

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
455 W Fir Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Don Cameron
Jonathon DeGroot

Directors Absent: John Verwey
Gagan Batth

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Marjorie Bookout
Marianne Harguindeguy
Matt Hurley, MAGSA
Jerry Rai

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.

Mr Gunlund called to order at 1:36

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (*Gunlund*)
No changes

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

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.

Mr. Rai indicated he has 3 topics of concern.

1. Annexation is a concern for many growers, especially growers with smaller parcels. Concerns are related to the impacts to water quality and the ability and obligation to service new areas.
2. The status of the Memorandum of Agreement with MAGSA
3. Believes it is time for RCWD to work with neighboring districts and create a program that allows growers with land in multiple districts to recharge on their land and transfer those credits to other areas.

No additional comments

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. September 30, 2021 Workshop (no minutes)
 - ii. September 30, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Cameron made a motion to approve; the motion was seconded by Mr. DeGroot and passed unanimously by those present.

6. FINANCIAL (Besecker)

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

ACWA dues went up from \$3,230 to \$4,265. It is based on financial statement and reflects the McMullin project.

Mr. Cameron made a motion to pay the bills; The motion was seconded by Mr. DeGroot and passed unanimously by those present.

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. Grantland/Stinson (Gunlund/Verwey)

Nothing to report

- iii. James ID (Batth/Cameron)

Nothing to report

- iv. Annexation (Gunlund/DeGroot)

Mr. Hopkins reported that Mid Valley WD will have a board meeting on October 27th and one of the topics will be annexation. That could lead to a joint public forum meeting towards the end of November.

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

A. Report on the status of the project.

Lynn and Matt have met with growers along the alignment. The goal is to impact them as little as possible; but coordinating to potential future connection to FID. TetraTech is working on their environmental report that has to be out for public review by Dec 15. Nothing of note has been discovered.

Matt is working with Mr. Bachand to create some educational material about recharge. Independent evaluator will assess the property for the easements.

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

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported that the environmental work for the groundwater banking project is mirroring the expansion project. The air quality associated with digging big canals are a concern but workable. NEPA required to accept federal water. There will be a public scoping meeting on 11/10 for the groundwater banking project.

MAGSA has implemented rules and regulations for metering, which can be found on the website. Wells will be required to have electromagnetic meters. The metering incentive values have not been released yet which waiting on grant results. Those grants could pick up 50% of the cost. Part of the well implementation regulation requires registration of wells by January 1, 2022. The registration forms are available on-line for completion. The form asks for ownership, location, and a few basic questions about the well.

Groundwater export rules and regulations that support the export policy should be ready for review in November.

Mr. Hurley also mentioned that the grant applications he is submitting do ask for support letters. If anyone would be interested in providing one, Mr. Hurley can send a template letter.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (*Hopkins*)

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

Mr. Hopkins reported that he will be meeting with Cristel at KRCD to prepare the next quarterly newsletter. Mr. Gunlund will be the next profiled board member.

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 November 16, 2021.

No issues.

12. ADJOURNMENT (*Gunlund*)

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.