

North Bay Water Reuse Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
February 22, 2021

1. Call to Order

Chair Rabbitt called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020. Due to Shelter in Place Orders, this meeting was a Zoom only meeting. Meeting participants and the public participated via the following link: <https://us02web.zoom/j/86781023403>.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT:	David Rabbitt, Chair	Sonoma Water
	Mariam Aboudamous	City of American Canyon
	Jack Baker	North Marin Water District
	Brian Barnacle	City of Petaluma
	Rabi Elias	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
	Susan Gorin	Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District
	Sandeep Karkal	Novato Sanitary District
	Dennis Rodoni	Marin County
	Scott Sedgley	Napa Sanitation District
	Pierre Washington	City of American Canyon

ABSENT:	Belia Ramos	Napa County
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OTHERS

PRESENT:	Chuck Weir, Program Manager	Weir Technical Services
	Kevin Booker	Sonoma Water
	Jason Beatty	City of Petaluma
	Anne Crealock	Sonoma Water
	Grant Davis	Sonoma Water
	Jim Grossi	North Marin Water District
	Rene Guillen	Brown & Caldwell
	Felix Hernandez	City of American Canyon
	Pam Jeane	Sonoma Water
	Drew McIntyre	North Marin Water District
	Mark Millan	Data Instincts
	Jim O'Toole	ESA
	Larry Russell	Marin Municipal Water District
	Mike Savage	Data Instincts
	Paul Sellier	Marin Municipal Water District
	Brad Sherwood	Sonoma Water
	Jake Spaulding	Sonoma Water
	Dawn Taffler	Kennedy Jenks Consultants
	Chelsea Thompson	City of Petaluma
	Tony Williams	North Marin Water District

3. Public Comments

There were no members of the public.

4. Introductions

For the benefit of new Board members, introductions were made.

5. Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2020.

On a motion by Director Gibson, seconded by Director Gorin, the minutes of the October 26, 2020 meeting were approved by the Board by a roll call vote. There were three abstentions.

6. Election of Officers

On a motion by Director Rodoni, Seconded by Director Gorin, to elect David Rabbitt, Sonoma County, as Chair and Belia Ramos, Napa County, as Vice Chair was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

7. Report from the Chair

Chair Rabbitt summarized the recent meetings of the subgroup and thanked the members for their efforts. He also noted that the next meeting has been scheduled for April 19, 2021 when the FY2021/22 Budget would be considered.

7.a Subgroup meetings of November 4, 2020 and January 21, 2021

The Board reviewed the summaries of the Zoom Meetings.

8. Consultant Progress Reports

The Board reviewed the consultant progress reports for the period October - December 2020.

9. Financial Reports for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2021. Jake Spaulding discussed the associate member bills for Marin County and indicated that the invoices would go out promptly. The issue should now be resolved.

10. Phase 1: Status of Reconciliation and Closeout Activities

Jake Spaulding gave an update on the reconciliation and close out activities for Phase 1. He noted that the Las Gallinas project continues to have delays due to PG&E and that the project is now 98% completed. Sonoma Water will be asking USBR for a six-month extension to ensure completion of the project before program closeout. Drew McIntyre asked about the schedule for the Phase 1 true up. Jake Spaulding explained how that works for the benefit of the new Board members. He indicated that he and his staff were working on the true up and that it should be completed before the closeout of the project. Director Elias asked if all costs had been accounted for and Jake Spaulding replied that they have. He further stated that there may be some funds left that can be reallocated to the Phase 1 members.

11. Status of Phase 2 EIR/EIS

Jim O'Toole provided an update on the status of the Phase 2 EIR/EIS and noted that there are potential projects that could be available for the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) funding and that an addendum could be prepared to make them eligible for WIIN funding. Issues with including Marin County's project are still evolving. SVCSD has updated its pipeline project as noted in the report. Additional information on including Marin County's project will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Director Gorin spoke in support of SVCSD's project as it will help both the business park and address groundwater issues. Kevin Booker noted that USBR has approved Petaluma's revisions to pipeline locations.

12. WIIN Application Status

Kevin Booker and Rene Guillen met with USBR and have determined that the Feasibility Study can be updated to include the new and revised projects. The funding opportunity announcement is expected within a few months. The Board also reviewed SB45 and the planned Water Bond Coalition conference call to discuss SB45 and other issues.

13. Discussion of Possible New Projects for NBWRA – Groundwater Sustainability, Drought Contingency Plans, and Water Supply Resiliency.

The Program Manager provided an overview of possible additional projects for NBWRA to further efforts at collaboration and leveraging resources. Grant Davis expanded on opportunities and how NBWRA has always positioned itself to be able to act on opportunities. He described past funding opportunities and how they were successful for the member agencies. Board members spoke in support of seeking out new opportunities. Director Barnacle asked how the Board could prepare itself for the discussion as the next meeting. Chelsea Thompson stated that she would reach out to Director Barnacle to discuss potential projects and issues. Chair Rabbitt noted that this would likely require a review of the Memorandum of Understanding. Grant Davis noted that one item of discussion could be water use efficiency and conservation. Mark Millan noted that another update could be on the Napa Drought Contingency Plan. The Subgroup will look at all possibilities and make plans for the April meeting.

14. Items for the Next Agenda

Chair Rabbitt listed the items for the next agenda that will hopefully be back at Novato City Hall. The items will include the regular reports, FY2021/22 Budget, Phase 1 and Phase 2 Status Reports, Phase 2 EIR/EIS addendum and WIIN application status, and a more detailed discussion of potential new projects for NBWRA. Jake Spaulding noted that unlike this year's budget where there were no charges to the member agencies, there will be charges. The size of the budget will depend on additional activities and opportunities that NBWRA chooses to address.

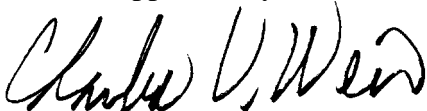
15. Comments from the Chair, Board, and Member Agencies.

There were no comments from the Chair, Board, and Member Agencies. The Program Manager reminded Board members and Alternates to submit their Form 700s to the Sonoma Water.

16. Adjournment

Chair Rabbitt adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at location to be announced. It could be at Novato City Hall or another Zoom meeting depending on Shelter in Place Orders.

Minutes approved by the Board April 19, 2021.



Charles V. Weir
Program Manager