

MINUTES

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Boman	City of Pasadena
John Corona	City of Arcadia
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
Ken Kules	Pasadena Resident
Melvin Matthews	Kinneloa Irrigation District
Morey Wolfson	Pasadena Environmental Advisory Commission

STAFF PRESENT

Lauren Augino	Raymond Basin Management Board
Kelly Gardner	Raymond Basin Management Board

Steve Johnson
Ana Mata
Tony Zampello

Stetson Engineers
Raymond Basin Management Board
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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 was duly and regularly held via Zoom Meeting (web-based video conferencing), on Wednesday, July 15, 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.

Director Burt stated that a correction is required due to a typographical error made in the Executive Committee Report. Staff acknowledged and will make the correction as necessary.

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

2. REPORT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Ms. Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer, stated that an update on the Devil's Gate Restoration Project was anticipated by the Los Angeles County of Public Works; however, due to the meeting being held via Zoom Meeting, an update was provided in advance to the Board of Directors via email.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

Director Tait, Treasurer, reported that, as of June 30, 2020, the Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) has collected \$612,000 in Assessments and \$506 in Long-Term Storage. All Assessments and Long-Term Storage Program Revenue has been collected for fiscal year 2019-20. He added that, as of June 30, 2019, the RBMB has spent \$699,000 (which includes Title 22, and Salvage Credit Reimbursable Expenditures), and currently has a balance of \$25,100 in Receivables and \$3,848,200 in available cash. Reserved Funds available for groundwater recharge projects are \$2,594,000.

Chair Yamashita-Lopez asked for any questions of Director Tait, and with none offered, on motion by Director Burt, seconded by Director Reynoso, and unanimously carried, ordered the financial statement for quarter ending June 30, 2020 received and filed.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Burt referred to the written Committee report included in the Board packet and stated that the Committee met on June 18, 2020 and discussed several items including reviewing a draft of today's Board agenda, the Sierra Madre Annual Spreading Report, and the Pasadena Subarea In-Lieu Program.

5. PUMPING AND STORAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Takara referred to the written Committee report included in the Board packet and stated that the Committee met on July 7, 2020 and discussions included the Pasadena Subarea In-Lieu Program, Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) Regulations and the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project – Environmental Impact Report.

6. EVALUATION OF SANTA ANITA SUBAREA GROUNDWATER PUMPING "500-FOOT RULE"

The Executive Officer, Mr. Tony Zampiendo, reported that this is an annual review of the groundwater levels within the East Raymond Basin - Santa Anita Subarea, that influences water production.

Mr. Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineers, referred to the staff report included in the agenda packet. He provided an overview on groundwater pumping and levels.

He stated that it is staff's recommendation to continue supporting the cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre in their efforts to manage groundwater levels in the Santa Anita Subarea, and groundwater pumping continue to be reduced, consistent with the Judgment.

On motion made by Director Burt, seconded by Director Tait, and unanimously carried, the Santa Anita Subarea Groundwater Pumping "500-Foot Rule," be received and filed.

7. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY OF SIERRA MADRE'S IMPORTED WATER SPREADING PROGRAM

Director Reynoso 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 then provided a Basin overview on the status of the program and groundwater levels.

8. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER

Executive Officer, Mr. Zampiendo, stated that this is a routine matter reviewed this time each year regarding the Board's consideration to renew its contract for Administrative Services with the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster. He referred to the complete agreement in the Board packet and stated that it is the same basic agreement as last year. The expenditure was included in

the adopted budget in April 2020, and there is no requirement to change the budget, nor is there a change in staff level.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Prior and unanimously carried, the Raymond Basin Management Board authorized the renewal of the Administrative Services Agreement with Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster for FY 2020-21.

9. REPORTS AND RESULTS OF METER TESTING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCESS APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS

The Executive Officer, Mr. Zampiendo, stated that this is a routine matter reviewed this time each year and referred to reports provided relative to the results of the meter testing. Ms. Gardner thanked all parties for submitting their information, noting that as of July 8, 2020, Pasadena Cemetery and the City of Pasadena had test data pending and have since been resolved. She added that to date, no parties were found to be outside of the acceptable 5% operating range.

Chair Yamashita-Lopez asked for a motion to authorize staff to prepare the appropriate adjustments.

On motion made by Director Burt, seconded by Director Reynoso, and unanimously carried, the changes and appropriate adjustments to the production reports were authorized and the meter results approved to be processed for the Raymond Basin Annual Report.

10. ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Chair Yamashita-Lopez asked for any questions of Mr. Johnson, and with none offered, on motion made by Director Reynoso, seconded by Director Tait, and unanimously carried, the report was approved.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Executive Officer, Mr. Zampiendo, reported that the in-lieu program has been offered to the other Pasadena Subarea producers regarding their ability and interest in participating, noting that California American Water Company has expressed interest.

Additionally, Mr. Zampiendo provided an update on the budget and the Committee's request to evaluate the Apportionment of Budget Among Parties, noting that the goal is to have a budget review in January 2021.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Yamashita-Lopez referred to the items included in the agenda packet, noting that the groundwater production summary, transfer and leases and meter testing summary was provided in advance of the Board meeting.

Related to the 2020-2022 RBMB Committee Lists, Ms. Gardner asked that the RBMB review contacts relative to their agencies and submit any changes. Following a brief discussion and on Director Burt's recommendation, Ms. Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer, will be added to the Executive Committee.

On motion by Director Burt, seconded by Director Takara, and unanimously carried, ordered the Information Items be received and filed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question by Director Takara regarding the 2019-2020 RBMB Annual Report, Ms. Gardner stated that a draft of the report will be emailed to all Parties on September 1, 2020 for their review and comments in advance of coordinating printing and distribution at the October Board Meeting.

Mr. Zampielo thanked the RBMB Officers for serving during the 2018-2020 term and recognized the incoming RBMB Officers for the two-year term of 2020-2022:

- Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Chair
- Gary Takara, Vice Chair
- Jose Reynoso, Secretary
- Tom Tait, Treasurer

Chair Yamashita-Lopez also thanked the RBMB Officers for their service during the 2018-2020 term.


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, October 21, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.



Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Chair

Attest:



Jose Reynoso, Secretary