

MINUTES

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

Dennis Ahlen	City of Alhambra
Justin Bailey	Lincoln Avenue Water Company La Canada Irrigation District Las Flores Water Company Pasadena Cemetery Association Valley Water Company
Chris Burt	Kinneloa Irrigation District Huntington Library and Art Gallery
John Corona (A)	City of Arcadia
Armando De La Paz (A)	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association
Jim Prior	San Gabriel County Water District
Jose Reynoso	City of Sierra Madre
Gary Takara (A)	City of Pasadena
Jessica Taylor	California American Water Company
Ken Tcheng	Sunny Slope Water Company

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Cranmer	City of Arcadia
Stacie Takeguchi	City of Pasadena
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez	Rubio Canon Land and Water Association

OTHERS PRESENT

Larry Duncan	Lincoln Avenue Water Company
Casey Feilen	San Gabriel County Water District
William Kimberling	Las Flores Water Company
Natalie Ouwersloot	Foothill Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Lauren Augino	Raymond Basin Management Board
Kelly Gardner	Raymond Basin Management Board
Steve Johnson	Stetson Engineers
Ana Mata	Raymond Basin Management Board
Jenny Savron	Stetson Engineers
Jackie Tsao	Raymond Basin Management Board
Anthony Zampello	Raymond Basin Management Board

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

A regular meeting of the Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) was duly and regularly held in the Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the City of Azusa Light and Water Administration Facility located at 729 North Azusa Avenue, in the City of

Azusa, County of Los Angeles, State of California 91702 on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jose Reynoso. It was determined that a quorum was present, and he led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions were held and no additions to the agenda or public comments were offered.

On motion made by Director Ken Tcheng, seconded by Alternate Gary Takara, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the April 17, 2024, meeting were approved as amended.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING, AND INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED BY ANTHONY C. ZAMPIELLO FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE (RESOLUTION NO. 58-0724)

Chair Reynoso stated that a Resolution has been prepared expressing appreciation, commemorating, and inviting public attention to the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Anthony C. Zampiello upon the occasion of his retirement. He served as Executive Officer for the RBMB from January 8, 2003 to December 31, 2022, amassing nearly 20 years of leadership.

On motion made by Director Chris Burt, seconded by Director Jim Prior, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was read, adopted and passed as read:

RESOLUTION NO. 58-0724

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THE RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, COMMEMORATING, AND INVITING PUBLIC  
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### TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Gary Takara, reported that, as of June 30, 2024, the RBMB has collected \$918,700 in Assessments and \$400 in Long-Term Storage. All Assessments and Long-Term Storage Program Revenue has been collected for fiscal year 2023-24. He added that, as of June 30, 2024, the RBMB has spent \$1,312,000 (which includes Monk Hill Subarea In-Lieu Program, Title 22, and Salvage Credit Reimbursable Expenditures), and currently has a balance of \$50,000 in Receivables and \$5,125,000 in available cash. Reserved Funds available for groundwater recharge projects are \$3,146,000.

Chair Reynoso asked for any questions, and with none offered, on motion by Chair Reynoso, seconded by Director Burt, and unanimously carried, ordered the financial statement for quarter ending June 30, 2024 received and filed.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Reynoso reported that the Executive Committee met on June 20, 2024 and discussed a few items, one of which requires Board action. The Committee discussed today's agenda, the annual Sierra Madre Spreading Report, Spreading/Diversion Metering.

### Consideration and Approval of Weck Laboratory Contract with Watermaster

Mrs. Kelly Gardner, Executive Officer, reported that as part of the RBMB contract with the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, RBMB benefits from economies of scales for certain programs, such as the Title 22 water quality sampling. At its June 5, 2024 meeting, the Watermaster Board approved a two-year agreement with Weck Laboratory, noting a 5-8% increase on routine sampling. The same terms are extended to RBMB, and staff recommends approval.

On motion made by Director Prior, seconded by Director Burt, and unanimously carried, the RBMB approved the Weck Laboratory Contract for a two-year term.

### PUMPING AND STORAGE & TECHNICAL ADVISORY CCOMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Reynoso reported that the Pumping and Storage Committee met jointly with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on May 16, 2024 and referenced the staff report included in the Board packet, stating that the discussion included the Monk Hill Short-Term Storage Concept, and tasks and timeline for the Raymond Basin 3D Model updates.

### AD HOC SHORT-TERM STORAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Gardner reported that the Ad Hoc Short-Term Storage Committee (STS) met on June 20, 2024 and referenced the staff report included in the Board, stating that the discussion included a brief overview of the discussions that led to the creation of the Ad Hoc STS Committee. The Committee discussed the objectives of the Committee and short-term storage concept, noting that discussions will continue at the TAC meetings.

CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE WASHINGTON PARK MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mrs. Gardner provided a brief update on the bidding process for construction of the second of three planned monitoring wells. Staff is working collaboratively with the City of Pasadena on permitting and noticing requirements.

Following a discussion on bids received, staff recommends scheduling a Special Board of Directors Meeting to consider awarding the contract for the Washington Park Monitoring Well Construction Project.

RUBIO CAÑON LAND AND WATER ASSOCIATION'S MONK HILL PUMPING REDUCTION PLAN EXEMPTION QUARTERLY UPDATE

Mrs. Gardner referred to Director Lisa Yamashita-Lopez' written report included in the Board packet.

On motion made by Chair Reynoso, seconded by Director Burt, and unanimously carried, Rubio Canon Land and Water Association's Monk Hill Pumping Reduction Plan Exemption Quarterly Update, was received and filed.

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

Mr. Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer, Stetson Engineers, reported that this is an annual review of the City of Serra 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.

On motion made by Director Burt, seconded by Director Justin Bailey, and unanimously carried, the Annual Review of City of Sierra Madre's Imported Water Spreading Program, was received and filed.

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

Mrs. Lauren Augino, Water Resources Analyst II, 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.

Chair Reynoso asked for a motion to authorize staff to prepare the appropriate adjustments.

On motion made by Chair Reynoso, seconded by Director Burt, 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.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Chair Reynoso asked for any questions of Mr. Johnson, and with none offered, ordered the Engineer's Report received and filed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mrs. Gardner referred to the report on outside activities included in the Board packet. She highlighted the installation of RBMB Board members for Fiscal Years 2024-26 as follows:

Jose Reynoso, <i>Chair</i>	City of Sierra Madre
Chris Burt, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Kinneloa Irrigation District
Paul Cranmer, <i>Secretary</i>	City of Arcadia
Stacie Takeguchi, <i>Treasurer</i>	City of Pasadena
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, <i>Member at Large</i>	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association
Dennis Ahlen	City of Alhambra
Justin Bailey	La Canada Irrigation District
Jim Prior	San Gabriel County Water District
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She also provided a brief update on the Strategic Planning Meeting process, stating that new dates will be offered for consideration and scheduling.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Gardner 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.

On motion made by Chair Reynoso, seconded by Director Tcheng, and unanimously carried, the information items were noted, and received and filed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Director Jim Prior, seconded by Director Jessica Taylor, and unanimously carried, adjourning to the next Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

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Jose Reynoso, Chair

Attest:

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Paul Cranmer, Secretary