MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
AUGUST 8, 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. This was followed by an opening announcement of basic protocols to observe during the meeting.

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 August 8, 2017

M\SI motions TO ADOPT THE AGENDA (Zenovic/Hickle)

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

A member of the public addressed the board regarding the structure of late fees on water bills.

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 provided a summary of short-term goals the fire ad hoc has contributed to including an increase in ambulance transport fees, the purchase of two new ambulances and intent to purchase a new fire engine, transfer of fire prevention services to the county and staffing reallocations within the existing contract. He stated the ad hoc is now shifting their focus to long-term goals, addressing the stability of fire and emergency services funding by reviewing additional third party options, partnerships, contract provisions and fire EDU charges.

A.5.c. Staff Reports

None.

President Ace called for a break at 2:05 p.m. to address audio difficulties. The meeting was reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

A.6. San Diego County Water Authority Issues Update

Maureen Stapleton, General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), presented information on increased water supply diversification, infrastructure upgrades, local water storage and status of the drought. She also discussed SDCWA's rate litigation against the Metropolitan Water District and asked for the District's support. Discussion followed.

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 requested to pull item B.1.b.

B.1.a. Adoption of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2017

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for July 11, 2017.

B.1.c. SDG&E Request for Easement on District Owned Property - APN 278-211-03-00

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorized the General Manager to finalize easement document and execute and grant easement to SDG&E over APN 278-211-03-00.

M\S\IC MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR MINUS B.1.b.
(Zenovic/Hickle)

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


Recommendation: No staff recommendation.
Director Hickle and Director Lawler commented on a favorable yearend balance in operational expenses. General Manager Barnum explained how a drop in water sales affects expenses which is likely attributing to this outcome in addition to staff's efforts.

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MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2017
(Hickle/Wadlington)

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

President Ace called for a break at 3:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

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

C.1. Public Hearing - to Take Public Input on Adopting an Update to the Fire Mitigation Fee Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan

President Ace opened the public hearing at 3:07 p.m. Seeing no speakers, the hearing was closed at 3:08 p.m.

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 a Resolution Approving the Fire Mitigation Fee Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that after holding the public hearing and receiving public comments under agenda item C.1., the Board adopt the attached resolution to approve an updated Fire Mitigation Fee Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan.

After a brief introduction by the General Manager, CalFire Chief Lambert presented the agenda item and discussed the purpose of fire mitigation monies which can only be used when a project is necessitated by new development. Discussion followed.

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MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED FIRE MITIGATION FEE MULTI-YEAR FACILITIES PLAN (Zenovic/Lawler)
[Resolution No. 17-1520]

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Wadlington, Zenovic
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
F.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Legislative Code Chapter 4.04 - Purchasing System

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance, amending certain sections of Legislative Code Chapter 4.04 to improve purchasing efficiency.

General Manager Barnum discussed staff’s practice of periodically reviewing and updating sections of the District’s Legislative Code. Tim Clement, Administrative Services Manager, introduced the agenda item and briefly reviewed some of the changes being proposed and how the dollar amounts were decided on. Discussion followed regarding the processes and procedures being changed. Legal Counsel clarified that sometimes contract approvals within the General Manager’s purchasing authority are still brought forward at his discretion for Board input and approval.

M\S\IC MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE (Zenovic/Hickle)

Ordinance No. 17-450 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

F.3. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Entering into Agreement with CAL FIRE to Provide Fire Protection for Fiscal Years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

Recommendation: Fire Ad Hoc Committee and Staff respectfully recommend that the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing entry into a Cooperative Agreement with CAL FIRE to provide Fire Protection for Fiscal Years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

General Manager Barnum provided a history of the District’s relationship with CalFire for contract fire services and clarified the purpose of the agenda item. CalFire Chief Lambert reviewed the proposed contract terms and actual cost percentage to contract amount from previous years for budget purposes. President Ace discussed the input provided by the fire ad hoc committee for the proposed two-year contract.

M\S\IC MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO THE AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 - 2018 AND 2018 - 2019 (Ace/Lawler)

Discussion followed regarding funding of the contract and contract term amendments if needed.

Resolution No. 17-1521 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Ace, Lawler, Wadlington, Zenovic
NOES: Hickle
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
G. Closed Session – NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Ace called for a break at 4:15 p.m. The board entered closed session at 4:27 p.m.

G.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: 829 San Vicente Rd, 24462 San Vicente Rd, 3410 Dye Rd
Agency Negotiators: David Barnum, Jennifer Lyon, Richard Hannasch
Negotiating party: County of San Diego
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Closed session ended at 5:39 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

Director Zenovic asked the board to consider adding an agenda item for directors comments at a future meeting.

I.1. Date and Time for the Next Regular Meeting

September 12, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

President Ace adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ramona Municipal Water District at 5:41 p.m.

Adjourn

[Signature]

Thomas Ace, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT