

# RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

Meeting Date:  
Tuesday, March 15, 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  
John Verwey

Directors Absent: Gagan Batth

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard  
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard  
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard  
Lynn Moeller, Provost & Pritchard  
Matt Hurley  
Jeane Harguindequy  
Yvonne Harguindequy  
Matt Abercrombie  
Lori Denali  
Marjorie Bookout  
Jerry Rai  
Alfredo Martinez

Called to order 1:32

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

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

Mr. Hopkins identified all the 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.

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. February 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
  - ii. February 15, 2022 Workshop (no minutes)

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

**6. FINANCIAL (Besecker)**

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

Mr. Besecker presented the treasurers report.

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the bills, the motion was seconded by Director 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)

Director Cameron reported on the meeting they had with Bill Stretch about bringing water into the District. Mr. Stretch will look into it and suggested they meet again in three months.

- ii. Grantland/Stinson (Gunlund/Verwey)

Nothing to report.

**8. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPDATE**

- A. Report on the status of the project

The proposal was included for review. It is not an action item for this meeting.

**9. ANNEXATION (Hopkins)**

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

Mr. Hopkins reported that he sent the questions that came out of the last meeting to legal counsel. Mr. Kinsey is researching the matters and will prepare responses to the requested information.

**10. McMULLIN EXPANSION PROJECT** *(Hopkins/Hurley)*

- A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hopkins reported that the design team hit the 60% design level. MAGSA will go back out to the growers to discuss the project with them. Rebecca Quist, now with P&P, is working on outreach program.

Mr. Hurley reported that they plan to flag the alignment every 500 feet to give growers an idea of what it will look like. The next step will be getting the easements. The plans then go to NRCS for approval. Hopefully this will fall into place so construction can begin in the fall.

**11. MAGSA ACTIVITIES** *(Cameron/DeGroot/Hurley/Hopkins)*

- A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported that the water bank is trailing behind the expansion project. The water bank is going through the environmental process. There could be 80 landowners affected.

Export rules are being finalized. This is leading to discussions between MAGSA and James ID.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE** *(Hopkins)*

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

Mr. Hopkins reported that Downey Brand requested they be notified of any CEQA Document or project within the GSP.

Director Cameron reported that Governor Newsom paid his ranch a visit on Friday and toured the facilities.

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

- A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for April 19, 2022.

Director DeGroot asked about how to meet regarding the answer we receive from John Kinsey regarding annexation.

**14. UPCOMING EVENTS** *(Hopkins)*

- A. ACWA 2022 Spring – May 3-5 in Sacramento
- B. ACWA Fall 2022 – Nov 29 – Dec 2 in Indian Wells

**15. ADJOURNMENT** *(Gunlund)*

Adjourned at 2:15