

**RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, September 27, 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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The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm

Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Don Cameron
Jonathon DeGroot
Gagan Batth (arrived at 2:15)

Directors Absent: John Verwey

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard

Matt Hurley
Jeane Harguindequy
Marjorie Bookout
Matt Abercrombie
Lori Daniele
Pat Ricchiuti
Paul Dhaliwal
Rodger Lehman

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (Gunlund)
2. **RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES** (Hopkins)
Mr. Hopkins introduced 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.

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]

5. MINUTES (*Hopkins*)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:
 - i. July 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Director DeGroot made a motion to accept the minutes; The motion was seconded by Director Cameron and 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. There was some discussion on the status of the IRWM. Will review it next year to see if membership will still be required.

Mr. Hopkins reported that the invoice for Blue Chair (for the newsletter) came in under budget

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

7. ELECTION UPDATE (*Hopkins*)

- A. Report on the status of the 2022 Elections

Mr. Hopkins reported that with no additional candidates, the incumbents, Directors Gunlund and Batth were presented to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to be appointed to the board.

8. 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. A meeting has been scheduled.

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

Nothing to report.

9. PUBLIC OUTREACH (*Hopkins*)

- A. Update on next newsletter.

Mr. Hopkins reported that we can get started on the next newsletter. The board discussed who was next to profile. Director Batth is the next board member to profile.

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

- A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hurley reported that he gave a tour of the project to individuals from NRCS out of Arkansas and Sacramento. They were impressed with the project and had asked how soon we'd be able to get it started. Mr. Hurley said it had a lot to do with their funding. This may help move that along more smoothly.

Ms. Moeller presented the distribution study. She explained the process of how the system will connect the landowners to MAGSA's planned arterial conveyance system. The distribution system will get it to the property, but it would be the landowners' responsibility to move it throughout their property. There are potential grants available to assist landowners. The current option has a combination of canals and pipelines. She can provide an alternative with canals only, as the pipelines are an expensive component.

Mr. Hopkins mentioned that this project is the type that Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) is supporting. There are other options, such as bonds, that could finance the project.

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

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported that MAGSA is busy. They are working on NCRS equipment funding from the water-smart grant. Several outreach meetings have been held to help get projects reviewed and submitted. Mr. Hurley pointed out that the projects are only competing within MAGSA and have no external competition. NRCS will be reviewing in February with awards going out by March. They won't reimburse for any funds spent before a signed contract. Electromagnetic meters and telemetry are a requirement.

There is a pending 2.8M grant with USBR, This also requires electromagnetic meters and telemetry is a requirement.

MAGSA has been providing tours of the Aquaterra water bank and getting positive attention.

12. CORRESPONDENCE (Hopkins)

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

Mr. Hopkins reported that nothing of any importance was received.

Director Cameron attended the Upper Basin IRWM. They nominated another chair. Bill Stretch stepped down. Director Cameron wasn't sure of the new chair's name, but he is from one of the DACs.

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 October 18, 2022.

It was suggested to have a workshop starting at 10:00, lunch provided and then the board meeting.

14. UPCOMING EVENTS (Hopkins)

A. ACWA Fall 2022 – Nov 29 – Dec 2 in Indian Wells

15. ADJOURNMENT (Gunlund)

The meeting was adjourned by Director Gunlund at 2:20pm.