

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
455 W Fir Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

In accordance with the September 16, 2021, Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which adds to the Brown Act relaxed teleconference rules similar to those in effect under the Governor's Executive Order (N- 29-20).

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Don Cameron
Jonathon DeGroot
Gagan Batth – 2:00 pm

Directors Absent: John Verwey

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Lynn Moeller, Provost & Pritchard
Alfredo Martinez
Fermin Campos
Jeanne Harguindeguy
Jerry Rai
Greg Nichol
Mike Cuttone

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Gunlund)

Called to order at 1:53 pm

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.

No public comment.

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. October 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

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

6. FINANCIAL (Besecker)

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

Mr. Besecker presented the bills to be paid. He also presented the budget report. Mr. Besecker said they would update the budget

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

- B. Discussion / possible action to approve the 2020/21 Audit.

Mr. Cuttone presented the audit and identified the various pieces of the report. Mr. Cuttone reported there were no issues encountered during the audit. Mr. DeGroot asked about the reimbursements that will be coming from MAGSA. They aren't showing in the audit. The financial picture looks better than the report shows at this time.

Mr. Cameron made a motion to accept the audit. Mr. DeGroot seconded the audit. The motion 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)

Need to push out to December 6 & 13.

8. ANNEXATION (Hopkins)

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

Mr. Hopkins reported that Mid Valley was amenable to hold a joint meeting. Matt Abercrombie provided Mr. Hopkins with several letters he has received requesting annexation into either Mid Valley or Raisin City.

Over half of the white area in MAGSA has requested annexation.

9. McMULLIN RECHARGE PROJECT (Hopkins/Hurley)

- A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hopkins reported that he and Lynn met with a few landowners back in October. Lynn indicated they've met with all the landowners along the alignment. They are still waiting on letters granting access for pot holing along the alignment. Tetra Tech is close to releasing the environmental document for public review. That is a 30-day period. Afterwards the comments will be addressed. The environmental documentation should be done by February or March. This keeps things on schedule for construction in June/July.

10. MAGSA ACTIVITIES (Batth/Cameron/Hurley/Hopkins)

- A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Nothing to report

11. CORRESPONDENCE (Hopkins)

- A. Update on Quarterly Newsletter

Cristel has provided a draft newsletter. It should be ready for distribution in December. Mr. DeGroot asked if it covers the meter requirements under MAGSA.

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

Nothing to report

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 December 21, 2021.

Keeping December 21 on schedule, but may possibly cancel in consideration of the joint Mid Valley / Raisin City annexation meeting.

Mr. Rai asked if the board had any comments on his public questions from October.

1. Annexation – pending a joint meeting
2. MOA with MAGSA – Until grant is finalized this issue is pending.
3. Working with other District – this is an on-going activity.

Mr. Rai also said he attended a meeting with FID and there was a lot of discussion about AquaTerra.

13. ADJOURNMENT (Gunlund)

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.