

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
March 10, 2015**

**PRESENT**

Darrell Beck	President
Joe Zenovic	Vice President
George Foote	Secretary
Arnie Cares	Treasurer (absent)
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 Beck at 2:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, County of San Diego, State of California.

President Beck 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, 2015**

Director Zenovic requested to amend the agenda and move Item G.3 to before G.2.

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2015 (Zenovic/Foote)**

AYES:	Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Cares

**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**

General Manager Barnum provided an overview of the current 4-year drought. He anticipates action by the State Water Project, Metropolitan Water District, and San Diego County Water

Authority resulting in mandatory cutbacks of water allocations effective mid-summer 2015. The cutback percentage is undetermined at this time, but should be announced by the end of this month. The RMWD has established codified drought response levels to respond to this situation.

The Water Authority is working on their upcoming fiscal year budget and will be announcing their water rates in the near future, reported Mr. Barnum. He anticipates holding a district budget workshop with a preliminary budget schedule to be presented at the April board meeting. A second budget workshop will be held in May in preparation of the mailing of the required Proposition 218 letter regarding local water rates.

Mr. Barnum advised the Board of a news release by the California Department of Water Resources, available to the Board and the public, concerning the state's current drought conditions.

#### **A.5.b. Committee Reports**

Director Zenovic reported a meeting of the Santa Maria Recycled Water & Plant Upgrade Committee.

President Beck reported a meeting of the San Vicente Recycled Water & Plant Upgrade Committee.

#### **A.5.c. Staff Reports**

None.

### **B. Ministerial Items**

Director Foote pulled item B.1.c.

#### **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)

##### **B.1.a. Adoption of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015**

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for February 10, 2015.

##### **B.1.b. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports – January 2015**

Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

#### **MISC MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMAINDER OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR (Zenovic/Foote)**

AYES: Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Cares

**B.1.c. Information Regarding Approved Contract for Geotechnical Investigation for the San Vicente Water Reclamation Plant Pond No. 1 Rehabilitation Project**

Recommendation: None. For informational purposes only.

Director Foote requested more information.

Ricardo Soto with Dudek Engineering explained there are two areas of seepage at the pond. Staff is researching alternatives to select the best solution to allow maximum pond storage.

**MISC MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM B.1.c. (Zenovic/Foote)**

AYES: Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Cares

**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 to Adopt a Resolution to Continue Participation in the County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Fee Program**

Recommendation: It is respectfully recommended that the Board adopt the attached Resolution to continue RMWD's participation in the Fire Mitigation Fee Program.

Steve Foster, Battalion Chief/Ramona Fire Marshal, Cal Fire, recapped the benefits of continued participation in this program.

**MISC MOTION TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Hickle/Foote)**

AYES: Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Cares

**F.2. Discussion and Possible Action for District Support of Community Development Block Grant Application and Commitment to Provide Matching Funds**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends the Board approve the request for a commitment letter to the County of San Diego Department of Housing to provide 5% cost of the Ramona Senior Center Kitchen Flooring Project.

Tim Clement, Human Resources Manager outlined the 95% grant funding provided by the County of San Diego. The District has been requested to write a commitment letter to provide funding for the remaining 5% of the project cost which is \$2,412.00.

**MISC MOTION TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Foote/Hickle)**

AYES: Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Cares

**F.3. Discussion and Possible Action to Establish a Water Service Ad Hoc Committee**

Recommendation: None.

Mr. Barnum outlined the need to establish a Water Service Ad Hoc Committee to address specific potable water projects.

**MISC MOTION TO ESTABLISH A WATER SERVICE AD HOC COMMITTEE (Hickle/Zenovic)**

AYES: Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Cares

President Beck and Director Hickle will sit on this ad hoc committee.

**F.4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Benefits for Board Members**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the board give direction to do one of the following:

Yes, research what benefit options can be offered to board members during the next open enrollment period and bring forward costs at a future board meeting; or

No, do not research this item and eliminate board eligibility for any and all health benefits.

Tim Clement presented the history of this topic, along with current changes by one of the District's medical providers concerning the eligibility of elected officials.

Director Zenovic expressed his concerns and provided additional comments concerning the history of the suspension of District board members' benefits.

Discussion followed.

**MISC            MOTION TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO RESEARCH BENEFIT OPTIONS AND GET THE NECESSARY FORMS TO INSTITUTE VISION AND DENTAL CARE BENEFITS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON OR ABOUT JUNE 1, 2015, OR WAIT UNTIL OPEN ENROLLMENT, IF NECESSARY (Zenovic/Beck)**

AYES:            Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic  
NOES:            None  
ABSTAIN:        None  
ABSENT:         Cares

President Beck called for a break at 2:35 p.m. The public was dismissed and closed session began at 2:45 p.m.

**G.        Closed Session – **NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC****

**G.1.      Conference with Labor Negotiators**

(Government Code § 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: David Barnum

Unrepresented Employee: General Counsel

**G.3.      Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

(Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1))

Eugene Plantier v. Ramona Municipal Water District, San Diego Superior Court  
Case No. 37-2014-00083195

**G.2.      Public Employee Appointment**

(Government Code § 54957)

Title: General Counsel

Closed session ended at 4:15 p.m. with no reportable action. After a brief break, the regular meeting reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

**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.

**I.        Closing Agenda Items**

**I.1.      Items for Subsequent Meetings**

President Beck announced the resignation of the Director of Division III, effective March 9, 2015 and a Special Board Meeting to be held before the next regular Board Meeting. Anyone who had conflicts during this week should notify Mr. Barnum. Notice of this special meeting will go out a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

Director Zenovic suggested that Director's Comments be re-established as part of board meeting agendas. President Beck responded this item should be presented in an agenda memo for an upcoming meeting and that any Board member can prepare the Agenda Memo.

Director Zenovic also asked about the appropriate time to ask questions of staff attending board meetings. Mr. Barnum stated the agenda items would be the appropriate time to ask staff questions.

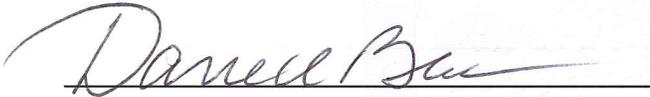
**I.2. Date and Time for the Next Regular Meeting**

**April 14, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.**

**MISC MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 4:30 P.M. (Hickle/Zenovic)**

**AYES:** Beck, Foote, Hickle, Zenovic  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Cares

**Adjourn**



**Darrell Beck, President  
Board of Directors  
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**