

MINUTES

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

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| 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

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| Chris Burt | Kinneloa Irrigation District East Pasadena Water Company Huntington Library and Art Gallery |
| 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

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| Tim Brick | Arroyo Seco Foundation |
| Paul Cranmer | City of Arcadia |
| Garry Hofer | California American Water Company |
| Nina Jazmadarian | Foothill Municipal Water District |
| Ken Kules | Pasadena Resident |
| Matt Lasecki | California American Water |
| Melvin Matthews | Kinneloa Irrigation District |
| Natalie Ouwersloot | City of Pasadena |
| Morey Wolfson | Pasadena Environmental Advisory Commission |

STAFF PRESENT

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| Lupe Artis | Raymond Basin Management Board |
| Lauren Augino | Raymond Basin Management Board |
| Kelly Gardner | Raymond Basin Management Board |

Steve Johnson
Ana Mata
Jenny Savron
Anthony Zampello

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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, April 21, 2021 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 and no additions to the agenda or public comments were offered.

Self-introductions were made by Mr. Tim Brick, Arroyo Seco Foundation; Mr. Morey Wolfson, Pasadena Environmental Advisory Commission, and Mr. Ken Kules, Pasadena Resident.

On motion made by Director Reynoso, seconded by Director Tait, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting were approved.

2. REPORT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

None

3. TREASURERS REPORT

Director Tait, Treasurer, reported that, as of March 31, 2021, 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 2020-21. He added that, as of March 31, 2021, the RBMB has spent \$776,000 (which includes Title 22, and Salvage Credit Reimbursable Expenditures), and currently has a balance of \$8,000 in Receivables and \$3,095,000 in available cash. Reserved Funds available for groundwater recharge projects are \$2,490,000.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, asked for any questions of Director Tait, and with none offered, ordered the financial statement for quarter ending March 31, 2021 received and filed.

4. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT AND APPROPRIATE ACTION

Director Tait, Treasurer, referred to the staff report included in the Board packet. He stated that the Finance and Administration Committee met on April 12, 2021, and reviewed the RBMB's 2021-22 Budget and Assessment proposal; and is now recommending this budget to the full Board for approval. He reported that the proposed budget for FY 2021-22 was

included in each Board Member's packet along with a spreadsheet showing the apportionment of the tentative budget among the Basin Parties.

Director Tait stated that the Committee recommends an increase in the assessment from \$20.00 per acre-foot to \$30.00 per acre-foot. He added that the purpose for the increase is intended to provide greater flexibility in funding projects and programs to improve Basin levels.

He further explained that there is an option for consideration and approval for RBMB to invoice the entire assessment due by May 31, 2021, with an option to pay in full, the \$30.00 assessment, or pay the \$20.00 assessment by May 31, 2021 followed by the balance of \$10.00 per acre-foot by January 31, 2022. This deferment is a one-time only option and Producer's should plan accordingly for single payment due dates in May of each year going forward.

An-depth discussion followed related to the payment option related to the calendar year vs. fiscal year budget cycles.

At the request of Chair Yamashita-Lopez, Mr. Zampello provided a brief snapshot of the budget items.

Item i: On motion made by Director Prior, seconded by Director Takara, and unanimously carried, the 2021-22 Proposed Tentative General Budget was approved.

Item ii: On motion made by Director Prior, seconded by Director Reynoso, and unanimously carried, the 2021-22 Apportionment of Budget Among Parties was approved.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, reported that the Committee met on April 12, 2021, and discussed several items, including the 2021-22 Budget Activities, the upcoming 2020-21 financial audit, and the agenda for the April Board Meeting. RBMB Staff has received a bid for auditing services from Egan & Egan, and following a discussion, the Committee agreed to present their recommendation to the Board to continue audit work with Egan & Egan.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Reynoso, and unanimously carried, the Board approved renewing financial auditing services with Egan & Egan and authorizing them to prepare the 2020-21 Financial Audit.

6. PUMPING AND STORAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Takara reported that the Committee met on April 6, 2021 and the discussion included a review of the mid-year budget, potential in-lieu opportunities, basin management plan (water levels and inputs), and an update regarding Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl/Perfluorooctanoic.

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM STORAGE POLICY ITEMS

Mr. Anthony Zampielo, Executive Officer, stated that this item is routine in nature and that the policy requires that it be heard at this meeting, each year. He stated that each item should be voted on independently, and that there are no changes recommended from last year.

Item A: The Executive Officer stated that it is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file the Monk Hill Party pumping schedules pursuant to the established Long-Term Storage Accounts.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Prior, and unanimously carried, Item A was approved.

Item B: The Executive Officer stated that the recommendation is to approve the Determination of Administrative Charge per acre-foot for 2021-22 as \$1.50/AF.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Prior, and unanimously carried, Item B was approved.

Item C: The Executive Officer requested approval for the determination of percentage loss of stored water applicable to 2021-22, and be set at 1%.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Prior, and unanimously carried, Item C was approved.

8. REVIEW CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT DANFORD WELL

Mr. Steve Johnson, Consulting Engineer, referenced the staff report included in the board packet, reporting on the California American Water Company's (CAWC) proposed Danford Well in the Pasadena Subarea of the Raymond Basin. The proposed location is located approximately 350 feet east of the intersection of South Santa Anita Avenue and Robles Avenue in the City of San Marino, and 6,900 south of the old Lamanda Well. It is intended to replace the old Lamanda Well which has been destroyed and not been replaced. The proposed Danford Well will be drilled to a depth of 1,000 feet below ground surface with a pumping capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute.

The RBMB staff has confirmed with CAWC that the proposed Danford Well will be constructed in compliance with County and State guidelines and requirements including the California Department of Water Resources standards for the construction of a water well, along with guidelines from the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water.

Following a discussion related to the concerns expressed by the San Gabriel County Water District (SGCWD), that there may be “well influence” by the planned CAWC Danford Well with the existing SGCWD Well No. 16; a consensus was reached for CAWC and SGCWD to reach agreement and/or adopt a Resolution by their respective board of directors outlining the cooperation and terms related to the operations of both wells, CAWC Danford Well and SGCWD Well No. 16. Additionally, CAWC will comply with the adopted RBMB Rules and Regulations following the completion of the proposed Danford Well.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, asked for any questions of Mr. Johnson, and with none offered, on motion by Director Tait, seconded by Director Takara, ordered the evaluation staff report on the construction of California American Water Company’s Danford Well received and filed.

9. ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Johnson, 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.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Prior, and unanimously carried, adjourning to the next Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 2:30 p.m.

Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Chair

Attest:

Jose Reynoso, Secretary