

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Thursday, September 30, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
455 W Fir Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

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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
Jonathon DeGroot
John Verwey
Gagan Batth

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Lynn Groundwater, Provost & Pritchard
Jeanne Harguindeguy
Matt Hurley, MAGSA
Jerry Rai
Edmon Smith (S&S Farms)
Greg Nichols

Director Gunlund called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Gunlund)

No changes

2. RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES (Hopkins)

Visitors announced

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 noted

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 noted

5. MINUTES (Hopkins)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:
 - i. August 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. DeGroot made a motion to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded by Mr. Cameron and passed unanimously.

6. FINANCIAL (Besecker)

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

Mr. Cameron made a motion to approve the bills payable. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeGroot and passed unanimously.

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)

Nothing to report.

- ii. Consolidated ID Committee (DeGroot/Gunlund)

Mr. DeGroot, Mr. Gunlund and Mr. Hopkins met with Mr. Desatoff. It was informational, no plans were made. They are continuing to have open conversations with our neighbors when

- iii. Grantland/Stinson (Gunlund/Verwey)
Nothing to report.

- iv. James ID (Batth/Cameron)
Nothing to report.

- v. Annexation (Gunlund/DeGroot)
Nothing to report.

8. ANNEXATION *(Hopkins/Kinsey)*

- A. Discussion / Possible Action regarding annexation requests from landowners within the District's Sphere of Influence.

Mr. Hopkins reported this has been an ongoing topic before the board. Over the past 3 years the board has received requests for annexation. They currently fall in the areas within MAGSA outside of Mid-Valley and Raisin City Water Districts. The owners requesting annexation would like to be within either district. The following options were presented:

- The existing RCWD sphere of influence annexes into RCWD;
- Amending the sphere of influence to annex a portion, roughly 10,000 acres, into RCWD. Half go to Mid Valley and half to RCWD; the white area creating their own district.
- A combination of annexation and merger (MVWD, White Area, and RCWD).

Mr. Kinsey explained the process and how LAFCO is involved. There was some concern with how the board proceeds if board members also have property in the white area. Mr. Kinsey said a process would be developed that would comply with state laws.

Mr. DeGroot asked if the white area created a third district, how would that affect RCWD. Mr. Hopkins reported that they wouldn't immediately have a seat at MAGSA. But it would likely require a change to the JPA, which requires a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bath asked what Mid Valley's position was. Mr. Hopkins indicated they haven't met recently on the topic, but there is not a consensus on how to proceed.

Mr. Cameron suggested another annexation workshop. Mr. DeGroot asked if any of the board members were ready to make a motion. No one was ready at this time. Mr. Hopkins suggested a workshop in the community. Mr. Hurley suggested A joint Mid Valley/RCWD meeting. Mr. Hopkins will inquire with the MVWD board and schedule a date at the Kerman Community Center.

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

- A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hopkins shared a draft of the current planned alignment. Ms. Moeller reported that interactions with the landowners has been predominately positive. The goal is to be out for construction in summer 2022. CEQA should be done by June with bids for construction taking place in July.

10. MAGSA ACTIVITIES *(Bath/Cameron/Hurley/Hopkins)*

- A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr Hurley reported that MAGSA meeting next week, live at the Kerman Community Center. Specifications for the water meters will be coming soon. The water bank continues to follow a parallel path of the expansion project. Ready to review results from the water marketing study.

11. CORRESPONDENCE *(Hopkins)*

- A. Correspondence since the previous Board of Directors meeting may be presented.
None received

Mr. Cameron attended the Upper Kings meeting.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING (*Hopkins*)

- A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for October 19, 2021.

13. ADJOURNMENT (*Gunlund*)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25