

# North Bay Watershed Association Board of Directors Meeting - DRAFT Summary

June 6, 2025| 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

North Marin Water District  
999 Rush Creek Pl, Novato, CA 94945

Zoom was available for those to attend virtually  
[www.nbwatershed.org](http://www.nbwatershed.org)

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

Michael Boorstein – Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Andy Rodgers – NBWA
Pat Eklund – City of Novato	Sabrina Marson – NBWA
John Shribbs – City of Petaluma	Tony Williams – North Marin Water District
Kate Hagemann – City of San Rafael	Ryan Dunbar – City of Petaluma
Ron Wellander – City of Sonoma	Jack Baker – North Marin Water District
Joelle Gallagher – County of Napa	Stephen Keese – Marin Coalition/Public
Rebecca Hermosillo – County of Sonoma	Jaclyn Perrin-Martinez – (Guest Presenter) BCDC
Megan Clark – Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	Ryan Bundy – Corte Madera Flood
Larry Russell – Marin Municipal Water District	Nick Cartagena– Town of Corte Madera
Rick Fraites – North Marin Water District	Matt Samson – Marin Municipal Water District
Jean Mariani (Chair) – Novato Sanitary District	Chris Choo – Marin County
Pamela Meigs – Ross Valley Sanitary District	Kate Powers – Marin Conservation League/Public
Elizabeth Patterson – Solano County Water Agency	Jason Dow – Central Marin Sanitation Agency
Brad Sherwood (Vice Chair) – Sonoma Water	Danielle Flanagan– BCDC (Guest Presenter)
	Yazmin Dominguez – County of Napa

Fourteen NBWA board members attended the meeting comprised of 29-member agency staff, stakeholders, partners, and interested members of the public. Meeting participants attended in-person and remotely via Zoom.

Chair Mariani called the meeting to order at 9:30 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.

Chair Mariani asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes for the April Board meeting. Edits were provided to staff. No additional comments. Director Clark moved to approve the agenda and April minutes. Director Fraites seconded. None opposed—Unanimously approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Director Fraites moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Director Hermosillo seconded—Unanimously accepted.

#### 4. **Guest Presentation—Advancing Local Adaptation Plans through the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP)**

*Jaclyn Perrin-Martinez, Climate Adaptation Planning Manager, BCDC*

Jaclyn provided an overview of what local governments along the Bay shoreline are required to do to comply with new state law, SB272. BCDC's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP), adopted in December 2024, contains Guidelines for how to create local Plans. Jaclyn highlighted regional and local impacts of sea level rise, the responsibilities of local governments to drive adaptation decision-making, and BCDC's role to support local governments to meet this challenge. Jaclyn also shared the new tools and resources BCDC is launching this summer to support local planning efforts.

Jaclyn delivered a detailed presentation on the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP), developed to help Bay Area jurisdictions comply with California's SB 272, which mandates local shoreline adaptation plans by January 1, 2034. She highlighted the urgency of addressing sea level rise, noting that the cost of inaction could reach \$230 billion by 2050, compared to the \$100 billion estimated cost of adaptation measures. RSAP offers a regionally consistent framework for addressing sea level rise through a "One Bay Vision," eight strategic priorities, and seven flexible plan elements modeled after FEMA guidance. Minimum standards ensure planning alignment across jurisdictions while allowing for local nuance. BCDC clarified that SB 272 applies to cities and counties, not special districts; however, collaboration across jurisdictions is encouraged. Planning boundaries are locally defined based on geography, risks, and existing relationships.

Jaclyn emphasized the escalating risks and economic consequences of sea level rise, encouraging collaborative action across cities, counties, special districts, and asset managers. Jurisdictions can craft standalone, multi-jurisdictional, or landscape-based plans and must engage BCDC through a formal process that includes a notice of intent, consultations, local adoption, and final commission review. To support these efforts, BCDC offers sub-regional liaisons, office hours, and practical tools—most notably, the RSAP Atlas, an online mapping platform aligned with the RSAP plan structure that provides roughly 75% of the required planning data, organized to match each plan element for ease of use. Additional resources include Bay Adapt Currents, which tracks adaptation progress regionally, and funding opportunities through the Ocean Protection Council's SB1 program. Throughout, Jaclyn stressed that BCDC's aim is not to add burdens but to help jurisdictions build on existing work and move forward together with clarity, support, and resilience.

BCDC offered one-on-one meetings to further explore planning options and noted potential for future regional recommendations.

SB 272 requires plans be submitted by January 1, 2034. There is no specific initiation deadline, but starting early is recommended. While funding sources are limited, the Ocean Protection Council and other agencies offer grant support. Staff acknowledged funding gaps and that strategies to secure regional funding are ongoing.

The full presentation can be viewed at <https://www.nbwatershed.org/event/nbwa-board-meeting-30/>

## 5. **Executive Director Report**

*Andy Rodgers, Executive Director*

Andy provided updates and solicited board input on activities since the April 4 Board meeting, including administrative updates, regional programs participation, 2026 conference planning, preparation of draft Director Packet, and other activities, programs, and communications.

### High level updates provided:

- Attend SFEI sediment solutions meeting for Petaluma watershed on April 13
- Attend SSU Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Symposium to judge water projects on April 28
- Held new NBWA Director orientation on May 29.
- Attend CASQA legislation subcommittee meeting on April 23 and May 28

### Administrative Activities

- Finalize FY 2025/26 workplan and prepare vendor contracts
- Coordinate June board meeting
- Research and plan for 25-year Association celebration
- Oversaw Small Grant and Scholarship program applicant support, marketing, processing, judge preparation, and June meeting prep
- Coordinate with officers and Treasurer
- AR – Membership dues
- AP – Subconsultants
- Updated website

### Communications

- Ongoing communications with NBWA member agencies
- Manage/progress NBWA social media program
- Prepare and distribute past meeting summary
- Research, outreach, and communications with members and subject matter experts regarding development for future Board topics

### Committees

- Plan for Administrative Steering Committee meeting – August or September 2025
- Plan for Small Grant & Scholarship Program Committee meeting in June
- Plan for 2026 conference committee meetings

### **FY 2024-25 Board Meetings**

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

- July 11 - Board Meeting
- August 1 - Board Meeting
- September – SKIP Month
- October 3 - Board Meeting
- November 7 - Board Meeting
- December 5 - Board Meeting

### **1 & 2 Quarter 2025 Outlook: Positioning for Next FY**

- Prepare to plan 2026 Biennial Conference
- Continue to participate in and influence regional resiliency and collaborations
- Watershed networks

- Funding – plan to convene JTC
- Support workforce development
- Launch Small Grants and Scholarship Program!
- Support positioning north bay members to leverage regional collaboration for competitive funding advantage
- Advance plan for convening North Bay Environmental Education Roundtable
- Finalize FY2025-2026 Work Plan
- Develop draft plan to expand NBWA membership in region

## 6. **Small Grants and Scholarship Program**

[www.nbwatershed.org/small-grants-and-scholarship-program](http://www.nbwatershed.org/small-grants-and-scholarship-program)

Staff reported on the April 1, 2025 launch of NBWA's new small grants and scholarship program. In response to feedback, the application period was extended from one month to two. Final-day outreach led to a strong submission total: 15 grant applications and 2 scholarship applications, representing broad geographic and thematic diversity (e.g., climate resilience, sustainable landscaping, community engagement, and regional planning).

The total funding requested was \$225,000—well beyond the program's \$60,000 first-year budget. Several board members suggested the subcommittee consider recommending additional funds, citing high-quality proposals and potential regional impact. Applications will be reviewed with attention to initiative and geographic balance.

The launch was noted as a major milestone in NBWA's organizational development, alongside successful fiscal transitions and policy adoption. Board members emphasized aligning funding decisions with NBWA's work plan and available staff capacity.

Suggestions for future program adjustments included shifting to a biennial cycle, extending project durations to two years, and integrating progress updates into future conferences. Staff will revisit these ideas and report back after completing the application review.

## 7. **Board Information Exchange and Updates**

Director Sherwood: The last month has brought encouraging momentum on the Golden Muscle issue. We helped initiate a North-South Alliance with counterparts in Los Angeles, which received enthusiastic backing from their lobbying team. At the ACWA Conference in Monterey, we proposed the formation of a statewide task force, and the ACWA State Legislative Committee officially approved it last Friday. This new coalition includes over a dozen water agencies across California, unified in their goal of advancing Golden Muscle prevention through legislation and funding. We're proud to play a leading role in this collaboration and will continue to update as progress unfolds.

Director Clark: We're seeing growing regional interest and coordination around environmental protection, with support from San Rafael, Nevada, and Marin County. There's strong enthusiasm for preserving our marshes, which are vital to our ecosystem. We're also advancing projects in biosolid applications, solar and battery installations—this time managed directly by our plant to improve implementation. new multi-purpose building is rapidly taking shape. We're hopeful it will be ready to host an NBWA meeting sometime next year.

Director Meigs: We're proud to share that RBSD has been awarded the Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Leadership Foundation—recognizing our commitment to public engagement, ethical governance, and transparency.

(Sampson): We're making steady progress across three project phases: one is complete, and we're moving ahead with rehabilitation at five additional sites, despite limited federal funding. Encouragingly, flows last year were the highest in 25 years, and previous restoration work held firm. We're cautiously optimistic about securing funding for downstream sites as well. Next week's watershed committee meeting will spotlight two key initiatives—fire pathway interruption through targeted fuel mitigation and new studies examining habitat and species impacts post-mitigation.

Director Shribbs: We're honored to be recognized as one of the top 20 cities in the U.S. for progressive engagement and forward-thinking action. We're developing plans in anticipation of the official announcement and are proud to stand among leading communities making a difference.

Director Patterson: We're pleased to report no detection of Golden Mussel DNA in Lake Berryessa, and our collaboration with Napa has strengthened significantly following the North Bay Watershed Association meeting. However, we continue to await FEMA funding for Benicia's storm-damaged water line, which remains under 24-hour security as a temporary fix.

## **8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Andy mentioned there is no shortage of meeting topics to explore. He reminded the Board that the most significant focus is the planning of their annual conference, scheduled for April 2025. This event is expected to be particularly impactful, taking place one year into current federal developments and offering a platform to advance the organization's sea level rise initiatives while addressing other timely issues. Conference preparations have already begun, and the planning committee will soon reconvene. Participation is open to all board members, with an invitation extended to anyone interested in joining.

## **9. Complimentary Tour: North Marin Water District Facility, Laboratory Upgrade Project and Demonstration Garden**

## **10. Announcements/Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

SUBMITTED BY: Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, NBWA

Next Board Meeting: August 1