MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
February 11, 2020

PRESENT
Jim Robinson        President
Bryan Wadlington   Vice President
Thomas Ace          Treasurer
Jim Hickle          Director

ABSENT
Jeff Lawler         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 February 11, 2020

M/SIC MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED  (Hickle/Ace)

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

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 about the completion of slurry and stripe renovations of the parking lot at the Ramona Senior Center.

A.5.b.  Committee Reports

None.
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)

B.1.a. Adoption of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2020

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for January 14, 2020.


Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

M\S\1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED (Ace/)

Director Wadlington requested that Item B.1.a. be pulled for modification.

M\S\1 MOTION TO ACCEPT ITEM B.1.b (Ace/Hickle)

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

M\S\1 MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WITH THE MODIFICATIONS (Wadlington/Ace)

Director Wadlington inquired on the subject of Director Lawler's presence at the beginning of the previous board meeting citing a correction was needed to the meeting minutes. After Board and staff discussion it was determined that the minutes were correct, and no modification was required. Director Wadlington withdrew the motion.

M\S\1 MOTION TO ACCEPT B.1.a. AS WRITTEN (Hickle/Wadlington)

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

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. Information Item for Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends the Board accept the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019.

General Manager Barnum spoke briefly on the item and introduced Craig Schmollinger, Chief Financial Officer, who gave a detailed presentation on the content of the annual audit. He described the factors that were taken into consideration to create the report that ensure the finances of the District are accurately presented and provide a level of transparency to rate payers, customers and lenders. He thanked staff for their excellent and consistent approach towards observing accounting principles.

Board discussion followed. Director Hickle congratulated staff. Director Ace commented on the District’s financial investments.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Hickle/Ace)

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

F.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Proposition 218 Notice for Untreated Water Pumping Rates and to Set a Date for a Public Hearing:

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board:

1. Authorize sending out the Notice to affected property owners, and
2. Set a date for the Proposition 218 public hearing on April 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Matthew Prickett addressed the Board concerning the proposed rate increases.

General Manager Barnum provided a brief overview of Proposition 218 requirements and highlighted historical investments made by the current and previous Board of Directors that resulted in a second pumping rate reduction for the majority of the District’s customers in less than a year.

Craig Schmollinger, Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief presentation providing an overview of Proposition 218 that included details of the components on the proposed pumping rates.

Discussion followed. Director Hickle inquired about rates, fees and Proposition 218 rules.  
Director Wadlington posed a question about alternative proposals to rate & fee increases.
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MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE FOR UNTREATED WATER PUMPING RATES AND SET A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 14, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M. (Ace/Hickle)

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

G. Closed Session – NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Robinson adjourned the meeting for a break at 3:06 p.m.

The board entered closed session at 3:10 p.m.

G.1. 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

G.2. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
(1 case) Existing facts and circumstances pursuant to Govt Code Section
54956.9(e)(1)

Closed session ended at 5:39 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

March 10, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Adjourn

Jim Robinson, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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