

Raisin City Water District Newsletter

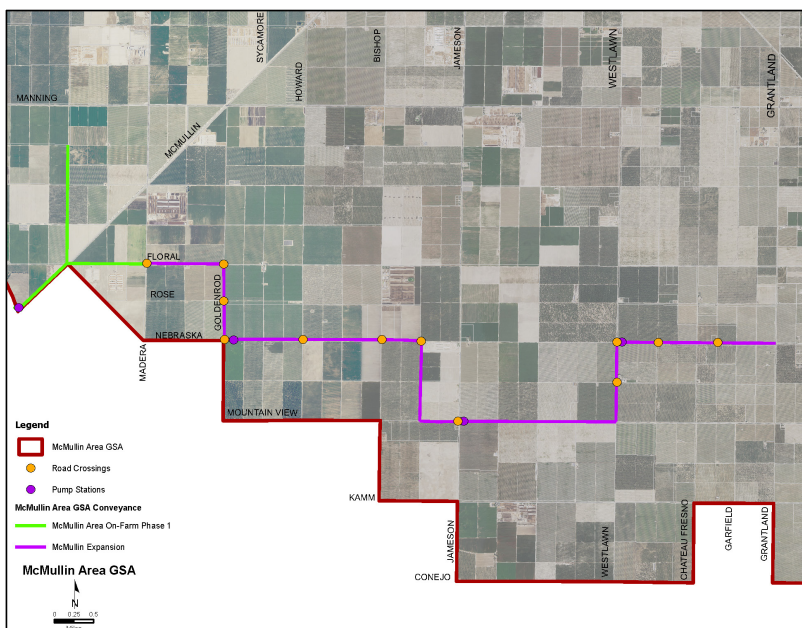
QUARTERLY UPDATES FOR LANDOWNERS

McMullin Expansion Project Plans Set to Go Out to Bid in Early 2023

Plans for the McMullin On-Farm Flood Expansion Project are set to go out to construction companies for bid during the spring of 2023.

The McMullin Expansion Project design phase is nearly complete. The design engineers, Provost & Pritchard, are working with the NRCS and other permitting agencies to address minor design comments. A draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document is expected to be available for public review and comment during winter 2022.

The McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MAGSA) is coordinating meetings between appraisers and landowners to assess sections of their land where a canal might be constructed as part of the Expansion Project. MAGSA will use this information to offer landowners a fair price for the entire range of costs associated with the construction of an easement on those sections of their properties.



The grant-funded McMullin Expansion Project will more than double the existing surface water conveyance capacity in the region and increase the potential farmland acreage capable of receiving flood and storm water flows for on-farm recharge to about 15,000 acres. **Learn more about the McMullin Expansion Project and view a larger version of the map above at: www.mcmullinarea.org/ofr.**

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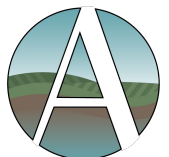
Gagan Batth and Geré Gunlund will Continue Serving on RCWD Board of Directors for the Next Four Years

Two seats on the Raisin City Water District Board of Directors were up for election this year. Gagan Batth and Geré Gunlund, the directors currently serving in these positions, both submitted applications. Because no other applications were received, an election was not needed. Incumbents Gagan Batth and Geré Gunlund will continue to serve in their respective roles for the next four years.

RCWD Considers New Projects in Coordination with Aquaterra Water Bank

Over the next few months, the RCWD Board will consider potential projects in the District that could work in conjunction with MAGSA's plans for the Aquaterra Water Bank. Such projects could include on-farm distribution systems and additional recharge basins.

About the Aquaterra Water Bank: The Aquaterra Water Bank will include a system of pumping stations, canals, recharge sites, and extraction wells designed to convey water to groundwater banking and recharge sites. Like a financial bank, water can be "deposited" into Aquaterra in wet years for storage and "withdrawn" in drier years. Learn more at: www.aquaterrabank.org.



Meet RCWD Farmer and Board Member: Gagan Batth

Tell us about yourself. I was born and raised in Caruthers, California and graduated from Fresno State with an Ag Business degree in 1999. I am married and have three children.

Why did you choose to serve on the RCWD Board? I am serving on the Raisin City Water District Board to represent all growers so we can succeed in our District.

What do you believe is the role of RCWD? The role of RCWD is to help growers with SGMA.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I enjoy spending time with my family and being on the farm.

What is advice you want to share with the next generation of farmers? Work hard and stand up for what you believe in.



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Happy holidays! Fall 2022 updates enclosed for Raisin City Water District landowners.



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www.rcwd.ca.gov

December Board Meeting CANCELLED: Next Meeting January 17th @ 1:30 PM

The RCWD Board meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 1:30 pm. Meetings are held online via Microsoft Teams and at the RCWD office located at 455 W. Fir Ave., Clovis 93611. For meeting agendas visit: www.rcwd.ca.gov.

RCWD Board Members Meeting with Neighboring Water Agencies

RCWD Board Members continue to meet with nearby irrigation districts and water agencies in an effort to develop a variety of water purchase programs.

Raisin City Water District Board of Directors

R. Geré Gunlund, *President*

Jonathon DeGroot, *Vice-President*

Gagan Batth

Don Cameron

John Verwey