

**Minutes of the Board of Directors  
Ramona Municipal Water District  
Ramona Community Center  
434 Aqua Lane  
Ramona, California 92065  
December 13, 2011  
4:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Bryan Wadlington	President	
Darrell Beck	Vice President	
Red Hager	Secretary	ABSENT
Joe Zenovic	Treasurer	
Kit Kesinger	Director	

Also present: David Barnum, General Manager; Sophie Akins, Legal Counsel; Johnny Brean, Water Operations Superintendent; Doug McIntosh, Meter Services Supervisor; Annette Finley, Human Resources Manager; Saul Villagomez, Battalion Chief/Ramona Fire Marshal; Mike Metts, Engineering Consultant, Dudek and Associates Inc., and Sherry McGarry, Administrative Secretary.

**A. Opening of Meeting**

**A.1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ramona Municipal Water District was called to order by President Wadlington at 4:30 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, County of San Diego, State of California.

President Wadlington led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A.2. Consideration of Non-Agenda Items Which Arose Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda**

None.

**A.3. Adoption of Agenda for Meeting of December 13, 2011.**

M\S\C **MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AND DISCUSS**

**D.1. Request for Water Forgiveness by Mr. Newman; Owner of 2401 Duraznitos Road, Ramona for 852 Units (\$3,944.76).**

**AFTER THE CONSENT ITEMS IN SECTION B.1.**

( Kesinger/Beck) Approved 4-0-1 Director Hager absent.

**A.4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Board on any Subject within its Jurisdiction but not on the Agenda**

Mr. Paul Owens addressed the Board asking for consideration of amending the Legislative Code Section 6.12.090 (C) in order to allow the use of fishing float tubes on Lake Ramona.

**A.5 Announcements and/or Informational Reports from Board and/or Staff**

**A.5.a. General Manager's Report**

None.

**A.5.b. Committee Reports**

None.

**A.5.c. Staff Reports**

**A.5.c.-1 Status Report on the Santa Maria Sewer Service Area Facilities Improvements.**

Recommendation: None.

No further action.

**B. Ministerial Items**

**B.1. Consent Calendar**

(All matters on the consent calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on a specific item)

President Wadlington pulled Agenda Item B.1.a. Minutes for November 22, 2011.

**B.1.b. Informational Report of Accounts Payable Listing for Period November 1 – 30, 2011.**

Recommendation: None.

**B.1.c. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports – October 2011.**

Recommendation: None.

M\S\C **MOTION TO APPROVE B.1.b and B.1.c.** (Kesinger/Beck) Approved 4-0-1 Director Hager absent.

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**B.1.a. Adoption of the Minutes for November 22, 2011.**

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the Minutes for November 22, 2011.

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**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM B.1.a. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2011** (Beck/Kesinger) Approved 3-0-2 Director Hager absent and President Wadlington abstained since he was absent from that meeting.

**D. Agenda items which anticipate possible input from members of the public** (This space on the agenda is reserved in the event a member of the public is scheduled to address the Board)

**D.1. Request for Water Forgiveness by Mr. Newman; Owner of 2401 Duraznitos Road, Ramona for 852 Units (\$3,944.76).**

Recommendation: That the Board denies Mr. Newman's appeal, direct staff to finalize a payment arrangement within five business days for any remaining amounts owed on this account (at the date of this Agenda Memo, the remaining balance is approximately \$227). If a payment arrangement cannot be accommodated then Staff is to continue to the next step in the collection process including potentially placing a lien on the property for the outstanding balance.

Mr. George Newman addressed the Board regarding his request for water forgiveness.

Board discussion followed.

Legal Counsel Akins added that in focusing on the billings, there is a statute of limitation of one year only, so the Board cannot extend back through time. Mr. Newman has been on notice from prior occurrences which extend back ten years, but the Board can only look at one year back.

General Manager Barnum stated the current remaining amount of \$227 is for 2011 billing periods June 17 and August 2. Staff feels the meter is recording accurately and it would be a gift of public funds to reimburse Mr. Newman.

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**THAT THE BOARD DENY MR. NEWMAN'S APPEAL, DIRECT STAFF TO FINALIZE A PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS FOR ANY REMAINING AMOUNTS OWED ON THIS ACCOUNT (AT THE DATE OF THIS AGENDA MEMO, THE REMAINING BALANCE IS APPROXIMATELY \$227). IF A PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED THEN STAFF IS TO CONTINUE TO THE NEXT STEP IN THE COLLECTION PROCESS INCLUDING POTENTIALLY PLACING A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE.** (Kesinger/Zenovic) Approved 4-0-1 Hager absent.

**C. Public Hearing/Bid Openings**

(This space on the agenda is reserved in the event there is a public hearing or bid opening)

President Wadlington opened the Public Hearing to public comment on the Urban Water Management Plan Update 2010.

**C.1. Public Hearing to take public input on adopting an Urban Water Management Plan Update 2010.**

There being no questions from the public, the hearing was closed.

**E. Agenda items which anticipate possible input from other agencies/consultants**

(This space on the agenda is reserved in the event another agency/consultant is scheduled to address the Board)

**E.1. Discussion and Possible Input from the Board and Consultant Regarding the Preliminary 2010 Urban Water Management Plan Year Update.**

Recommendation: None.

No further action.

**F. Agenda items which anticipate possible input from staff**

**F.1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Ramona Municipal Water District's Ad Hoc Committees.**

Recommendation: None.

Discussion was held on current ad hoc committees and decisions followed to eliminate or maintain committees.

Following is a summary of ad hoc committees to *remain*.

**Board of Directors Role During Emergencies/Fire Availability**

Directors Wadlington & Beck

To review and provide guidance on protocol for the Board during an emergency/to review fire EDU availability issues.

**Santa Maria Water Reclamation Plant (SMWRP) Expansion**

Directors Beck & Zenovic

To work with staff to address issues in the design and construction of the proposed SMWRP improvements.

**Santa Maria Recycled**

Directors Kesinger & Zenovic

To work with members of the community to explore the expansion of the use of recycled water from the SMWRP.

**Spangler Peak/San Vicente**

Directors Wadlington & Hager

Agreement based.

To oversee administration of the Spangler Peak and San Diego Country Estates Agreement and addresses issues related thereto.

**Montecito Ranch**

Directors Beck & Kesinger

To work with the developer and staff to address connection to SMWRP and package plant issues.

**SMSSA Annexation Committee**

Directors Beck & Zenovic

To review and provide recommendations to the Board regarding the conditions for the Pre-Annexation Agreement for SMSSA.

**Undocumented Sewer Legislative Code and EDU Charges**

Directors Beck & Zenovic

To review and propose changes, if necessary, to the Legislative Code regarding the policy for handling undocumented EDUs.

**Ramona Air Center & CFD**

Directors Kesinger & Zenovic

To work with staff regarding the proposed formation of a CFD by a developer, the Ramona Air Center.

**Legal Counsel Akins** stated when the purpose of the ad hoc committee is effectuated, it dissolves on its own and no action needs to be taken.

The following committees have been *dissolved*.

**Budget Ad Hoc Committee 2011-12**

Directors Wadlington & Zenovic

To work with staff to draft an annual budget for presentation to and the consideration of the full Board.

**Weed Abatement**

Directors Beck & Wadlington

To review and revise the weed abatement ordinance for the Board's consideration.

**Area 2 Annexation Committee**

Directors Beck & Wadlington

To develop a position on the annexation of unincorporated area into Area 2 for fire protection services.

**Solar**

Directors Hager & Zenovic

To work with staff to address issues in the design and construction of the proposed Solar project.

## **Bargar**

Directors Hager & Beck

To work with staff to explore a private/public partnership project with Southwest Water (or other companies) for the design and construction of the proposed treatment facility.

## **Untreated Water Rate**

Directors Wadlington & Kesinger

To work with community members and staff regarding the calculation of the untreated water rate, specifically the inclusion of the storage charge, proposed in the 2011 Proposition 218 notice.

## **G. Remaining Agenda Items**

### **G.1. Directors' Comments**

Directors' comments are comments by directors concerning District business which may be of interest to the Board. Directors' comments are placed on the agenda to enable individual members to convey information to the Board and the public. There is to be no discussion or action taken on comments made by Board members.

### **G.2. Directors' Reports of Meetings**

Pursuant to Legislative Code Section 2.08.140, members of the Board who receive reimbursement from the District for their actual and necessary expenses for attending meetings outside the District shall either prepare a written report to be submitted at the next subsequent Board meeting or make a verbal report during the next regular Board meeting. The report shall detail the information that may be of benefit to the District that was presented at the meeting.

## **H. Closing Agenda Items**

### **H.1. Items for Subsequent Meetings**

Director Kesinger requested staff prepare an Agenda Memo discussing float tubes in Lake Ramona. He also requested an agenda item for Discussion and Possible Action regarding additional analysis and whether or not to have additional options for the Ramona Municipal Water District Division redistricting for the December 27 meeting.

### **H.2. Date and Time for the Next Regular Meeting**

**December 27, 2011 - 4:30 p.m.**

## **I. Regular Session ended at 5:40 pm. Continue into Closed Session**

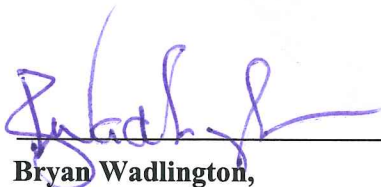
**J.. Closed Session NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**J.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a)

Name of Case: SDG&E Application 11-10-002

Closed Session ended at 6:20 pm and there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.



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**Bryan Wadlington,  
President,  
Board of Directors  
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**