

**North Bay Water Reuse Authority**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**July 27, 2015**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Rabbitt called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015 at the Novato City Hall Council Chambers, 901 Sherman Drive, Novato, CA 94945. Consultants and others who were unable to attend participated via telephone, 1-866-906-7447, passcode 2428170#.

**2. Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	David Rabbitt, Chair	Sonoma County Water Agency
	Bill Long, Vice Chair	Novato Sanitary District
	Keith Caldwell	Napa County
	Grant Davis	Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District
	Rabi Elias	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
	Mike Healy	City of Petaluma
	John Schoonover	North Marin Water District
	Jill Techel	Napa Sanitation District

**ABSENT:** Steve Kinsey, Marin County  
Jason Holley, City of American Canyon

**OTHERS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chuck Weir, Program Manager	Weir Technical Services
	Jack Baker	North Marin Water District
	Kevin Booker	Sonoma County Water Agency
	Chris DeGabriele	North Marin Water District
	Jenny Gain	Brown & Caldwell
	Robin Gordon	Data Instincts
	Jim Graydon	Brown & Caldwell
	Tim Healy	Napa Sanitation District
	Pam Jeane	Sonoma Valley County Sanitation Agency
	Craig Lichty	Kennedy Jenks Consultants
	Phillip Miller	Napa County
	Pilar Oñate-Quintana	The Oñate Group (via telephone)
	Larry Russell	Marin Municipal Water District
	Dan St. John	City of Petaluma
	Mike Savage	Brown & Caldwell
	Brad Sherwood	Sonoma County Water Agency
	Jake Spaulding	Sonoma County Water Agency
	Dawn Taffler	Kennedy Jenks Consultants
	Jeff Tucker	Napa Sanitation District
	Leah Walker	City of Petaluma

### **3. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public

### **4. Introductions**

Introductions were made as there were several new people in attendance.

### **5. Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2015.**

A motion by Director Long, seconded by Director Caldwell to approve the April 27, 2015 minutes was unanimously approved.

### **6. Report from the Program Manager**

#### **a. Consultant Progress Reports**

The Board reviewed the consultant progress reports for June 2015. The Program Manager highlighted the remaining agenda items.

### **7. Financial Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2105**

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and noted that all expenses were well within budget for the fiscal year. The report is essentially completed with possibly a few minor items still to be added. A final report will be presented at the October 26, 2015 meeting.

### **8. Outreach Program Update.**

Robin Gordon provided an update for the Board. They have been working with the Program Development consultant to update items for use in Washington D.C.

### **9. Program Development, Federal, and State Advocacy Update**

The Program Manager, on behalf of Ginger Bryant, provided an update for the Board on RE-ACT, Washington D.C. activities and a planned tour for North Bay Congressional representatives on August 20, 2015.

Pilar Oñate-Quintana discussed state issues including the State Board's Recycled Water Funding Guidelines, and an updated CEQA exemption for recycled water projects. She also discussed current legislation, including AB606 (Levine) and SB 471 (Pavley). She is also working on a potential state tour in the fall.

### **10. Workshop – North Bay Water Reuse Program Phase 2**

Mike Savage and Dawn Taffler discussed the following topics: Screening Projects for Feasibility Study, Formulating Alternatives, Recommended Program for Feasibility Study, and Schedule. The list of projects has continued to evolve and most recently a range of storage projects was added to the recommended program to allow further evaluation and analysis before selecting one storage project for those agencies needing seasonal storage. The recommended projects include treatment plant capacity increases, seasonal storage, habitat restoration, distribution, and groundwater management. The total costs range from \$140 - \$205 Million depending on the range of storage projects. Costs will be reduced as storage projects are selected and as the size of projects are modified. Currently \$80 Million in projects can be funded through Title XVI. Non-Title XVI projects will also receive full EIR/EIS analysis and be eligible for other federal and state funding.

### **11. Approval of Recommended Phase 2 Program for Feasibility Study**

The Board was asked to approve the list of projects as recommended for the Phase 2 Program for Feasibility Study. There was considerable discussion on the process of approving the projects. The Board was concerned that there had not been adequate information in the packet to allow them to properly consider the projects. The consultant team agreed to send information on the list of projects, seasonal storage, and costs to the Board for their information. A motion by Director Healy, seconded by Director Long to approve the Recommended Phase 2 Program for Feasibility Study was approved with two abstentions.

The Board also discussed methods for keeping the Board better informed and getting additional agencies to participate in order to better serve the region. Chair Rabbitt was asked to lead a group to examine issues and report back at a future Board meeting.

### **12. Adjournment**

Chair Rabbitt adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, October 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at Novato City Hall Council Chambers.

Minutes approved by the Board September 21, 2015.



Charles V. Weir  
Program Manager