

# RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

Meeting Date:  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
**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

Directors Absent: John Verwey

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard  
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard  
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard  
Matt Hurley  
Matt Abercrombie  
Marin Britz  
Marjorie Bookout  
Jerry Rai  
Ken Allen  
Greg Nicol  
David Britz  
Alfredo Martinez  
Jeanne Harguindeguy

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 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.

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. November 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Director DeGroot made a motion to approve the minutes, The motion was seconded by Director Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. FINANCIAL** (*Besecker*)

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

Mr. Besecker presented the bills. Director Cameron made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Director DeGroot. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Besecker also provided the board with the quarterly investment report. It indicates we are in balance and able to meet expenses

**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. Hopkins indicated he spoke with FID and Mr. Hopkins and Director DeGroot will be meeting more formally with him soon. Mr. Baath asked if they felt we would accomplish anything with FID this year. Director DeGroot indicated he was optimistic. FID has stated they are open to listening to what RCWD has in mind.

- ii. Grantland/Stinson (*Gunlund/Verwey*)

Nothing to report

- iii. James ID (*Baath/Cameron*)

Nothing to report. MAGSA is dealing with James.

- iv. Annexation (*Gunlund/DeGroot*)

(see item 10)

**8. PUBLIC OUTREACH**

A. Discussion / Possible Action regarding contract for public outreach services

Mr. Hopkins reported that KRCD will no longer be able to provide the newsletter and outreach services. Mr. Hopkins talked to Ashley Goldsmith from Blue Chair Communications, who also provides MAGSA's public outreach services. The cost will be about \$575 per quarterly newsletter. The district would have to handle the printing and mailing. Mr. Hopkins indicated that P&P could provide the translation services. Director Baath felt that it was pricey and MAGSA is already providing outreach to the area growers. Director Baath is opposed to the newsletter. Director DeGroot and Director Cameron both expressed their support.

Director Cameron made a motion to hire Blue Chair Communications for the first newsletter and that the board evaluate whether to continue using their services. Director DeGroot seconded the motion. Directors Cameron, DeGroot and Gunlund voted in favor of the motion, Director Baath opposed. The motion passed.

**9. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPDATE**

A. Report on the status of the project

Mr. Hopkins presented an update on the distribution system. He showed areas for distribution that tie into MAGSA's proposed arterial conveyance system.

Mr. Rai asked about with whom the Aquaterra project is working. They felt this was best answered by Mr. Hurley.

**10. ANNEXATION (Hopkins)**

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

January 27, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Kerman Community Center. It will be a workshop setting. Public comment will be allowed. Then each board will make their own decisions on how to go forward. Director DeGroot asked if MAGSA will also advertise the meeting. Mr. Hurley indicated he was willing to also send it out to his distribution list. Mr. Hopkins will have the agenda available on 1/20/22.

The board feels they will need time after the meeting to discuss what they want to do. There is no desire to try and vote that day.

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

A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hurley reported that the environmental CEQA went through the clearinghouse with only one comment coming from Fish and Wildlife. MAGSA has applied for an additional grant that could cover all three original phases. The environmental review covered all three phases.

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

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

(see item 11 above)

Mr. Hurley report that two MAGSA board members met with James ID. They are working together to establish a global agreement to have James become a partner in the water bank. He is confident they will

have an agreement in the net 6-9 months. His hope is that the same will follow with Stinson and Tranquillity IDs.

Their Vision 2022 meeting is next week.

Mr. Hurley reported on the status of their well registration. They received over 900 well registrations. He was excited by the strong support. The next step is to get the wells into a data base system and meters installs to be able to document the water use.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE (Hopkins)**

A. Update on Quarterly Newsletter

(already discussed)

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

Ms. Sales reported that the district website account is up for renewal. Currently we are also paying for Office365 email accounts. The board indicated they were not interested in having email account. Ms. Sales will remove that from the renewal.

**14. NEXT REGULAR MEETING (Hopkins)**

A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for February 15, 2022.

Workshop prior to the meeting.

**15. ADJOURNMENT (Gunlund)**

3:00 adjournment