

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
1:30 PM

Meeting Location:
455 W Fir Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Don Cameron
John Verwey (remote)

Directors Absent Gagan Batth
Jonathon DeGroot

Other Attendees: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Lynn Moeller, Provost & Pritchard
John Kinsey, Legal Counsel - Wanger Jones Helsley PC
Ken Alles
Ryan Porto
Martin Pritz
Sal Rodriguez
Matt Hurley - MAGSA
Marjorie Bookout
Eric Abrahamsen
Matt Abercrombie
Jeanne Harguindeguy
Juilia Cmapos
Alfredo Martinez
Bradley Abercrombie
Bryce McAter
Yvonne Haeguindéguy
Marianne Harguindeguy
Jerry Radinoff
Marvin Scheidt
Paul Toste

Director Gunlund called the meeting to order at 1:34

The board approved allowing Director Verwey to attend remotely. He had a family emergency.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (*Gunlund*)

No changes.

2. RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES (*Hopkins*)

Attendees were announced.

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.

Ms. Bookout commented that there was an op ed in the Fresno Bee this morning regarding a meeting being held tomorrow (9/20) regarding fallowing. She wanted to know if anyone was attending. Don Cameron indicated he will be attending and on the first panel. It is being held at the Fresno State Student Union and hosted by PPIC Water Policy Center.

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

5. MINUTES (*Hopkins*)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:
 - i. July 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Director Verwey 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 payments.

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the payment of the bills; the motion was seconded by Director Verwey seconded and passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Besecker indicated that \$9000 of the \$10,000 budget has been spent regarding the annexation costs..

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

- A. Report on status of annexation process

Mr. Hopkins indicated that a draft with the edits suggested in the last meeting had been prepared. It has been reviewed by the white area representatives.

Mr. Kinsey stated most of the comments were incorporated, with the exception of cost sharing. It was felt that was more of an issue for the landowners. Most of the edits were clarifying comments. The document is complete and ready to present to landowners. Mr. Kinsey explained how to fill out the Landowner sign-on form.

Bryce McAteer had a question. Do you have to sign the agreement to be allowed to annex? Mr. Kinsey indicated that the agreement is for those landowners requesting annexation to voluntarily contribute to the cost of the annexation process.

Mr. Radinoff asked if there is information they could provide to landowners on what costs in the district are. Currently assessed at 0.75/acre. This could change.

Mr. Hopkins noted that Mid-Valley Water District has indicated they support the annexation and will work with Raisin City Water District on the changes to the Sphere of Influence.

Several attendees expressed their thanks to the Board for getting us to this point.

8. AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- A. The Board of Directors will hear reports from the following Ad-Hoc Committees:
 - i. Fresno ID Committee (*Cameron/DeGroot*)

Mr. Hopkins said he needs to set up another meeting with Bill Stretch at FID. Manny from James ID reached out to Mr. Hopkins to say they are open to discussions with the District.

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

- A. Report on the status of the project.

Final comments are due to NRCS in early November for review. They will have a change in staff happening on December 7, so the goal is to finish to ensure the current staff finishes the review.

Discussions with landowners continue regarding right-of-way continue with MAGSA.

The environmental review is included in the watershed plan, which will be resubmitted to NRCS.

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

- A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Kings Basin received good news from DWR that our GSPs were approved. None of the neighboring districts were approved and will be subjected to hearings.

The state will access \$300/well & \$150/ac ft fees to cover their costs.

MAGSA does need to work on some mitigation for dry wells and subsidence.

MAGSA worked with ACWA on their Quench California to get the word out.

EQUIP applications were awarded. New batch for the next \$1M. An announcement will be posted online in the next 30-60 days.

\$2.8M awarded to MAGSA by the Bureau for electromagnetic metering. There will be 5 recommended meter companies presented to landowners.

October board meeting is scheduled for October 4. But may be postponed due to harvesting commitments.

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 October 17, 2023.

There is a conflict with the October 17 meeting date. Staff will work with the Board to reschedule or cancel.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS (Hopkins)

- A. ACWA Region 6/7 Meeting – October 13-14, Visalia, CA
- B. ACWA Fall 2023 – November 28 – 30 in Indian Wells, CA

14. ADJOURNMENT (Gunlund)

Director Gunlund adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

APPROVED:



Randy Hopkins, Secretary