MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
August 20, 2019

PRESENT
Jim Robinson President
Bryan Wadlinton Secretary
Thomas Ace Treasurer

ABSENT
Jim Hickle Vice President
Jeff Lawler Director

A. Opening of Meeting

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Special 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.

The business considered and transacted at the meeting was strictly limited to the following:

2. Public Comment on any Item Described in this Notice.

Cal Fire Chief Larry Converse introduced support staff for the Cal Fire San Diego Unit: Leslie Johnson, Administrative Officer and Julia Martony, Fire Prevention Specialist.

3. 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)

Item 3.b. was pulled from the consent calendar at the request of Director Ace.


Recommendation: No staff recommendation

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS AMENDED
(Ace/Wadlington)

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

3.b. Authorization to Enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Mercy Medical Transportation Service for Ambulance Services
Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve ratification of the attached Mutual Aid Agreement between RMWD/RFD and Mercy.

Director Ace requested this item be tabled to a future meeting. He noted that after discussing it with Staff, he still had further questions. He asserted he would update the Board with any new information received.

MOTION THAT ITEM 3.b. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BE TABLED TO A FUTURE MEETING (Ace/Wadlington)

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

4. Discussion and Possible Action for a Study of the District's Untreated Water System

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve completion of the Untreated Water System Concept Study to be brought back to the Board for further consideration.

General Manager Barnum and District Engineer Mike Metts presented a declining untreated water sales slide and discussed the concepts and possible outcomes of a study on the untreated water system.

Discussion followed regarding current recycled water use, state and District policy and potential recycled water use in the future once the study is complete.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Ace/Wadlington)

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

5. Discussion and Possible Action for Construction of Recycled Water Disposal Spray Fields for the San Vicente Water Reclamation Plant; and Finding the San Vicente Upper Spray Field Project Exempt from CEQA

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board find that the Project is exempt from CEQA and adopt the Notice of Exemption for the spray field area, approve its filing, and authorize the General Manager to advertise for bids from local contractors for construction of the San Vicente Recycled Water Upper Spray Field.

General Manager Barnum introduced the agenda item, discussing the reduced demand for recycled water and an increased need for effluent water disposal and storage options in the area due to changing weather patterns.
District Engineer Mike Metts presented a map of the current structures and the areas for proposed spray field development. He discussed details regarding the pump stations and power sources for operation of the new facility, and the overall benefits of the project. An estimated cost for construction of the project was stated as approximately $850,000.

Discussion followed regarding current reclaimed water storage, construction approaches and timelines, and future spray field development ideas.

Counsel clarified that there are two CEQA exemptions mentioned in the Notice of Exemption.

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MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FIND [ADOPT] THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION REGARDING THE CEQA REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE SPRAY FIELD (Wadlington/Ace)

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

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution to Amend the RMWD Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution to amend the FY 2019-20 budget.

General Manager Barnum introduced the agenda item restating the goals of the District and the budget methodology adopted by the Board. Chief Financial Officer Craig Schmollinger gave a comprehensive presentation on the proposed amended budget reflective of actions by the Board after July 2018, including updated facility plans, new rate and fee adoptions and other financial obligations.

General Manager Barnum and the Board thanked staff for their efforts and thorough explanation of the amended budget and District financials.

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MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 19/20 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF (Ace/Wadlington) [Resolution No. 19-1540]

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

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Entering into Agreement with CAL FIRE to Provide Fire Protection for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing entry into a Cooperative Agreement with CAL FIRE to provide Fire Protection for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
General Manager Barnum provided a history of the District’s relationship with Cal Fire for contract fire services and clarified the purpose of the agenda item. Cal Fire Chief Mecham reviewed the proposed contract terms in detail and pointed out changes from the previous year’s contract.

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MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH CAL FIRE TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION FOR FISCAL YEARS 19/20 AND 20/21 (Ace/Wadlington) [Resolution No. 19-1541]

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

President Robinson created a new fire ad hoc committee and appointed Director Ace and Director Wadlington for the purpose of reviewing existing fire/emergency service levels, equipment needs, funding options and making recommendations to the Board for long-term planning purposes.

8. Closed Session – NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Robinson adjourned the meeting for a break at 3:42 p.m.

The board entered closed session at 3:47 p.m.

8.a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)-(1 case)

8.b. 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 4:26 p.m. Counsel stated direction was given with no reportable action.

9. Adjourn

President Robinson adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ramona Municipal Water District at 4:27 p.m.

Adjourn

Jim Robinson, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT