

# RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

Meeting Date:  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
**1:30 p.m.**

Meeting Location:  
Remote access

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In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency, including social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, the Board of Directors of the Raisin City Water District will be participating in this meeting remotely. There will not be a physical location for this meeting. Members of the public may participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund  
Don Cameron  
Gagan Batth  
Jonathon DeGroot (arrived at 1:34)  
John Verwey

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard  
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard  
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard  
Lynn Groundwater, Provost & Prichard  
Philip Bachand, Bachand and Associates  
Joe Mastro, Cuttone & Mastro

Matt Hurley  
Jerry Rai  
Kenny Alles  
Esben Smith

Mr. Gunlund called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm

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

No changes.

#### **2. 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 comments

**3. 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]

Mr. Cameron indicated that while he sees no issues, if any discussion arises from Terra Nova, he will recuse himself.

**4. MINUTES (Hopkins)**

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:
  - i. December 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
  - ii. January 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting

Mr Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes from both meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Verwey. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. FINANCIAL (Besecker)**

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve the financial report and District bills.
- B. Discussion / possible action to receive the 2019-20 audit report.

Mr. Besecker presented the invoices to be paid. He also reviewed the budget. The quarterly investment report was also provided to the board.

Mr. Cameron made a motion to approve the bills and financial. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeGroot. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mastro presented the audit. He is from the firm of Cuttone and Mastro.

Mr. DeGroot made a motion to accept the audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. GENERAL COUNSEL (Gunlund/Hopkins)**

- A. Discussion / possible action to engage John Kinsey with Wanger, Jones, and Helsley, PC for General Counsel services.

Mr. Hopkins presented the letter agreement for the contract by John Kinsey. Mr. Batth recommended we retain Ms. Kincaid as both our general legal and water counsel. Mr. DeGroot asked if legal counsel was required to attend all meetings. Mr. Hopkins indicated only when legal matters are being discussed.

Mr. Cameron made a motion to engage John Kinsey as legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeGroot. Mr. Batth requested discussion. He is concerned about having two attorneys, he feels having her handling both is more appropriate.

4 ayes

1 nay – Batth. The motion carried.

**7. AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

- A. Discussion / possible action to consider ad-hoc committees and assignments.

People interested:

FID – Batth, DeGroot, Cameron

CID – Batth, Gunlund  
Grantland/Stinson – Gunlund, Verwey  
JID – Batth, Cameron  
Annexation – Gunlund, DeGroot

New Ad Hoc Committee  
McMullin Recharge Project – Verwey, DeGroot

Mr. Cameron made a motion to accept the ad hoc committee positions as agreed upon (with the exception of FID which will be discussed separately). The motion was seconded by Mr. DeGroot. The motion passed unanimously.

The board members that wish to be on the FID ad hoc committee expressed their reasons for wanting to be on the committee.

Mr. Batth made motion to appoint Johnathon DeGroot to the committee. It was seconded by Mr. Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gunlund – Mr. Cameron  
Mr. DeGroot – Mr. Batth  
Mr. Verwey – Mr. Cameron

Based on the vote, Mr. Cameron will be the second person the FID ad hoc committee.

- B. The Board of Directors will hear reports and possible action from the following Ad-Hoc Committees:
- i. Fresno ID Committee (*Batth*)
  - ii. Consolidated ID Committee (*Batth*)
  - iii. Grantland (*Gunlund*)
  - iv. Stinson (*Cameron*)
  - v. James ID (*Batth*)
  - vi. Annexation (*Gunlund/Batth*)

No reports as the committees were reinitiated under Item 7A.

## **8. McMULLIN RECHARGE PROJECT (*Hopkins*)**

- A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hopkins reported that Mr. Hurley send the MOA over for the board to review. Mr. Hopkins suggested the document be sent to Mr. Kinsey for review. He didn't feel he should be involved in the review himself due to his other involvement in the project.

Ms. Groundwater-Moeller reported we are nearing 30% design completion. The design team would like to meet with the ad hoc committee before proceeding to get guidance.

## **9. MAGSA ACTIVITIES (*Batth/Cameron/Hurley/Hopkins*)**

- A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported about the MOA that was presented at a recent workshop. It is expected the new alignment will be part of the overall MAGSA project.

MAGSA water banking is moving to a similar spot. Initial soils and water quality testing has been done. Already in contact with entities to participate in banking project.

Groundwater Metering, Measurement, Monitoring, and Construction policy under consideration now.

Upcoming events – Vision workshop tomorrow to go over the projects and where MAGSA is heading in 2021. A water marketing webinar is schedule for January 27.

There will be another workshop to discuss retrofitting monitoring wells to improve monitoring. There are 23 wells selected.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE** (*Hopkins*)

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

Mr. Hopkins reported receiving request sent by the legal firm Downey-Brand to be included to CEQA distribution list.

**11. CLOSED SESSION** (*Gunlund/Hopkins*)

- A. Public Employment – Personnel Item pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b). Manager Performance Review.

At 2:32 the Board moved to closed session

**12. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** (*Gunlund*)

- A. A report of actions taken, if any, during Closed Session will be provided.

Back at 2:47


**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 February 16, 2021.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** (*Gunlund*)

Adjourned 2:53

APPROVED:

  
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Randy Hopkins, Secretary