MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
July 14, 2020

Meeting held Via Teleconference
Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20

PRESENT
Jim Robinson President
Bryan Wadlington Vice President
Thomas Ace Treasurer
Jeff Lawler Secretary
Jim Hickle Director

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 Robinson at 2:00 p.m. via Teleconference Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20.

President Robinson led the Board and members of the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Legal Counsel Announcement.

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 July 14, 2020

M\S\C MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR JULY 14, 2020 (Ace/Hickle)

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Robert Walsh addressed the Board about resolution of a red tag issue.
Kevin Wallace addressed the Board about the bidding process for District projects.

A.5. Announcements and/or Informational Reports from Board and/or Staff
A.5.a. General Manager's Report

General Manager Barnum provided updates about District operations. He stated that the District remains functioning at full capacity with no staff cases of COVID-19 and ensured that the workforce and clients are safe at all times. He stated that the RMWD continues to follow all local, state and federal requirements. He described the investments made in electronic bill payment technology and systems, mentioning customers have the opportunity to pay their bill online or phone, and search for additional information on the website. Details were given on the newly constructed San Vicente Sprayfields. Mike Metts, District Engineer, provided an update on the current operations that included photos of the project. Joe Iomeli, Water Operations Manager, gave a brief report, with photos, about the details of the installation of the new cover for the Mt. Woodson Reservoir. Board questions followed briefly about the project budget and disposal of the old cover. General Manager Barnum thanked staff for their efforts on the three projects.

A.5.b. Committee Reports

None.

A.5.c.- Staff Reports

A.5.c.-1. Presentation of a News Release Concerning the North County Water Agencies Annual Water Awareness Poster Contest and Presenting Awards to 4th Grade Student Winners

Recommendation: Present awards to the winning Fourth Grade Students.

General Manager Barnum introduced the item. Tim Clement, Administrative Services Manager, discussed the contest's details and announced the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners. He thanked staff for coordinating the event with the teachers and schools.

B. Ministerial Items

Director Hickle requested Item B.1.d. be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Prior to the vote, Director Ace requested to comment on Item B.1.b. about the accounts payable report and noted the expenditures and projects underway in the current budgeted facilities plan.

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)

B.1.a. Adoption of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2020

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for June 9, 2020.


Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

B.1.c. Adoption of a Resolution to Collect Delinquent Water Charges by Placement on the San Diego County Property Tax Rolls
Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt a Resolution to collect delinquent water charges by placing them on the San Diego County property tax rolls.

B.1.e. Consideration Regarding and Authorization for the General Manager to Sign Amendment #1 to the Existing Fire Prevention Services Collaboration Agreement with the County of San Diego That Will Add a Three-Month Extension to the Agreement

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign Amendment #1 to the Agreement which authorizes a three-month extension with no change to the scope of services offered and no increase in costs from the quarterly FY2019/20 costs.

B.1.f. Authorization for the General Manager to Award a Contract for Construction of the Mount Woodson Reservoir Outlet Pipe Repair Project

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract for construction of the Mount Woodson Reservoir Outlet Pipe Repair Project to Cass Construction Inc. dba Cass Arrieta.

M/S/C MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR MINUS THE ITEM B.1.d. AS PULLED BY DIRECTOR HICKLE (Ace/Lawler)

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

B.1.d. Authorization for the General Manager to Award a Contract for Construction of the Wellfield Park Disc Golf Course, Horseshoe Pits, Scoreboards, and Soccer Fields Project

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract for construction of the Wellfield Park – Disc Golf Course, Horseshoe Pits, Scoreboards, and Soccer Fields Project to Western Rim Constructors, Inc.

Board discussion followed about the history of the park, local partnerships of the RMWD and the benefits to the community. General Manager Barnum provided background on the project and gave a projected completion date.

Dawn Perfect commented on the project and thanked District staff for their efforts on the plan.

Robert Walsh commented on the bid process for the lighting project.

M/S/C MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM B.1.D (Hickle/Wadlington)

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
C. Public Hearing/Bid Openings

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)

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)

F. Agenda Items which Anticipate Possible Input from Staff

   F.1. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance to Continue Sewer
        Availability Charges for Property in the San Vicente Sewer Service Area for Fiscal
        Year 2020-21

        Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt an Ordinance to
        continue sewer availability charges for property in the San Vicente Sewer Service Area
        for fiscal year 2020-21.

General Manager Barnum introduced the item and explained the history and purpose of the ordinance.

M/S/C MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM F.1. (Hickle/Lawler)

   AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler Robinson, Wadlington
   NOES: None
   ABSTAIN: None
   ABSENT: None

F.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution to Continue Participation
      in the County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Fee Program

        Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt the
        attached Resolution to continue RMWD's participation in the Fire Mitigation Fee
        Program.

General Manager Barnum briefly described that County funds are annually available through the
program and have been utilized historically for capital improvements and are currently being used for
improvements at Fire Station 80.

M/S/C MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ITEM FOR THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED
       IN ITEM F.2. (Ace/Wadlington)

   AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler Robinson, Wadlington
   NOES: None
   ABSTAIN: None
   ABSENT: None
F.3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Annexation of Property with Assessor Parcel Number 284-222-24-00 into the Santa Maria Sewer Service Area

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize annexation of APN 284-222-24-00 into the SMSSA and adopt the proposed Resolution of annexation.

President Robinson commented on the location of the annexation.

M/S/C MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION (Hickle/Ace)

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

F.4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Annexation of Properties with Assessor Parcel Numbers 282-160-42-00 and 282-170-02-00 into the Santa Maria Sewer Service Area

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize annexation of APNs 282-160-42-00 and 282-170-02-00 into the SMSSA and adopt the proposed Resolution of annexation.

M/S/C MOTION TO ACCEPT ITEM NUMBER F.4. (Wadlington/Ace)

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

F.5. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the District's Untreated Water System Implementation Plan – Phase 4

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends and requests that the Board authorize the General Manager to implement Phase 4 of the defined implementation plan.

Gary Hurst addressed the Board regarding the untreated water system evaluation.

Matthew Prickett addressed the Board regarding the discontinuation of the untreated water system and cost of the treated system.

General Manager Barnum introduced the item and summarized the history of the untreated water system, prior Board decisions, and subsequent actions taken regarding the untreated water system. Board discussion followed regarding the disconnected untreated water meters and potential customer savings and costs associated with the Board approved implementations. Also discussed, was Counsel review of the received correspondence about proper public noticing of the agenda item.
MOTION TO APPROVE F.5. AND PLACE EMPHASIS ON MITIGATING IMPACT WITH CUSTOMERS THAT MAY BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION (Hickle/Ace)

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

G. Closed Session – NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Board entered closed session at 3:28 p.m.

G.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)-(1 case)
Case No. 37-2019-00036007-CU-EI-CTL

Closed session ended at 4:40 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that direction was given, with all Board Members present; no reportable action was taken.

H. Remaining Agenda Items

H.1. Directors’ Reports of Reimbursed 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.

I. Closing Agenda Items

I.1. Date and Time for the Next Regular Meeting
August 11, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Adjourn

Jim Robinson, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT