

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
June 9, 2015**

**PRESENT**

Darrell Beck	President
Joe Zenovic	Vice President
George Foote	Secretary
Jim Hickle	Treasurer (Absent)
Thomas Ace	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 June 9, 2015**

Director Zenovic requested Item F.7 be moved to before Item F.1.

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS REVISED (Zenovic/Foote)**

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

**A.4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Board on any Subject within its Jurisdiction but not on the Agenda**

Jim Cooper, 1221 Cook Street addressed the Board and distributed a handout.

**A.5. Announcements and/or Informational Reports from Board and/or Staff**

**A.5.a. General Manager's Report**

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

None.

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

None.

**B. Ministerial Items**

Director Ace pulled Item B.1.e.

**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 May 12, 2015**

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for May 12, 2015.

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

Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

**B.1.c. Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Paid Sick Leave Policy for Employees Pursuant to AB 1522**

Recommendation: It is respectfully recommended that the Board adopt the attached Resolution approving a paid sick leave policy pursuant to AB 1522.

**B.1.d. Adoption of a Resolution to Collect Delinquent Water Charges by Placement on the San Diego County Property Tax Rolls**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt a Resolution to collect delinquent water charges by placing them on the San Diego County property tax rolls.

**MISC**

**MOTION TO APPROVE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (Zenovic/Ace) [Item B.1.c – Resolution 15-1498, Item B.1.d. – Resolution 15-1499]**

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hickie

**B.1.e. Information Regarding Removal of Turf at the Ramona Fire Department Stations 80 and 81**

Recommendation: Informational item only.

Director Ace commented on the turf removal he observed at two Ramona fire stations during his tour of the District.

Fire Chief Steve Foster provided details about the turf removal project which resulted in no cost to the District due to participation in the Metropolitan Water District Turf Removal Program. This project, at Station 80 and Station 81, provides a great opportunity to save water that would have irrigated the lawns which have now been replaced with rock and drought tolerant plants.

**C. Public Hearing/Bid Openings**

(This space on the agenda is reserved in the event there is a public hearing or bid opening)

**C.1. Public Hearing – To Take Public Input on the Adoption of Amendments to the District’s Water Conservation Program**

President Beck opened the public hearing at 2:10 p.m. Seeing no public comments, the public hearing was closed by President Beck at 2:12 p.m.

**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.7. Correct and Amend Legislative Code Section Regarding Fire Inspection Fees**

Recommendation: The Board of Directors of RMWD should vote to eliminate these two charges for 2015 and all future 4th of July fireworks show fees from non-profits that provide this show free to Ramona residents, amend the Legislative Code to reflect this correction and unpatriotic oversight.

Director Zenovic stated his opposition to the charging of the Fire Inspection Fee to the Ramona Rotary for the 2015 Fourth of July fireworks event.

Bob Murray, 23537 Oriente Way, Ramona CA 92065 addressed the Board,

President Beck requested background information about the fee.

Chief Foster explained the fee and what it pays for, as well as, why it is charged.

Discussion followed.

President Beck expressed his concern about waiving the fee and establishing a precedent for future organizations to make the same request.

Ramona Rotary member, Sharon Green was invited to the podium by President Beck. She addressed the Board.

Legal counsel, Jennifer Lyon, explained services incurred must be paid. Ratepayers cannot be charged for services other entities are receiving.

**M\ MOTION TO ELIMINATE THESE FEES FOR THE 2015 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS EVENT AND ALL FUTURE NON-PROFIT 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY EVENTS AND TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE CODE TO REFLECT SUCH (Zenovic)**

This item was closed upon the donation of personal funds by Director Foote, President Beck and Vice President Zenovic to cover the fee for the 2015 4<sup>th</sup> of July Rotary Club Fireworks event.

**F.1. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend Section 7.40.040 of the Legislative Code – Water Conservation and Adopt a Drought Press Release**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt an Ordinance to amend Section 7.40.040 of the Legislative Code, and approve of the issuance of a drought press release.

Human Resources Manager, Tim Clement, provided information highlighting the amendment required to align the District’s Legislative Code with State requirements.

Discussion followed.

**M\ M\ MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AND DROUGHT PRESS RELEASE (Ace/Foote) [Ordinance 15-430] by the following roll call vote:**

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hickie

**F.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Proposition 218 Notice for Water Rates and Fees, and to Set a Date for Public Hearing**

Recommendation: District staff respectfully recommends that the Board:

- Select their preferred Notice for water rates and fees, and
- Set a date for the public hearing on August 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

**A.5.c.-1. Budget Workshop Presentation**

Recommendation: None.

Financial Officer, Richard Hannasch outlined the items incorporated in his presentation pertaining to the Proposition 218 Notice.

Discussion followed.

**M\ M\ MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE FOR WATER RATES AND FEES AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF AUGUST 11, 2015 AT THE RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER UTILIZING SCENARIO #2, 10% (Ace/Foote)**

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hickie

**F.3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Water System Improvements Agreement between the Ramona Municipal Water District and Montecito Properties, LLC**

Recommendation: District staff respectfully recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the identified Water System Improvements Agreement with Montecito Properties, LLC.

District Engineer, Mike Metts summarized the details of this agreement.

General Manager Barnum commended Mr. Metts and Ricardo Soto for their professional management of this project.

President Beck read a June 7, 2015 email from Director Hickie in to the record. Director Hickie expressed his support of the proposal.

**MISC MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE IDENTIFIED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT WITH MONTECITO PROPERTIES, LLC. (Foote/Zenovic)**

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hickie

**F.4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the San Vicente Water Reclamation Plant Third Stage Reverse Osmosis Project**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract for construction of the San Vicente Water Reclamation Plant Third Stage RO Modification project to Benold Construction Co., Inc.

Ricardo Soto, Engineering Consultant, recapped the San Vicente Water Reclamation Plant Third Stage Reverse Osmosis Project to date, along with the bidding process and low-bidder, Benold Construction.

Director Zenovic expressed concern about the disparity in the amounts of the submitted bids.

General Manager Barnum provided additional information about the project funding and anticipated reduced costs of brine-hauling.

Discussion followed.

**MISC MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAN VICENTE WATER**

**RECLAMATION PLANT THIRD STAGE RO MODIFICATION PROJECT TO  
BENOLD CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. (Zenovic/Ace)**

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hickie

President Beck called a break at 2:30 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 2:40 p.m.

**F.5. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Entering into Agreement with CAL FIRE to Provide Fire Protection for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Recommendation: It is respectfully recommended that the Board adopt the Resolution authorizing the entry into a Cooperative Agreement with CAL FIRE to provide Fire Protection for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Fire Chief Burke Kremensky detailed the elements included in the \$528,000 increase in this year's agreement.

Discussion followed.

Fire Chief Joseph Ranalli clarified items questioned by Director Zenovic.

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH CAL FIRE TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 (Foote/Ace) [Resolution 15-1500]**

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hickie

**F.6. Discussion and Possible Action to Set a Public Hearing for July 14, 2015 to Consider Adopting an Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Ordinance 05-297 Ambulance and Paramedic User Fees and Revise Legislative Code Section 5.20.090**

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Directors set a public hearing on July 14, 2015 to consider adopting an ordinance to modify the ambulance and user fees and direct staff to provide the required public notice.

Chief Kremensky conducted a presentation describing transport fees, billing charges, and public and private insurance reimbursements for ambulance and paramedic services. He explained that current billing fees are charged, but some public insurance providers write-down the amount of the actual payment.

Chief Ranalli assisted with the presentation and detailed the process in establishing the proposed user fees.

Discussion followed.

**MISC MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 14, 2015 TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE 05-297 AMBULANCE AND PARAMEDIC USER FEES AND REVISE LEGISLATIVE CODE SECTION 5.20.090 (Ace/Zenovic)**

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote, Zenovic  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hickie

**F.8. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 7.60.060 and Repealing Section 7.60.080 of the RMWD Legislative Code**

Recommendation: To adopt the proposed Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Ramona Municipal Water District amending Section 7.60.060 and repealing Section 7.60.080 of the RMWD Legislative Code.

District Engineer Metts explained this action is necessary to clean up the Legislative Code.

Discussion followed.

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7.60.060 AND REPEALING SECTION 7.60.080 OF THE RMWD LEGISLATIVE CODE (Foote/Ace) [Ordinance15-431] by the following roll call vote:**

AYES: Ace, Beck, Foote  
NOES: Zenovic  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hickie

President Beck called for five minute break at 4:35 p.m.

Closed session began at 4:40 p.m.

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

**G.1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: District General Counsel

Closed session ended at 5:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

**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

None.

**I. Closing Agenda Items**

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

None.

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

**June 23, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.**

**MISC MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 5:33 P.M. (Zenovic/Foote)**

**AYES:** Ace, Beck, Foote, Zenovic

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Hickie

**Adjourn**



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