

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, June 29, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
455 W Fir Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Don Cameron – on Teams
Gagan Bath ARRIVED at 2:00 pm on Teams
John Verwey – ARRIVED at 1:35 on Teams
Jonathon DeGroot

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Matt Hurley, MAGSA
Jerry Rai
Greg Berg
Marianne Harguindeguy
Jeanne Harguindeguy
Christopher Firth
Roy Jimenez
Matt Abercrombie
Marjorie Bookout

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.

Called to order at 1:32 PM

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (*Gunlund*)

No changes.

2. **RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES** (*Hopkins*)

3. 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.

None.

4. 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

5. MINUTES (Hopkins)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:
 - i. May 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Cameron made a motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. DeGroot. The motion passed unanimously.

6. FINANCIAL (Besecker)

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

Mr. Besecker presented the financial report and bills. Mr. DeGroot made a motion to pay the bills; the motion was seconded by Mr. Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion / possible action to adopt 2021-22 Budget

Mr. Hopkins presented the 2021-22 budget. This is the same as presented in the past meeting. Mr. Besecker made some adjustments based on what was spent last year and the McCullin project was removed.

Mr. DeGroot asked about where public outreach would fall on the budget. Mr. Hopkins stated it had been missed. Mr. DeGroot asked that we amend the budget to include the outreach. Mr. Hopkins said that should be about \$8,000/year if we send out quarterly.

Mr. DeGroot made a motion to approve the amended budget. (combining outreach and the website to 8,600).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Verwey. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hopkins reported that the assessment hearing is scheduled for July 20, 2021.

7. 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 reported they did not meet last month as FID was busy with water deliveries. They plan to meet again next month.

ii. Consolidated ID Committee (*DeGroot/Gunlund*)

Mr. Hopkins has been in contact with Mr. Desatoff, and he would like to meet with the ad-hoc committee.

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

Mr. Hopkins said he has spoken with Mr. Sills. But no formal meeting has been scheduled.

iv. James ID (*Batth/Cameron*)

Nothing to report.

v. Annexation (*Gunlund/DeGroot*)

Mr. DeGroot spoke with Matt Abercrombie of MVWD and said they are hoping to have more in-person grower meetings. Matt has indicated there is a lot of interest from the white areas and anticipates a big push in the next year.

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

A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hurley reported that the project is moving forward on schedule. The notice of the scoping session is scheduled for the evening of June 30. They will go through the background of the project. There is a 30-day period to comment. This includes both NEPA and CEQA. They expect the CEQA side to be completed by the end of summer and NEPA by the end of the year.

Mr. DeGroot asked if the information being presented is familiar to those who have been attending the meetings. Mr. Hurley said that yes, it is as they are referring to this as an expansion. Mr. DeGroot asked if the routes will be presented. He stated that this is the question he is asked the most. Mr. Hurley said that yes, the routes would be presented. It is a very robust design. He did say the route is subject to comment and change.

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

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported that the first in-person meeting is scheduled for July 7 at the Kerman community center. They are planning on accommodating for technology to broadcast the meeting. The Governor is allowing for in-person and remote access still.

The July 7 meeting with included election of officers and approval of the budget.

Mr. Hurley said that based on seeing the RCWD budget, he recommended they look into expanding the district infrastructure.

P&P performed well videos for a few wells in the monitoring network. Should have them complete by the end of August.

The meter policy should be available for release for public review and comment in the month of July.

A meter incentive program will also be presented for public review and comment in July.

In response to Mr. DeGroot's question about meters, Mr. Hurley reported that meters would likely need to be in place by January 1, 2025. The plan is to have electro-magnetic meters that would feed data into a database. This would be for all pumps within MAGSA.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (Hopkins)

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

None noted.

Mr. Cameron stated he did attend the Upper Kings IRWM meeting on June 15th. He didn't have his notes with him but said that IRWM wasn't getting as much as money as they thought they might and could be phased out.

The Tranquillity Resources Conservation District just had an annexation of the southern portion of MAGSA completed last week. This will allow them to apply for funding typically available to RCDs. There was no cost to Raisin City. They would also be eligible for technical grants.

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 July 20, 2021.

Keep July 20th for the assessment meeting.

Mr. Hopkins reported that he doesn't believe that Raisin City Elem would have the ability to host our meetings electronically. It was suggested the meetings in the near future be held at the Provost & Pritchard office.

12. ADJOURNMENT (Gunlund)

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm