

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

Minutes

Meeting Date:
Monday, March 20, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:
455 W Fir Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Gagan Batth –
Don Cameron
Jonathon DeGroot
John Verwey - attended via video call

Other Attendees: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Lynn Moeller, Provost & Pritchard
John Kensey, Legal Counsel - Wanger Jones Helsley PC

Matt Hurley
Marjorie Bookout
Doug Moles
Ken Alles
Matt Abercrombie

Jeanne Harguindequ
Jerry Rai
Pat Ricchiuti
Vincent Ricchiuti

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am. Director Verwey was unable to attend in person. Because his location was not posted on the agenda in advance, he attended as a non-voting member.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (*Gunlund*)
No changes to the agenda
2. **RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES** (*Hopkins*)
A sign in sheet was distributed.

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. February 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; the motion was seconded by Director Baath. The Motion passed unanimously by voting members.

6. FINANCIAL (*Besecker*)

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

Mr. Besecker presented the bills due. Director Baath made a motion to approve the bills; Director DeGroot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voting members.

7. ANNEXATION (*DeGroot/Gunlund/Hopkins/Kinsey*)

- A. Discussion / possible action to consider annexation requests and initiate the annexation process.

Mr. Hopkins presented the status of the annexation. A memo was prepared by counsel that answered questions the board had on the annexation topic. This memo will be posted on the website for public review.

Mr. Rai stated that the majority in attendance at the public meeting in January 2022 were against annexation. He isn't sure what the advantage is.

The question of costs was brought up. How much will the white area have to pay? Would the white area have to make a payment to equate to past assessments paid by those in the district?

The group requesting annexation has indicated they have \$75,000 designated toward costs.

Director Baath is still concerned with conflicts of interest if the board members are deciding how much the white area would have to spend. Mr. Kinsey indicated that it isn't a conflict because it is a general guideline and not directed at specific individuals.

Questions regarding representation were discussed. Would all five board positions be "at large" or by zones? Would the County retain its position on MAGSA? The types of board positions "at large" or by "district" would be determined during the annexation process. Whether the County retains a position on MAGSA's board is unknown and part of a discussion that needs to be had between the MAGSA agencies.

Mr. Hopkins will work with counsel Kinsey and P&P staff to begin outlining the costs process and provide more information 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*)

Director Cameron reported that they met with FID – Mr. Stretch, Mr. Claes, and Ms. Chauhan. They presented FID with a proposal. They are waiting for a response from FID. Current water is going to the basin and works towards our basin credit.

Director DeGroot said it was the most positive meeting they’ve had with FID.

Director Baath asked about the Consolidated ad hoc committee. Mr. Hopkins indicated that Mr. Desatoff of CID terminated the discussions with Raisin City.

Director Gunlund and Verwey will form the CID ad hoc committee and reach out to Mr. Desatoff.

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

- A. Report on the status of the project.

The plans are at the 90% complete milestone and ready to submit back to NRCS. Mr. Hurley reported the the preliminary appraisals on the land are done.

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

- A. Report on MAGSA activities.

As part of the water banking project, a cultural resources field survey is being done. The survey is about 80% complete. If they find a “hot spot,” they will have to dig an archeologic pit. This is the final piece for the environmental report.

MAGSA and the Kings Subbasin received a recommendation from DWR on March 2, 2023 to be considered adequate. There are still wells going dry so a mitigation plan will need to be prepared. The board adopted a construction policy that set the level for well depth on any new well installations.

An update to the GSP will need to be prepared by January 31, 2025.

MAGSA is preparing to extend the current assessment under Prop. 218 at the rate of \$19/acre. They hope to be able to reduce that number in 3 years.

11. CORRESPONDENCE (*Hopkins*)

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

None received.

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 April 18, 2023.

The board suggested changing the meeting.

Director Cameron will be unavailable from April 11 to 21, Director Verwey is unavailable on April 25.

Ms. Sales will send out a poll to find a date that works for the Board.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS (*Hopkins*)

- A. ACWA Spring 2023 – May 9 – 11, 2023 in Monterey, CA
- B. ACWA Fall 2023 – November 28 – 30 in Indian Wells, CA

14. ADJOURNMENT (*Gunlund*)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:23am.

In addition to the District office location, the following location will be used for this meeting to access via teleconference.

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