

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, March 16.2021
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

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In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency, including social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, the Board of Directors of the Raisin City Water District will be participating in this meeting remotely. There will not be a physical location for this meeting. Members of the public may participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Don Cameron
Gagan Batth
Jonathon DeGroot
John Verwey

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Philip Bachand, Bachand and Associates
Keitasha Royal, Bachand and Associates
Matt Hurley, MAGSA
Brandon Herreman, Congressman Valadao's Office
Kenny Alles
Jerry Rai
Marjorie Bookout
Matt Abercrombie
Jeane Harguindeguy
Mariane Harguindeuy
Martin Britz
Carson Britz

The Meeting was called to order at: 1:35 pm

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (*Gunlund*)
None noted.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Gunlund*)

The first fifteen minutes of this portion of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Board of Directors. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to public comment at this time.

Jerry Rai addressed the board to state his concern with the proceedings at the SWRCB regarding the Kings River's Fully Appropriated Stream status. He noted that Raisin City opted not to participate, but that MAGSA and Terranova Ranch have attended some of the preliminary hearings.

No additional public comment.

3. **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** (*Gunlund*)

Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §87105]

None noted.

4. **MINUTES** (*Hopkins*)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:
 - i. February 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. February 25, 2021 Special Board Meeting

Mr. Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. DeGroot seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **FINANCIAL** (*Besecker*)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve the financial report and District bills.

Mr. Besecker presented the checks to be paid

Mr. DeGroot made a motion to approve the bills; the motion was seconded by Mr. Batth. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

- A. The Board of Directors will hear reports and possible action from the following Ad-Hoc Committees:
 - i. Fresno ID Committee (*Cameron/DeGroot*)

Mr. DeGroot stated they haven't had their second meeting yet. It should be at the end of March. Nothing new to report.

- ii. Consolidated ID Committee (*Batth/Gunlund*)

Mr. Batth reported that he, Mr. Gunlund and Mr. Hopkins met with Mr. Desatoff with CID. CID stated they are still willing to work on this agreement with the District. Mr. DeGroot asked what the next steps would be. They will meet with CID again in two weeks with edits from legal counsel to incorporate flood water into the agreement. They will also update the termination clauses in the agreement. Once complete, it will be brought back to the board for approval. Mr. Batth stated he would like to see another member take over to bring this project to approval. Mr. Gunlund asked if there were any volunteers. Mr. Batth also mentioned that CID indicated they are sharing the info with FID and perhaps the two committees should move together. Mr. DeGroot volunteered to take Mr. Batth's position on the ad hoc committee.

iii. Grantland/Stinson (*Gunlund/Verwey*)

Nothing to report.

iv. James ID (*Batth/Cameron*)

Nothing to report

v. Annexation (*Gunlund/DeGroot*)

Mr. Hopkins received a number of letters from Matt Abercrombie to consider parcels for annexation. They will present to the board next month.

7. McMULLIN RECHARGE PROJECT (*Hopkins/Hurley*)

A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hurley reported the MOA was approved by MAGSA. Mr. Hurley meet with Tetra Tech to review the scope and the expanded project. The alignments are up for environmental review. They have an April 16 reporting deadline about the grant.

Mr. Rai asked about the alignment and when it moved off Floral Ave. Mr. Hopkins replied it was done to address landowner concerns from meetings that occurred over the summer.

Mr. Hurley also said he will need to meet with Mr. Besecker to get the accounting for money already spent by Raisin City.

8. MAGSA ACTIVITIES (*Batth/Cameron/Hurley/Hopkins*)

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported that MAGSA is continuing on all of their projects including video recording on the monitoring wells. They expect to be done with that by the end of April. Three weather stations were installed as part of the Fresno State grant. The one bank has been progressing. Partner subscriptions are verbal at this point. Expect to be fully subscribed by this summer. The water market study is nearing completion.

Mr. Batth asked about how the data will be made available. Mr. Hurley stated that after the grant, it will be available. In response to a question by Mr. Cameron, the evapotranspiration info will also be available.

9. OUTREACH (*Hopkins*)

Discussion / possible action regarding the potential to develop a Quarterly Outreach program for Growers.

Mr. Gunlund indicated he would like to see us provide growers with a quarterly newsletter to provide info on what the District is doing and how the projects are going. Mr. DeGroot reported that he agrees it is a good idea. He recently had interaction with a grower that had misleading information. Mr. Hopkins reported he spoke with Cristel at KRCD about her interest in taking this on. She has already been handling the outreach for MAGSA. Crystal will send in a proposal.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (*Hopkins*)

A. Correspondence since the previous Board of Directors meeting may be presented.

Mr. Hopkins reported that they meet with Congressman Valadao's office. Mr. Herreman, from his office, is on today's meeting.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING (*Hopkins*)

A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for April 20, 2021.

12. ADJOURNMENT (*Gunlund*)

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.