

Raisin City Water District Newsletter

QUARTERLY UPDATES FOR LANDOWNERS

RCWD & Mid-Valley Water District Hold Annexation Workshop

Raisin City Water District and Mid-Valley Water District hosted an Annexation Workshop on January 27, 2022.

The purpose of this workshop was for board members of both districts to learn about the benefits and liabilities associated with annexation of land within the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency not covered by a water district and to hear from the public.

What is annexation? Annexation is a legal process where boundaries of a water district or agency are expanded to include nearby areas not already included in a district or agency.

The RCWD and Mid Valley Water District Annexation Workshop was purely informational and no action was taken. Stay informed on any future meetings or workshops, visit: www.rcwd.ca.gov.

"Raisin City Water District's role is to:

build infrastructure and seek collaborative opportunities that will provide surface water to our growers for irrigation and ground-water recharge, **maintain as much land as possible in production**, and preserve and increase **farmland values**."

~Don Cameron, RCWD Farmer & Board Member
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Environmental Review Underway for McMullin Expansion Project

The McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency, through its contractor Tetra Tech, is preparing an environmental analysis for the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Expansion Project.

A draft California Environmental Quality Assessment (CEQA) has been completed and can be found at: www.mcmullinarea.org/OFR. A draft National Environmental Policy Assessment (NEPA) document is expected to be available for public review and comment before spring. Once these studies are completed, the public will have an opportunity to provide comments prior to finalization. Construction of the McMullin Expansion Project is targeted to begin in the summer of 2022.



About the McMullin Expansion Project: The McMullin Expansion Project will more than double the Kings River diversion rate & total acreage for recharge by extending conveyance eastward. Visit www.mcmullinarea.org/OFR for full project details.

Meet RCWD Farmer and Board Member, Don Cameron

What led you to farm in RCWD? I am a first generation farmer and grew up in Redding, CA until my parents moved to Fresno when I was in highschool. I became interested in farming after graduating from Fresno State with a major in Biology. As an ag trainee with the UC Extension, I started working with farm advisors in Fresno County. I began farming with Terranova Ranch in 1981 and knew farming was for me.

Why did you choose to serve on the RCWD Board? I became concerned about the future of our region and the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within RCWD. Groundwater regulation by the state was becoming a reality. I wanted to be part of finding solutions that are affordable, provide real results, bring water into the District, and keep our growers and their families farming in the future.



What is advice you want to share with the next generation of farmers? My advice for the next generation of farmers in our region is to be open to new ideas and innovation and to get involved in decision making. We need to have our voices heard by those who make the rules affecting our lives. Get to know your elected officials, be a voice for agriculture, and be part of the solution.

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RCWD Board Meeting March 15 @ 1:30 PM

To receive updates on RCWD activities, join RCWD landowners at the upcoming Board meeting. The RCWD Board meets monthly on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm.

Meetings are held online via Microsoft Teams and at the Raisin City Water District Office located at 455 W. Fir Ave., Clovis 93611. For meeting agendas go to www.rcwd.ca.gov.

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