

**RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, November 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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Director Gunlund called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm

Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Gagan Batth – called in
Don Cameron

Absent Jonathon DeGroot
John Verwey

Other Attendees: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Lynn Moeller, Provost & Pritchard

Matt Hurley
Jeane Harguindequy
Marjorie Bookout
Lori Daniele
Greg Berg

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Gunlund)

No changes

2. RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES (Hopkins)

Mr. Hopkins announced 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.

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 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Director Bath made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Director Cameron and 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 two checks for approval – P&P and Wanger, Jones, Helsley PC. Mr. Besecker also included the budget report

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the payment of the checks. Director Gunlund seconded the motion, and 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)

We are still trying to get a meeting with Bill Stretch. Randy will see him at ACWA and may reach out to him at that time. Directors Cameron and DeGroot to see what he should cover.

- ii. Grantland/Stinson (Gunlund/Verwey)

Nothing to report.

8. PUBLIC OUTREACH (Hopkins)

- A. Update on next mailing

The next mailer will feature Gagan Bath, which was our final board member.

9. McMULLIN EXPANSION PROJECT (Hopkins/Hurley)

- A. Report on the status of the project.

Ms. Moeller reported that have updated 90% plans based on the comments received. NRCS' biggest comment was clarity in what portions of the project they are funding. The plan is still to go to bid next summer.

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

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

MAGSA distributed an update today. They had an on-farm recharge university. It was well attended.

Mr. Hurley reported that the NEPA (water replenishment plan) had been submitted.

This Friday is the final public outreach for EQIP funding. December 9th will be the deadline to apply.

Water bank continues in its design. Mr. Hurley and Ms. Moeller continue making field visits. They are completing the NEPA, pending a cultural survey.

Potential subscribers to the water bank are meeting this month.

11. CORRESPONDENCE (Hopkins)

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

Nothing to report

B. Report on AB2449

Mr. Hopkins reported on AB2449, regarding public meeting. This is effective January 1, 2023. There is some overlap of time with AB361 which is effective through mid-February and ends with the ending of the Governor's emergency order.

The requirements, as currently understood are:

- If attending remotely, you must
 - Post the address on the agenda
 - Allow the "public" to join where you are attending.
 - Always have video camera and audio on
 - Announce anyone present over the age of 18.
- Requires roll call vote.
- Members are allowed two "emergency" exemptions a year.
 - Must be voted on at the beginning of the meeting to authorize
- Definition of Emergency:
 - Child Care or caregiving
 - Contagious illness
 - Physical/mental disability

More information will be provided.

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 20, 2022.

The board was in agreement to cancel the December meeting. The next meeting will be on January 17, 2023.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS (Hopkins)

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

Randy will be attending ACWA and will be meeting with Bill and hopefully Scott Sills.

The Mid-Pacific Bureau conference is in January in Reno

Family Farm Alliance is February 23-24 in Reno.

14. ADJOURNMENT (*Gunlund*)

The meeting adjourned 1:50 pm.