MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
April 9, 2019

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

ABSENT
Bryan Wadlington  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 Robinson at 2:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, County of San Diego, State of California.

President Robinson 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 April 9, 2019

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED (Ace/Lawler)

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

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

Barry Willis addressed the board regarding his candidacy for a seat on the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission, Special District Advisory Committee.

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. Rate Stabilization Fund Refund – Presented by ACWA/JPIA

Recommendation: None

David Drake, on behalf of the District's insurance carrier ACWA/JPIA, presented a refund check to the District in the amount of $78,330 and spoke to the Board about the reasons for the returned premiums. General Manager Barnum reviewed the details of the pooled insurance program, highlighting lower costs and the benefit of improved efficiencies within the agency when risk is managed well. The Board complimented staff's efforts and encouraged management to recognize the employees for this accomplishment.

A.5.c.-2. Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements in Greater Detail

Recommendation: Information item only, no action required.

Chief Financial Officer Craig Schmollinger provided a comprehensive walkthrough of the District’s monthly financial reports. District Engineer Mike Metts and General Manager Barnum discussed the review process for District capital projects. Discussion followed regarding the information and trends presented in the financial reports.

B. Ministerial Items

Director Hickle recused himself from voting on the Consent Calendar due to a potential conflict of interest on Item B.1.c.

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 March 12, 2019

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for March 12, 2019.


Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

B.1.c. Authorization to Purchase a Standby Emergency Generator for the Robb Pump Station

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize the Purchasing Officer to execute a contract with Bay City Electric Works for the purchase of the generator.
MISIC  MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT CALENDAR (Ace/Lawler)

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

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
(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 to Continue Participation in the County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Fee Program

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

Chief Converse addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the Fire Mitigation Fee Program. General Manager Barnum thanked Chief Converse and the Ramona Fire Department.

MISIC  MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM (Lawler/Ace) [Resolution No. 19-1537]

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

F.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Review and Accept the Updated April 2019 Water System Infrastructure Facilities Plan

Recommendation: District staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors accept the updated 2019 Water Infrastructure Facilities Plan.

General Manager Barnum introduced a revised rolling 10-year water facilities plan, in which staff have reprioritized existing projects to more quickly address aging water infrastructure. District engineer, Ricardo Soto reviewed the plan in more detail, which included the radio-read meter replacement program; pump and motor efficiency program; aging pipeline (cast iron) replacement program; aging valve replacement program; storage tank and reservoir rehabilitation program; and pressure reducing valve rehabilitation program. Discussion followed regarding specific projects in the plan and research to be considered before moving forward on some.
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED APRIL 2019 WATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES PLAN (Ace/Hickle)

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

G. Remaining Agenda Items

G.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 reported.

H. Closing Agenda Items

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

May 14, 2019 - 2:00 p.m.

President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Adjourn

Jim Robinson, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT