MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
March 10, 2020

PRESENT
Jim Robinson  President
Bryan Wadlington  Vice President
Thomas Ace  Treasurer
Jeff Lawler  Secretary
Jim Hickle  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 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 March 10, 2020

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

AYES:  Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Robinson, Wadlington
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

None.

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

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)

Director Lawler requested that Item B.1.a. be pulled from the consent calendar noting that he was not present at the Board Meeting on February 11, 2020.


Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

M/S/C MOTION TO ADOPT ITEM B.1.b ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (Ace/ Wadlington)

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

B.1.a. Adoption of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2020

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for February 11, 2020.

M/S/C MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM B.1.a ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (Ace/Hickle)

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

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 Related to the District’s Untreated Water System

Recommendation: District staff respectfully recommends the Board accept the Untreated Water System Evaluation and authorize the General Manager to implement Phases 1 through 3 of the defined implementation plan.

Gary Hurst spoke to the Board concerning the untreated water system.

General Manager Barnum provided a summary of the history and components of the untreated water system and introduced District Engineer Mike Metts to present the results of the Untreated Water System Study that the Board authorized in August 2019. District Engineer Metts presented details of the cost, maintenance and function of the system and the amount of active and inactive meters. A history of the purchase of untreated water was given, as well as the comprehensive alternatives evaluated to address the untreated water system challenges, with the recommended actions highlighted for the Board’s consideration. Chief Financial Officer Craig Schmollinger detailed historical and current financial details of the system with a future calculation of cost savings for the District and its customers. Discussion followed regarding storage tanks, emergency water necessity, and potential cost savings to customers and the District.

MISC

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE DISTRICT’S UNTREATED WATER SYSTEM FOR PHASES 1 THRU 3 (Hickle/Lawler)

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

F.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Ordinance 20-461 Amending the District’s Legislative Code Section 5.20.085 to Revise the Appeal Process

Recommendation: District staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt Ordinance 20-461 amending the District’s Legislative Code Chapter 5.20.085 relating to Fire Protection Service Charge Appeals.

General Barnum provided a brief overview of the item. Chief Financial Officer Craig Schmollinger gave a presentation of the history of the tax and services it provides. He explained the proposed action would amend the current legislative code to be consistent with other appeal processes for District services. Discussion followed.

MISC

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-461 AMENDING THE DISTRICTS LEGISLATIVE CODE CHAPTER 5.20.085 RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE CHARGE APPEAL (Ace/Hickle)

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

The board entered closed session at 3:25 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 4:19 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

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

President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Adjourn

Jim Robinson, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT