

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
JUNE 14, 2016**

**PRESENT**

Thomas Ace	President
Darrell Beck	Vice President
Joe Zenovic	Secretary
Jim Hickle	Treasurer
George Foote	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 Ace at 2:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, County of San Diego, State of California.

President Ace led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by an opening announcement of basic protocols to observe during the meeting.

**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 14, 2016**

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA (Zenovic/Beck)**

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

**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 reported on several items including the status of statewide drought mandates, a potential opportunity for reduced water treatment costs, upcoming recycled water system dedications and ongoing negotiations on recycled water agreements. He announced

that a draft budget would be available for board distribution by the end of the week and that Board members could contact him directly if there are any questions.

#### **A.5.b. Committee Report**

General Manager Barnum briefly reviewed the fire ad hoc's progress on a timeline and costs for a vote of the people to increase Fire EDU charges. Over the next 6 months the ad hoc will be reviewing levels of service and CFD opportunities. Once this is complete, the ad hoc will check in with the full board to review next steps which may include polling, a fire facilities plan and a rate and fee study. The last step is an RFP for a firm to help with the ballot process. The timeline is approximately 18 months with a total cost estimated at \$200,000 to \$230,000.

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

##### **A.5.c.-1. Presentation of a News Release Concerning the North County Water Agencies Annual Water Awareness Poster Contest and Presenting Awards to 4th Grade Student Winners**

Recommendation: Present awards to the winning Fourth Grade Students.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners from Ramona were recognized by the board and presented a bucket of prizes and a framed certificate.

#### **B. Ministerial Items**

##### **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 10, 2016**

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for May 10, 2016.

##### **B.1.b. Adoption of the Special Board Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2016**

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for May 24, 2016.

##### **B.1.c. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports – April 2016**

Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

##### **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.

##### **B.1.e. Authorization to Award a Contract for the Mussey Grade and Dye Road Valve Replacement Project**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract for construction of the Mussey Grade and Dye Road Valve Replacement Project to M-Rae Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$277,177.00.

**B.1.f. Authorization to Award a Contract for the Poway - Forebay Reservoir Rehabilitation Project**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract for construction of the Poway - Forebay Reservoir Rehabilitation Project to Utility Service Co., Inc. in the amount of \$315,754.00.

**MISC MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR (Zenovic/Beck)**

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

**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 Modifying the Sewer System Charges in the San Vicente and Santa Maria Sewer Service Areas**

District Engineer, Mike Metts presented information on the sewer facility plans previously adopted by the board. The District's rate analyst, Alex Handlers of Bartle Wells Associates, discussed the rate and fee studies completed in 2014 and overall financials of the District as it relates to sewer service and ongoing facility needs.

President Ace opened the hearing for public comment at 3:04 p.m.

Five residents spoke in opposition of increasing sewer system charges.

Seeing no additional speakers, President Ace closed the public hearing at 3:14 p.m.

The recording secretary reported that approximately 7,000 parcels are subject to District sewer fees and charges, and the District received 18 written protests to the proposed rate increases.

**C.1.a. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance Modifying the District's San Vicente and Santa Maria Sewer Service Charges Effective July 1, 2016**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that after holding the public hearing and receiving public comments under Agenda Item C.1., the Board approve the rate changes to be effective July 1, 2016 by adopting the attached ordinance.

Chief Financial Officer, Richard Hannasch summarized the 218 process, sewer costs and revenue funds associated with both sewer service areas. Current litigation regarding sewer

charges was also reviewed as detailed in the agenda memo provided. The board considered public comment and discussion followed regarding the proposed increases.

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE SAN VICENTE AND SANTA MARIA SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (Zenovic/Beck)** [Ordinance 16-441] by the following roll call vote:

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

**C.1.b. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance to Continue Sewer Availability Charges for Property in the San Vicente Sewer Service Area for Fiscal Year 2016-17**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt an Ordinance to continue sewer availability charges for property in the San Vicente Sewer Service Area for fiscal year 2016-17.

Chief Financial Officer, Richard Hannasch, introduced the agenda item and recommendation.

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGES IN SAN VICENTE (Beck/Zenovic)** [Ordinance 16-442] by the following roll call vote:

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

President Ace called for a break at 3:58 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

**C.2. Public Hearing - To Take Public Input on Adoption of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan**

After a brief introduction by staff along with review of the plan's purpose, President Ace opened the hearing for public comment at 4:13 p.m. Seeing no speakers, the hearing was closed at 4:13 p.m.

**C.2.a. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt a resolution approving the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan and direct staff to submit the report to the California Department of Water Resources as required.

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AS REQUIRED (Beck/Zenovic)** [Resolution 16-1507]

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

**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 Entering into Agreement with CAL FIRE to Provide Fire Protection for Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing entry into a Cooperative Agreement with CAL FIRE to provide Fire Protection for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

CalFire Unit Chief, Tony Mecham presented an overview of services provided by CalFire through the proposed cooperative agreement and discussed actual versus budgeted costs. Board discussion followed including review of how the contract is funded and work currently being done by the fire ad hoc committee in regards to fire EDU charges.

**MISC MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CALFIRE TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 16/17 (Zenovic/Foote) [Resolution 16-1508]**

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

**G. Closed Session**

The board entered closed session at 4:41 p.m.

**G.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Govt. Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (1 case)

Closed session ended at 5:00 p.m. Legal counsel reported that direction was given and no reportable action was taken.

**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**

Director Hickle requested updated information on natural gas use at the Poway Pump Station.

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

**July 12, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.**

President Ace adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ramona Municipal Water District at 5:01 p.m.

**Adjourn**



**Thomas Ace, President  
Board of Directors  
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**