MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
September 10, 2019

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

ABSENT
Jim Hickle              Vice President

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 September 10, 2019

MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM F.2. FROM THE AGENDA TO BE TABLED TO A FUTURE MEETING WHEN ALL FIVE BOARD MEMBERS ARE PRESENT (Lawler/Ace)

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

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

None.

A.5. Announcements and/or Informational Reports from Board and/or Staff

A.5.a. General Manager’s Report

General Manager Barnum gave a brief report regarding upcoming repairs on San Diego County Water Authority’s 2nd aqueduct pipeline four. During the repairs, the District will ensure water delivery by working in cooperation with the SDCWA; however, no changes or reductions in service are anticipated.
A.5.b. Committee Reports

Director Ace presented a short report relaying the details of the Fire Ad Hoc committee meeting held on August 28th, 2019, with a recommendation to bring forward the approval of item F.1., a Mutual Aid agreement between RMWD, CalFire and Mercy Medical Transport.

CalFire Chief Larry Converse then shared three recent successful emergency incidents in the community where the increased staffing previously adopted by the Board was critical to the outcome.

A.5.c.- Staff Reports

None.

B. Ministerial Items

Director Lawler requested to pull Item B.1.c. off the consent calendar.

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 July 9, 2019

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for July 9, 2019.

B.1.b. Adoption of the Special Board Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2019

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for July 9, 2019.


Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

B.1.e. Authorization to Award a Contract for Construction of the D Street and F Street Cast Iron Replacement Project

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract for construction of the D Street and F Street Cast Iron Replacement Project to Cass Construction Inc. dba Cass Arrieta.

B.1.f. Authorization to Award a Contract for Construction of the Ramona Pipeline Access Road Erosion Repair Project

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract for construction of the Ramona Pipeline Access Road Erosion Repair Project to Blue Pacific Engineering & Construction, Inc., which is exempt from CEQA under the previously filed Notice of Exemption under Class 1 (Sec. 15301) for existing facilities and Class 2 (Sec. 15302) for replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities or structures.
B.1.g. Authorization to Pre-Purchase Pumping Facilities for San Vicente Emergency Upper Spray Fields

**Recommendation:** Staff respectfully requests that the Board approve pre-purchase of the required pump station facilities and authorize the General Manager to execute purchase of these facilities.

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

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

B.1.c. Adoption of the Special Board Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2019

**Recommendation:** To adopt the Minutes for August 20, 2019.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM B.1.c. (Ace/Wadlington)

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

C. Public Hearing/Bid Openings

C.1. Public Hearing - To Take Public Input on Modifying the General Untreated Water Rates in the Water Service Area

After an introductory statement by legal counsel, President Robinson opened the public hearing at 2:09 p.m.

The following individual presented testimony in opposition of the rates and/or fees: Matthew Prickett. Seeing no other speakers, President Robinson closed the public hearing at 2:14 p.m.

President Robinson reported out that of approximately 179 parcels subject to the District’s general untreated water fees and charges, there were no written protests received by the District (no majority protest).

C.1.a Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance Modifying the District’s General Untreated Water Rates

**Recommendation:** Staff respectfully recommends that after holding the public hearing and receiving public comments under Agenda Item C.1., the Board approve the rate changes to be effective October 1, 2019 for year 1, and subsequent Year 2-5 increases effective annually on July 1 from 2020-2023, by adopting the attached ordinance.

General Manager Barnum provided a summary introduction of the agenda item.
Craig Schmollinger, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the item that included Proposition 218 requirements for adopting any new rates or fees, cost containment efficiencies, information on the District's general untreated water system, and staff recommendations to the Board of Directors. He reported that the original Proposition 218 rate recommendation included a clerical error and noted the previously published/posted rates were less than the 2019 Raftelis Cost of Service Study rates.

He explained that to correct the clerical error, the item needed to be brought back to the Board for their approval with a corrected Proposition 218 hearing notice, posted and published with the amended rates.

Director Lawler inquired about capital improvement costs and the proposed rate increase.

Director Wadlington asked for clarification of the decline of untreated water sales and how it relates to the proposed rate increase.

President Robinson commented on previous untreated water sales and associated challenges.

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE GENERAL UNTREATED WATER RATES AS PRESENTED IN ITEM C.1. (Ace/Wadlington) [Ordinance 19-458] by the following roll call vote:

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

C.2. Public Hearing - To Take Public Input on Adopting an Update to the Fire Mitigation Fee Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan

President Robinson opened the public hearing at 2:34 p.m.

Seeing no speakers, President Robinson closed the public hearing at 2:35 p.m.

C.2.a. 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.2., the Board adopt the attached Resolution to approve an updated Fire Mitigation Fee Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan.

General Manager Barnum briefly introduced the agenda item.

Cal Fire Chief Converse gave a presentation on the history, functions and parameters of the fire mitigation program.

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MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION (Ace/Lawler) [Resolution No. 19-1542]:
AYES: Ace, Lawler, Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Hickle

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 Authorize Entering into a Mutual Aid
Agreement with Mercy Medical Transportation Service for Ambulance Services

General Manager Barnum briefly introduced the agenda item and presented Cal Fire Chief Larry
Converse, who explained the background, expectations and necessity of the agreement.

Director Ace shared his initial concerns with the agreement and the Ad Hoc committee's subsequent
discussions with Cal Fire. He also discussed the benefits of partnering with Cal Fire and the San
Diego County Fire Authority.

Cal Fire Chief Tony Mecham added additional information on the importance of maintaining adequate
ambulance coverage and transport times in the event of an emergency, particularly in outlying areas of
Ramona, and their intent to closely monitor and provide backup when needed.

Recommendation: The Fire Ad Hoc Committee and Staff respectfully recommend that
the Board approve ratification of the attached Mutual Aid Agreement between
RMWD/RFD and Mercy.

MISIC MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE ONE-YEAR
CONTRACT (Wadlington/Lawler)

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

G. Closed Session – NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The board entered closed session at 2:52 p.m.

G.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government: Code section 54956.9(d)(2)-(1 case)
Existing facts and circumstances pursuant to Government Code section
54956.9(e)(1)
G.2. 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 3:56 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that direction was given with no reportable action 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.

None reported.

I. Closing Agenda Items

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

October 8, 2019 - 2:00 p.m.

President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Adjourn

Jim Robinson, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT