MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

PRESENT

Thomas Ace President
Joe Zenovic Vice President
Jim Hickle Secretary
Jeff Lawler Treasurer
Bryan Wadlington 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 Ace at 2:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, County of San Diego, State of California.

President Ace 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 February 14, 2017

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA (Zenovic/Wadlington)

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Wadlington, Zenovic
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

CalFire Battalion Chief, Steve Foster, announced his upcoming retirement in April and introduced his replacement. President Ace acknowledged some of Chief Foster's accomplishments during his fire career and welcomed Chief Lambert to the District.

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

President Ace reported a meeting of the Fire Ad Hoc Committee. They reviewed the need for a new fire engine and the finding of Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) rights in the Community of Ramona. General Manager Barnum also provided some historical information on the topic of EOA and announced that a contract will be coming from the County of San Diego for the Board's review and approval.

A.5.c. Staff Reports

None.

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)

Director Hickle pulled items B.1.b, B.1.c., B.1.d. and B.1.e.

B.1.a. Adoption of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2017

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for January 10, 2017.


Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

Director Hickle requested details on an expense in the financials.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS B.1.a. AND B.1.b. ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (Zenovic/Hickle)

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

B.1.c. Authorization to Award a Contract for the Snows Treated Reservoir Rehabilitation Project

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract to Blastco, Inc. for the construction of the Snows Treated Reservoir Rehabilitation project in the amount of $300,177.00.

Director Hickle requested clarification on the outcome of this particular bidding process. Ricardo Soto of Dudek summarized the steps taken during each bid process and some of the considerations when reviewing contract cost to budgeted amount. Discussion followed.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM B.1.c. (Zenovic/Hickle)
AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Wadlington, Zenovic
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

B.1.d. Authorization to Award a Contract for the Tank 4 Reservoir Rehabilitation Project

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract to TRB Coating & Construction, Inc. dba TRB Industrial Coatings, Inc. for the construction of the Tank 4 Rehabilitation project in the amount of $375,420.50.

Director Hickle inquired about the winning contract amount and contractor's qualifications. Mr. Soto provided additional information. Discussion followed.

M\S\C MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM B.1.d. (Zenovic/Hickle)

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

B.1.e. Authorization to Permit the General Manager to Enter Into a Contract for Preparation of the Santa Maria Basin Salt and Nutrient Management Plan

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Todd Groundwater for preparation of the Santa Maria Valley HA SNMP, as required by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Master Recycling Permit for the Ramona Municipal Water District, Santa Maria Wastewater Treatment Plant (Order No. R9-2016-0154).

Director Hickle had several questions about the SNMP requirement. Mike Metts, District Engineer and Jim Anderson, Wastewater Operations Superintendent provided additional details about the permit process and required changes in reporting. Discussion followed.

M\S\C MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM B.1.e. (Hickle/Zenovic)

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

C. Public Hearing/Bid Openings
   (This space on the agenda is reserved in the event there is a public hearing or bid opening)

D. Agenda Items which Anticipate Possible Input from Members of the Public
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 Issue a Letter of Intent to Purchase a Spartan ERV Type 1 Fire Engine

Recommendation: The Fire Ad Hoc Committee and Fire Department Staff respectfully recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to issue a letter of intent to Spartan EVG and secure financing for the purchase of one 2017 Spartan ERV Type 1 Fire Engine.

President Ace and General Manager Barnum provided an overview of the ad hoc’s findings. Chief Foster discussed the status of the District’s current fire engine fleet and future fleet needs along with funding considerations. Discussion followed.

At 2:52 p.m. the Board meeting was adjourned to the parking lot to view the proposed fire engine model and take a short break. The Board reconvened in the community center at 3:10 p.m. Chief Foster explained the advantages to this particular engine and how it would best serve the community.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM F.1. (Zenovic/Hickle)

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

F.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the District’s Legislative Code to Comply with New State Requirements Concerning Accessory Dwelling Units (Senate Bill 1069)

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance.

District Engineer, Mike Metts, provided a summary of Senate Bill 1069 and the proposed Legislative Code changes. Discussion followed regarding the impact of this change on meter sizing and other related connection fees. Legal counsel clarified that only the Legislative Code sections attached as exhibits to the proposed Ordinance are being amended.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT’S LEGISLATIVE CODE TO COMPLY WITH NEW STATE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (Zenovic/Wadlington) by the following roll call vote [Ordinance 17-445]:

AYES: Hickle, Lawler, Wadlington, Zenovic, Ace
F.3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Draft Water Infrastructure Facilities Plan

Recommendation: District staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors accept the Draft Water Infrastructure Facilities Plan and authorize the use of the document for future planning purposes, including the Water Rate and Fee Study.

General Manager Barnum summarized the water facilities plan's purpose and scope. District staff then presented the details of each project group and the priority order recommended over the next five to ten years, along with funding and budget considerations to be developed through a future rate and fee study. Discussion followed.

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES PLAN (Zenovic/Wadlington)

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

G. Closed Session – NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Ace called for a break at 5:07 p.m. The Board entered closed session at 5:13 p.m.

G.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: 214 Creelman Lane, Ramona, CA 92065
Agency Negotiators: David Barnum, Jennifer Lyon, Mike Metts
Negotiating party: Spangler Peak Ranch, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Closed session ended at 6:12 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that direction was given with no reportable action.

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

None.

I. Closing Agenda Items
I.1. Date and Time for the Next Regular Meeting

March 14, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

President Ace adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ramona Municipal Water District at 6:14 p.m.

Adjourn

Thomas Ace, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT