

MINUTES

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

Chris Burt	Kinneloa Irrigation District East Pasadena Water Company Huntington Library and Art Gallery
Jennifer Betancourt Torres (A)	Lincoln Avenue Water Company La Canada Irrigation District Las Flores Water Company Pasadena Cemetery Association Valley Water Company
Jim Prior	San Gabriel County Water District
Jose Reynoso	City of Sierra Madre
Tom Tait	City of Arcadia
Gary Takara	City of Pasadena
Jessica Taylor	California-American Water Company
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

William Kimberling	Lincoln Avenue Water Company La Canada Irrigation District Las Flores Water Company Pasadena Cemetery Association Valley Water Company
Martin Ray	City of Alhambra
Ken Tchong	Sunny Slope Water Company

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Boman	City of Pasadena
Tim Brick	Arroyo Seco Foundation
Paul Cranmer	City of Arcadia
Armando De La Paz	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association
Bob Fan	Valley Water Company
Casey Feilen	San Gabriel County Water District
Garry Hofer	California-American Water Company
Nina Jazmadarian	Foothill Municipal Water District
Ken Kules	Pasadena Resident
Melvin Matthews	Kinneloa Irrigation District
Morey Wolfson	Pasadena Environmental Advisory Commission

STAFF PRESENT

Lupe Artis	Raymond Basin Management Board
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Lauren Augino
Kelly Gardner
Steve Johnson
Ana Mata
Jenny Savron
Tony Zampiello

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1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as a precaution to protect both staff, its constituents, and elected officials, a regular meeting of the Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) was duly and regularly held via Zoom Meeting (web-based video conferencing), on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Chair. It was determined that a quorum was present. Self-introductions were held and no additions to the agenda or public comments were offered.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Prior, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. REPORT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

None

3. TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Tom Tait reported that, as of September 30, 2020, the RBMB has collected \$612,000 in Assessments and \$270 in Long-Term Storage. All Assessments, and Long-Term Storage Program Revenue has been collected for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21. He added that, as of September 30, 2020, the RBMB has spent \$561,000 (which includes Title 22, and Salvage Credit Reimbursable Expenditures), and currently has a balance of \$19,600 in Receivables and \$3,276,700 in available cash. Reserve Funds available for groundwater recharge projects is \$2,468,000.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, asked for any questions of Treasurer Tait, and with none offered, ordered the financial statement for quarter ending September 30, 2020 received and filed.

4. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Tait reported that the Committee met on September 24, 2020 to review the Audit of Financial Statements for FY 2019-2020 and consideration of a 2-year budget and mid-year assessment review, and deferred reporting to the Executive Officer. Mr. Tony Zampiello, Executive Officer, referred to distributed copies of the 2019-20 Financial Audits. He stated that the RBMB received a clear, unqualified audit from the firm of

Egan and Egan, Certified Public Accountants, confirming that RBMB's financial statements are in compliance with standard accounting principles and procedures. Mr. Zampiello discussed specific aspects of the audited budget versus costs, including contributions to reserves and the In-lieu program with the City of Pasadena, and stated that the Audit was presented to the Executive Committee earlier in the day.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, asked for any questions, and with none offered, ordered the Financial Audits for 2019-20 received and filed.

5. PUMPING & STORAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Takara reported that the Committee met on September 1, 2020, and discussed the PFOA/PFOS regulations, basin production for 2019-20 and the City of Sierra Madre Annual Spreading Report. He added that the Committee also discussed including additional well data in the Annual Report.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, referred to the written Committee report included in the Board agenda packet and stated that the Committee met on September 24, 2020, and reviewed a draft of today's Board agenda, along with the 2019-20 Financial Audit. She additionally stated that the Committee discussed the current remote meeting requirements and the distribution of the Annual Report.

7. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF "WATERMASTER SERVICE IN THE RAYMOND BASIN" FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20.

Mr. Tony Zampiello stated that the annual report was delivered to all Parties in accordance with the Judgment on August 31, 2020. He noted that a few comments had been received and incorporated into the final report. Mr. Zampiello stated that the report available in hard copy and has been posted to the RBMB website.

On motion made by Director Takara, seconded by Director Tait, and unanimously carried, the annual report of "Watermaster Service in the Raymond Basin" for FY 2019-20 was adopted.

8. REVIEW OF ANNUAL SPREADING REPORT FOR THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

Mr. Zampiello reported that this is an annual review of the City of Sierra Madre program that spreads imported MWD water into the Santa Anita Subarea for groundwater recharge. He reported that the City of Sierra Madre continued its replenishment deliveries during FY 2019-20, noting that the deliveries are having a beneficial impact by allowing the City of Sierra Madre and the City of Arcadia to pump from the Santa Anita Subarea.

Mr. Johnson referred to the staff report and provided an overview of the program. He stated that at the completion of each year, the City of Sierra Madre will compile the data collected, including data by SMAART and the City of Arcadia, into a report. He stated that the City of Sierra Madre delivered MWD treated the City resumed deliveries on June 15, 2020 and continued to the end of FY 2019-20.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, asked for any questions, and with none offered, ordered the Annual Spreading Report for the City of Sierra Madre received and filed.

9. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR CITY OF PASADENA'S APPLICATION TO DESTROY ITS GARFIELD WELL AND APPLICATION TO DRILL REPLACEMENT GARFIELD WELL

Mr. Zampiello reported that the City of Pasadena has submitted an application for destruction of its Garfield Well and an application to drill replacement Garfield Well.

The Garfield Well is located in the Pasadena Subarea of the Raymond Basin and has been out of service since about 2015. He stated that it was constructed in 1921 to a depth of 720 below ground surface (bgs) and perforated intermittently from 192 feet to 629 feet bgs. The historical pumping capacity was about 1,400 gallons per minute (gpm).

The replacement Garfield Well will be constructed to replace the existing Garfield Well to improve Pasadena's water supply reliability and as a redundant source of groundwater supply. It is planned to be drilled to a depth of 880 feet bgs with a proposed pumping capacity of 1,500 gpm. He added that the replacement well will not have any impact on water levels and pumping capabilities of other active wells in the vicinity.

The RBMB staff has reviewed the City of Pasadena's proposal to destroy its Garfield Well and drill replacement Garfield Well according to the RBMB Well Guidelines and determined that it's in compliance.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Burt, with Director Takara abstaining, and unanimously carried, the applications submitted by the City of Pasadena to destroy its Garfield Well and drill replacement Garfield Well were approved.

10. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer, referred to the written Engineers Report included in the agenda packet, highlighting hydrologic conditions and information by subarea on rainfall, well levels, production records and spreading.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, asked for any questions of Mr. Johnson, and with none offered, ordered the report received and filed.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer, Mr. Zampello, thanked Ms. Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer, for her leadership and coordination in preparing the 2019-20 Annual Report.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, also thanked Ms. Gardner and RBMB staff for their continued efforts during these unforeseen circumstances – COVID-19.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, referred to the items included in the agenda packet.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Director Burt, seconded by Director Tait, and unanimously carried, adjourning to the next Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Chair

Attest:

Jose Reynoso, Secretary