

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Roll Call and Introductions – Chair Mariani called the meeting to order at 9:34 am and took roll call.

2. General Public Comment – None

3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Review– Chair Mariani asked for any Board members to speak up if there were requested changes to the agenda. No comments. None opposed—Unanimously approved.

Chair Mariani asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes for the July 12 and July 17 (special meeting) Board meetings. Chair Mariani provided edits to the July 12 summary. No comments. None opposed—Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

No comments on the May Treasurer's Reports. Director Garcia moved to approve the June Treasurer's Report; Director Patterson moved. Director Clark seconded—Unanimously accepted.

4. Guest Presentation – Revitalizing North Bay: Community-Driven Waterfront Access Initiatives

Stephanie Bastianon, Executive Director, Friends of the Petaluma River, and Janelle Sellick, Executive Director, American Canyon Community & Parks Foundation

Stephanie from Friends of the Petaluma River and Janelle from the American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation discussed their respective organizations' efforts to manage and enhance public waterfront facilities. Stephanie provided an update on the Petaluma River Greenway project, a plan to permanently protect a large swath of open land along the upper Petaluma River, aiming to create public access for recreation and open space, restore the area, and provide climate change resilience. She also presented an early concept map for a parcel study funded by Sonoma Water and announced that they have been awarded a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to plan and engage the community for a project involving 45 parcels along the Petaluma River.

Janelle provided an overview of the American Canyon Community Parks Foundation and their

flagship Napa River Ecology Center repurpose an existing 5,000 square wetlands into an environmental education wetland viewing areas, an outdoor serve as a launch pad for wetlands development. The project, estimated far, with the city committing \$1 million to break ground in fall 2025. The significance as a recreational and interpretive area, and its potential to relieve pressure for visitors.

The full presentations in PDF format
<https://www.nbwatershed.org/evc>

5. Executive Director Report Andy Rodgers, Executive Director

Andy provided updates and solicited meeting, including association and communications.

Workforce Initiative and Sustainability:
Andy mentioned the July 12th board Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Study, the transition of Treasury services to workforce initiative, NBWA staff a focused meeting series led by BAY conference. NBWA has participated invited member staff to join the meeting.

Andy outlined plans for a small grant Bay watershed management, enhance community organizations. The staff

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for environmental, health, infrastructure, and workforce benefits. Andy proposed grants up to \$25,000+ in various categories, including urban tree planting, restoration, and beaver analog projects. He suggested a timeline for the subcommittee to evaluate and recommend projects to the board before the fiscal year-end, with categories and timeline under review.

Logo Refresh and Symposium Opportunity

Andy proposed a refresh of the group's logo and the potential for a new initiative to benefit the region. However, Megan preferred the current need for a more visually appealing and members suggested a potential design contest discuss the logo with Data Insights and present.

Sponsorship, Upcoming Activities, and Fundraising:
Andy proposed a sponsorship invitation for options presented, the group preferred the following:

Other high level updates Andy provided:

Updates since last meeting

- Held NBWA Board meeting – July
- Held NBWA Special Board meeting
- Attended CASQA legislative subcommittee
- Met with North Bay Workforce Development

Administrative Activities

- Fiscal Year End – MMWD
- Managed completion of NBWA a CMSA. Thank you to CMSA and calendar scheduling
- Coordinate with Board Chair and AR – Membership dues
- AP – Subcommittees
- Updated website and meeting page

Communications

- Coordinate field tour & presentation
- Plan fall field trip
- Draft quarterly newsletter content
- Prepare content for overseas delivery
- Draft candidate options for NBWA

Committees

- Poll for participation on Resilience
- Host first Small Grants and School

The full presentation is in PDF format at
www.nbwatershed.org/evc/nbwa-board

FY 2024-25 Board Meetings

First Friday of every month - Except of course for holidays!

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| • October 4 | • January 3 (skip!) | • May 2 |
| • November 1 | • February 7 | • June 6 |
| • December 6 | • March 7 | |
| | • April 4 | |

Social Media July Analytics

- Staff continued to post frequently at an average of 2x a week
- Engagement increased on all platforms due to spending time engaging with NBWA members' post. Staff will continue to tag relevant agencies, partners, and guest speakers
- Send us your posts to re-share!
www.instagram.com/nbwatershed
www.facebook.com/nbwatershed
www.linkedin.com/company/nbwatershed

6. Board Information Exchange and Updates

Director Schellie: He mentioned there was a workshop recently about the sediment study done in the three-zone area (in Potlatch), looking at the waters coming in and particularly focusing on Adobe Creek and how much sediment comes in when it comes in, where it gets deposited, and how the creek is already changing.

Director Clark: Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District is engaging with youth to encourage them to think about careers in water/wastewater. They are finding a state-of-the-art laboratory that will also serve as an educational venue.

Director Patterson: Jeremy Lowe from SFEI recently presented to the Solano County Water Agency regarding some of the benefits of the North Bay Watershed Association and the Bay Shore Resiliency Project. The County received funds for planning research and some other funds to begin. On September 18, 2024, there is a celebration for the completion of the Delta's Largest-ever Tidal Wetland Restoration Project.

Director Meigs: There has been an update to FOG (Fat, oils, and grease). There's now a new one called FOGG—the extra G is for gloves. They are finding a lot of gloves in the lines and she and her team are promoting proper disposal of gloves.

Announcements/Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am

Next Board Meeting: October 4

SUBMITTED BY: Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, NBWA

Treasurer's Report



NORTHBAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

REVENUE COLLECTIONS:

Collection Description	Amount
1 FY23-24 Annual Membership Due - Bel Marin Keys	\$ 3,506.90
Total Collections	3,506.90

EXPENDITURE REMITTANCES:

Remittance Description	Amount
1 Prof Svcs: Data Instincts, July-August 2024	5,100.00
2 2024 Watershed Symposium Sponsorship (Steelhead)	3,000.00
3 Office supplies: NBWA bank account check stock	183.77
Total Remittances	8,283.77

Change in Fund Balance	(4,776.87)
Fund Balance as of July 1, 2024	570,016.59
Fund Balance as of August 31, 2024	\$ 565,239.72



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Guest Presentation: **The incredible (and incredibly colorful) history of Mare Island**

Kent Fortner, President of the Board of Directors of the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation and Founder of Mare Island Brewing Co.



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Guest Presentation: **Mare Island Infrastructure Assessment (MIIA) Project Overview**

Anne Girtz, PE, Senior Engineer, West Yost



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Guest Presentation: **Overview of Russian River Watershed Pilot Project**

Chris Delaney, Principal Engineer, Sonoma Water



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Executive Director Report

Highlights



Updates since last meeting

- ***Held NBWA Board meeting at Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility – August 30. Thank you, Petaluma!***
- Attend BAIRWM coordinating committee meeting September 23
- ***Attend CASQA legislation committee meeting September 25***



Administrative Activities

- ***Calendar scheduling***
- Coordinate with Board Chair and Treasurer
- AR – Membership dues
- AP – Subconsultants
- Updated website and meeting packet information
- Bel Marin Keys potentially pausing membership



Communications

- ***Coordinate Mare Island tour & presentations***
- Draft quarterly newsletter content
- ***Prepare content/oversee delivery of NBWA social media program***
- Draft candidate options for NBWA logo refresh
- ***Met with Sonoma State to develop ideas for resiliency workforce development initiative***



Committees

- Poll for participation on Resiliency Workforce Development committee
- Schedule Small Grants and Scholarship Subcommittee meeting

Project Updates

Water Workforce Resiliency Program Development

- NBWA staff and member agencies are collaborating in a north bay region focused meeting series led by BAYWORK.
- This forum has been meeting since the NBWA April 19 conference.

NBWA Administering Agency Transition

- NBWA ratified a Treasury Services contract with CMSA @ July 17 Special Board meeting
- CMSA is currently preparing FY24/25 Member Invoices for mailing.
- NBWA Administrative Agency Meeting Scheduled for October 18
- We plan to bring a draft resolution to November 8 NBWA Board meeting appreciating MMWD for providing the north bay region with 24 years of in-kind treasurer services and support!

Small Grants and Scholarship Programs

- First subcommittee meeting complete!
 - ✓ Refined purpose and goals for the Subcommittee
 - ✓ Discussed **draft** scope of the Small Grants and Scholarship Program
- Board provided input at the August 30 meeting
- Second subcommittee meeting scheduled Friday, October 18
 - ✓ Discussing the identified potential partners who already have Small Grants and Scholarship Program
 - ✓ Reviewing draft materials for in-house Small Grants and Scholarship Program



NBWA MOU signed in 2000

Consider a celebration...



Sponsorship – 2024 Napa County Watershed Symposium

When

- December 5, 2024
- CIA at Copia (The Culinary Institute of America at Copia)
- Event tickets will be available for purchase in September.

What

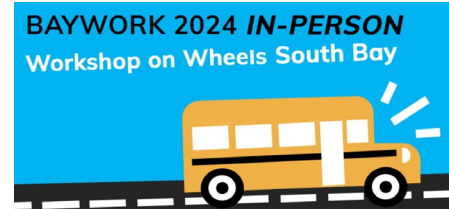
- NBWA is a sponsor
- Four (4) tickets available
- Do not register via Eventbrite
- If you are interested, email northbaywa@gmail.com



Other Items of Interest

Upcoming events for staff from your agencies:

- October 15 - In-person Water Board Presentation on Operator Certification at Fairfield Suisun Sewer District.
- October 22 - South Bay Workshop On Wheels.



More information at www.baywork.org/upcoming-events



November 5

Proposition 4 would authorize \$10 billion in debt to spend on environmental and climate projects, with the biggest chunk, \$1.9 billion, for drinking water improvements.

The bond prioritizes lower-income communities, and those most vulnerable to climate change, and requires annual audits.



Figure 1

Key Goals of Proposition 4 Bond Funds

(In Millions)

Category	Key Goals	Amount
Drought, Flood, and Water Supply	Increase the amount and quality of water available for people to use and reduce the risk of flooding.	\$3,800
Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention	Improve the health of forests and protect communities from wildfires.	1,500
Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Areas	Reduce the risks from sea-level rise, restore coastal areas, and protect fish.	1,200
Land Conservation and Habitat Restoration	Protect and restore natural areas.	1,200
Energy Infrastructure	Support the state's shift to more renewable sources of energy, such as offshore wind.	850
Parks	Expand, renovate, and repair local and state parks.	700
Extreme Heat	Reduce the effects of extreme heat on communities.	450
Farms and Agriculture	Help farms respond to the effects of climate change and become more sustainable.	300
Total		\$10,000



UPCOMING 2024/25 SCHEDULE

08 NOVEMBER	BOARD MEETING
06 DECEMBER	BOARD MEETING
03 JANUARY	BOARD MEETING - SKIP
07 FEBRUARY	BOARD MEETING

First Friday of every month - Except of course for holidays!
www.nbwatershed.org/events

Announcements/Adjourn

Next Board Meeting: November 8

FY 2024-25 Board Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held in a hybrid format.

In-person location details are sent out closer to the meeting date.

- November 8
- December 6

2025

- January 3 (skip?)
- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2
- June 6

