

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
AUGUST 30, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on August 30, 2022 was called to order by President Hamilton at 11:04 a.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. *(All meetings are being held with in-person attendance following County and State COVID guidelines as well as virtually.)* President Hamilton presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Also Present: General Manager Kennedy, Legal Counsel Smith, Legal Counsel Duran-Brown, Executive Assistant Washburn, Engineering and CIP Program Manager Williams, Human Resources Manager Harp.

Absent: Director Gasca.

Also Present Via Teleconference or Video Conference:

Information Technology Manager Khattab.

No members of the public were present in person, via teleconference or video conference before Closed Session.

3. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (Government Code §54954.2)**

Mr. Kennedy notified the Board both Items #30 and #31 should be deferred to the next Board meeting. There was no objection.

4. **INSTRUCTIONS TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS FROM THOSE ATTENDING THIS MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE**

There were no members of the public in attendance; therefore, the instructions were not read aloud.

5. **ORAL/Written COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS (Government Code § 54954.2).**

There were no comments.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 11:05 a.m.

(*) - Asterisk indicates a report is attached.

6. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(2))
 - * Three Items
- B. Appointment, Employment; Evaluation of Performance – General Manager (Government Code §54957(B)(1))

The meeting reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

7. REPORT ON POTENTIAL ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

This item was addressed under Item #12.

Time Certain: 1:00 p.m.

- 8. REPEAT CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on August 30, 2022 was called to order by President Hamilton at 1:07 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. *(All meetings are being held with in-person attendance following County and State COVID guidelines as well as virtually.)* President Hamilton presiding.

9. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

10. REPEAT ROLL CALL

Present: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Also Present: General Manager Kennedy, Legal Counsel Smith, Executive Assistant Washburn, Engineering and CIP Program Manager Williams, Operations Manager Gutierrez, Finance Manager Largent, Construction and Meters Supervisor Lagunas, Project Manager Tamimi, Utility Worker Nunez, Human Resource Specialist Ramirez.

Absent: Director Gasca.

Also Present Via Teleconference or Video Conference:

Human Resources Manager Harp, Information Technology Manager Khattab, Wastewater Superintendent Zuniga, Construction and Meters Supervisor Lagunas, Project Manager Parra, Associate Engineer Powers, Customer Service Representative Kilmer, Engineering Technician Rubio, Grant Specialist Kim.

Nine members of the public were present for Open Session in person, via teleconference or video conference.

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***11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 22-24 RENEWING STATE OF EMERGENCY FINDINGS FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (AB 361)**

Motion:

To approve.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Stewart, Seconded by Director Mack.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

12. REPEAT REPORT ON POTENTIAL ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel reported the Board met in Closed Session to discuss four items and there was no reportable action.

13. REPEAT ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (Government Code §54954.2)

President Hamilton repeated per Item #3, Items #30 and #31 would be deferred to the next Board meeting.

Motion:

To continue Items #30 and #31 to the next Board meeting.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hamilton, Seconded by Director Stewart.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

14. REPEAT INSTRUCTIONS TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS FROM THOSE ATTENDING THIS MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

President Hamilton read aloud the instructions for those attending the meeting via teleconference or video conference.

15. ORAL/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA (Government Code § 54954.2)

There were no comments.

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16. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

- A. Excellence Coin Awards
1. Bernardo Nunez

Mr. Kennedy noted Bernardo Nunez was one of the leads in the construction department who achieved all five coins in the three years he has been with RMWD. He presented Mr. Nunez with a plaque in recognition of his achievement and thanked him for all the work he does in exhibiting the District's values every single day. Ms. Harp added Mr. Nunez was the shortest tenured employee to receive all five coins.

2. Dawn Washburn

Mr. Kennedy pointed out Dawn Washburn was the District's longest tenured employee to receive all five coins. He noted the Innovation Award was challenging for Ms. Washburn; however, after working through some complicated things she was able to find a solution and achieve this award. He thanked Ms. Washburn for exhibiting the values of the District every single day and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her achievement.

Time Certain: 1:00 p.m. Public Hearing

*17. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-23 TO CERTIFY A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT'S WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES PLAN (DISTRICT WIDE)**

President Hamilton opened the public hearing at 1:16 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Williams noted as part of the public hearing and this action, Joanne Dramko from Helix Environmental, will share a presentation. He mentioned Ms. Dramko has been with Helix Environmental for twenty-one years and is the CEQA Compliance as well as Technical Specialist in the areas of air quality, greenhouse gases, and noise who has worked extensively with local water districts in assisting with all aspects of CEQA compliance, including preparing programmatic level planning documents as well as project-specific analysis. He noted the presentation was an elaboration to the one presented in April 2021.

Joanne Dramko shared a presentation starting with summarizing the milestones that have been achieved.

Mr. Kennedy clarified the tribal outreach was not done just due to AB52, but through extensive relationships developed between staff and with RMWD's friends and neighbors at Pala, Rincon, and other bands. He stated during the course of discussions, staff made sure the tribes were aware of this and walked them through the process.

Ms. Dramko proceeded with the presentation as she reviewed the overview of the objective of preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) noting it can streamline the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for later activities within the program as well as allows an agency to consider broad problematic issues at an early stage of the planning process. She pointed out a PEIR basically provides a roadmap for future project implementation as well as reviewed the innovative approach to analysis. Discussion ensued.

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Ms. Dramko summarized the issues covered including which would require mitigation and those that would not require any mitigation. She talked about the comments received during public review period which are included in the final PEIR along with the responses provided.

Ms. Dramko reviewed the tools for PEIR project implementation, a visual representation of the roadmap the PEIR provides, as well as measures that may be taken on various project types. Mr. Kennedy talked about addendums to EIR's being much faster and easier than starting a new one; therefore, this document can be amended in a much more streamlined manner as opposed to going through the entire process again.

Ms. Dramko summarized the PEIR benefits summary as well as the next steps to be taken. She solicited the Board for any questions.

Mr. Kennedy inquired about the thirty (30) day statute of limitations indicated by Ms. Dramko in terms of whether someone would have had to have commented up to this point or if challenges can be brought forward regardless of the statute. It was noted this would be the appropriate time for members of the public to comment.

President Hamilton closed the public hearing at 1:39 p.m.

Director Stewart stated it was brilliant on the part of the staff and Board at the time to expand the study to cover everything RMWD was potentially going to do to achieve the biggest waiver of insignificant things as possible that sometimes stop progress.

President Hamilton stated he liked the forward-looking aspect of this, especially when looking at the number of CIP projects under consideration and how doing it once and having it done for a majority of the issues is a good cost-saving measure.

Mr. Kennedy added this PEIR will provide a framework that can be built upon and very quickly move it through the approval process. He confirmed PEIR's do not have an expiration date.

Motion:

To approve Option 1 – Adopt Resolution No. 22-23 Certifying the PEIR and MMRP and approving the Water and Sewer Facilities Plan.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Moss, Seconded by Director Mack.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

***18. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. July 26, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting

Motion:

To approve the minutes as written.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Moss, Seconded by Director Stewart.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

***19. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Directors' comments are comments by Directors concerning District business, which may be of interest to the Board. This is placed on the agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and to the public. There is to be no discussion or action taken by the Board of Directors unless the item is noticed as part of the meeting agenda.

A. President's Report (Director Hamilton)

President Hamilton reported on some of the meetings he attended at the CSDA Annual Conference summarizing some of the key points from such. He mentioned at the Brown Act session he attended he learned that ad-hoc committees of the Board cannot include employees of the agency under the Brown Act and that any personnel would be able to participate in an advisory capacity only. He also cautioned Board Members to be cognizant in their communications to avoid any type of hub-and-spoke arrangement as it would be a violation of the Brown Act.

President Hamilton shared due to Form 700's being public records, everyone should list the agency's address as opposed to their personal address. He mentioned as part of the Political Fair Practice Act was discussed and how an opinion on a position can be sought, but only as advisory. He pointed out CSDA has a "Districts Make a Difference" program which provides contests and programs for public outreach which RMWD could tap into, there are new rules on reporting expenditures to the FPPC that RMWD needs to be considering, as well as there may be funding available for wildfire mitigation that includes infrastructure improvements RMWD may want to research.

B. Representative Report (Appointed Representative)

1. SDCWA

A. Summary of Board Meeting July 28, 2022

Mr. Kennedy reported there have been two SDCWA Board meetings since RMWD's Board met last noting in July the SDCWA Board accepted \$411,000 in part of the settlement monies from Metropolitan Water District which is extra attorney costs and that RMWD will receive \$12,469.58

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as its portion. He talked about some of the public motions and closing briefs that were remitted which are currently under review by the judge.

Mr. Kennedy also reported SDCWA had an item on the detachment and how their general counsel expressed in detailed terms his thoughts on LAFCO's authority which can be read in the summary report included in this meeting's agenda packet. He announced SDCWA has selected, agreed to contract terms, and hired a new attorney, David Edwards, who will start on October 3, 2022.

2. CSDA

Director Mack reported on the CSDA Quarterly Dinner meeting at which a speaker from SANDAG who has been in the industry a very long time shared her views on some matters. He mentioned one of the most interesting topics was the belief that by 2035, there will only be 7% cars running on gasoline as well as where the money they have collected was being spent, especially in North County, Fallbrook, and Bonsall.

Director Mack shared information on the training sessions in which he participated while attending the 2022 CSDA Annual Conference including AB1234 Ethics Training. He announced RMWD received a statewide innovation award its Rapid Aerial Water Supply (RAWS) project for which Mr. Kennedy shared the video presented. Director Mack added RMWD received many compliments for what it has accomplished

Director Mack mentioned he also attended anti-harassment training at the conference where he learned about gender identity pronouns. Ms. Largent stated it was good this was brought up and how everyone needs to be sensitive to these changes. Director Mack concluded with expressing how important it is to attend these trainings to keep updated on matters that continue to evolve.

3. LAFCO

There was no report given.

4. Santa Margarita River Watershed Watermaster Steering Committee

There was no report given.

5. ACWA

Director Mack reported on the workshop he recently attended on August 2, 2022, at which discussions took place regarding matters impacting local agencies such as employee retention.

C. Meeting, Workshop, Committee, Seminar, Etc. Reports by Directors (AB1234)

1. Board Seminar/Conference/Workshop Training Attendance Report

Director Moss reported she attended the CSDA Quarterly Dinner meeting as well as the ACWA Region 10 workshop at which she received a great deal of information regarding the Colorado River. Discussion followed.

President Hamilton stated during the CSDA Quarterly Dinner he had an interesting conversation with a Sweetwater Authority Board Member about how one of the biggest challenges for children in Grades 1-3 is social interaction following the pandemic.

C. Directors Comments

There were no comments.

E. Legal Counsel Comments

1. Attorney Report: Government Claims Act

Legal Counsel summarized the information contained in the written report provided.

20. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Budget and Finance Committee

Mr. Nelson reported the committee met on August 9, 2022, at which time they discussed Items #26 and #27 and voted to recommend Board adopt the respective staff recommendations presented. He noted at the September committee meeting will include an audit update.

B. Engineering and Operations Committee

Mr. Nelson reported the committee met on August 3, 2022, which resulted in the committee endorsing the staff recommendations presented for Board adoption on numerous items listed on today's agenda (Items #17, #21, #24, #25). He mentioned the solar energy update received by the committee is responsive to Item #32 on the agenda. He noted the committee was looking forward to receiving information on grant opportunities for both engineering and construction projects at their September meeting.

C. Communications and Customer Service Committee

President Hamilton reported the committee did not meet in August.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- 21. NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF RAPID AERIAL WATER SUPPLY (RAWS) AT THE PALA MESA TANK SITE (DIVISION 3)**
- *22. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE JOINT AGREEMENT TO IMPROVE MAJOR SUBDIVISION COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TRACT NO. 5354-4 (VTM5354R2, PDS2019-LDMJIP-50070, PA-5C) FOR CITRO DEVELOPMENT (DIVISION 4)**
- 23. CONSENT TO THE OMISSION OF SIGNATURES FROM THE FINAL MAP FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TRACT NO. 5354-4, AND MAKE A FINDING THAT THE FINAL MAP WILL NOT UNREASONABLY INTERFERE WITH THE FREE AND COMPLETE EXERCISE OF THE DISTRICT'S EASEMENTS (DIVISION 4)**

Motion:

To approve Consent Calendar Items #21, #22, and #23.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Moss, Seconded by Director Stewart.

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Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

***24. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER WITH HOCH CONSULTING FOR DESIGN OF THE HUTTON & TURNER PUMP STATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,061 & EXTEND THE CONTRACT THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2023 (DIVISION 1)**

Mr. Williams explained how it was determined the previous hydraulic model did not completely define how the district was currently operating its water mains. He said in preparation of wholesale water efficiency projects, staff has amended the hydraulic model with Hoch Consulting, the design engineer, to include certain operational changes in the system. He pointed out this was achieved with a zero change order by moving monies around within the existing contract; however, in doing so, it yielded some pretty significant results including an additional pump station and the project's name being changed to the Hutton, Turner and Dentro Pump Station Project.

Mr. Kennedy mentioned the Dentro Pump Station had been included in the Bonsall Oaks development plans going back many years; however, it was not initially included in the wholesale water efficiency project as RMWD staff was trying to do was find the smallest project to accomplish the goals of the project.

Mr. Williams added the number of sheets the designer had to do increased significantly, the size of the Hutton Pump Station had to be expanded to pump more water into the zone, as well as other revisions; however, the project going very well.

Motion:

To accept Option 1 - Authorize the General Manager to execute a Change Order to the Professional Services Agreement with Hoch Consulting to provide additional scope of services in the preparation of the design plans for three pump stations in the amount of \$299,061, extend the contract term from June 30, 2022 to February 24, 2023, and make a determination that the action identified herein does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Moss, Seconded by Director Mack.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

***25. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CASS ARRIETA CONTRACT WITH TRI-POINTE HOMES FOR \$80,000, AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE RICE CANYON TANK TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT (DIVISION 5)**

Mr. Williams recalled the previous amendment was due to all the hard rock and how it was determined an additional \$80,000 was needed for the same. He assured the Board this would be the last change order. He noted this was under contract through Tri-Pointe Homes who is responsible for paying the contractor and RMWD needs to approve. He mentioned Ms. Parra worked diligently to get this amount reduced significantly from the original amount.

Director Stewart asked if this amendment is approved, can the bonds be sold. Mr. Kennedy stated the bonds from the initial tranche of CFD funding have all been sold. Director Stewart inquired as to whether there was any part of this project that RMWD funds or was it funded by the developer. Mr. Williams clarified this section of the 18" pipeline is all district funded; however, since Tri-Pointe Homes was already constructing the lower portion that they were consider in-tract and because RMWD amended their EIR, they went back out for public bid so it is under a different contractor under their same general umbrella which worked out very well in that Tri-Pointe Homes has no authority to proceed without first getting RMWD's approval.

Motion:

To approve Option 1 - Make a determination that the action defined herein does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA, approve Amendment No. 3 to the Participation Agreement for the construction of the Rice Canyon Tank Transmission Main Project to increase the total project cost from \$5,502,373 to \$5,582,373 thus authorizing a change order in the amount of \$80,000, and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 3 on behalf of the District.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Stewart, Seconded by Director Hamilton.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

***26. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 22-16 UPDATING AND AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 5.02.010 – CENTRALIZED PURCHASING**

Ms. Largent explained this update to the procurement code will align the District's Administrative Code with the Federal Office of Management and Budget which is required to receive federal funds in excess of \$750,000. She pointed out some of the proposed revisions are somewhat onerous; however, some funding, if accept, commit RMWD to follow all the federal procurement rules. She stated each grant fund accepted by RMWD should always be reviewed for cost, reporting, and performance requirements to which the District is committed. She noted this procurement update as it stands does not change any of the day-to-day practices RMWD currently has in place, but rather puts them in writing should the District decide to look at federal grants.

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Motion:

To approve Option 1 – Adopt Ordinance No. 22-16 amending and updating Administrative Code Section 5.02.010 as presented.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Moss, Seconded by Director Stewart.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

***27. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A VARIANCE REQUEST REQUESTING AN ADJUSTMENT IN WATER USAGE (Division 1)**

Ms. Largent explained during the Water Services Upgrade Project (WSUP), it was discovered a handful of meters that were not picking up reads which were not discovered until the meters were exchanged. She stated this customer was one of those who had a meter registering a zero balance. She noted Mr. Saline's January 2020 bill reflected a total of 6,683 units from March 2019 until January 2022 which resulted in a bill for \$25,091. She explained during this two-year period, the customer was not receiving monthly usage charges because the meter did not transmit the reading but was getting the fixed charges on his bill; therefore, it went unnoticed. She mentioned the District did test the meter and determined the usage was accurate; however, Mr. Saline has requested RMWD bill him for the what the average was in the past. She said since the meter did register the use of the water, staff was not authorized to write off the charges and how the Administrative Code states it is the customer's responsibility to report immediately if a meter fails to register.

Ms. Largent stated although it does seem a bit egregious the District did not catch a billing error for almost three years, in a similar situation where a misread was for more than one year, RMWD did credit the customer for 50% of the total usage; therefore, staff was recommending that in this same situation, the credit amount be brought from \$6,014 to \$12,374. She pointed out this credit is slightly more than that being requested by the customer, but it does align with the past practice in terms of what was brought to the Board for another customer. She added there have only been a handful of these with just a few being a significant amount and how there should not be any more since all the meters have now been exchanged.

President Hamilton inquired as to whether RMWD has a process in place to manually check any locked off meter that reports zero usage for three months in the automated system. Ms. Largent stated the process have been updated to do a more thorough check on meters with zero reads, including taking pictures, since this was discovered during the WSUP.

Director Mack inquired as to whether this customer will be placed on a payment plan. Ms. Largent explained the customer was currently on a payment plan. President Hamilton asked about the length of the payment plan. Ms. Largent answered it was a 24-month to allow time for the Board to make a recommendation. President Hamilton recommended a 24-month payment plan considering it has gone three years without being caught.

Motion:

To accept Option 1 as amended - Approve an additional variance credit of \$6,360, bringing the total amount credited to \$12,372, 50% of the amount underbilled for the three-year period with a 24-month payment plan.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Moss, Seconded by Director Mack.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

28. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT; EMPLOYMENT; EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE; OR COMPENSATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Motion:

To approve an extension to the contract between Rainbow Municipal Water District and Tom Kennedy with the following changes in compensation: 1) A 1.5% cost of living adjustment, bringing his annual salary to \$272,332.06 beginning August 28, 2022; and a one-time lump sum discretionary bonus of \$25,000 to be paid on the next regular pay date.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hamilton, Seconded by Director Stewart.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4).

Ayes: Director Hamilton, Director Mack, Director Moss, Director Stewart.

Absent: Director Gasca.

Mr. Kennedy thanked the Board noting it is always his pleasure to serve the Board and appreciates the confidence they have in him.

29. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

Ms. Washburn confirmed Director Mack has already been registered for the 2022 ACWA Fall Conference.

Director Moss requested information for the 2022 ACWA Fall Conference be emailed to her. Ms. Washburn acknowledged this request.

Director Stewart asked to be registered for the 2022 ACWA Fall Conference.

Discussion ensued regarding additional heli-hydrant sites.

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BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

30. GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting per Item #13.

31. DATA CONFERENCE UPDATE

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting per Item #13.

***32. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE RENEWABLE ENERGY BILL CREDIT TRANSFER PROGRAM AND POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT WIDE)**

Mr. Williams stated staff has been actively evaluating district-wide solar opportunities since the Board originally asked staff to do so in late 2019. He reported studies have been done at both of the out-of-service reservoirs (Beck and Bonsall) as well as every pump station, sewer lift station, and headquarters. He noted the program, RES-BCT program only allows a limited number of agencies at one time in their queue for SDG&E. He explained this program is not one SDG&E likes or encourages; however, RES-BCT are the one that is holding up the line that has been inactive for three years but cannot be removed until RES-BCT applicant actually no longer wants it.

Mr. Williams said the challenge is there are numerous locations throughout RMWD at which solar would be great, but the District does not own enough land and space to accommodate the number of panels that would be needed. He mentioned with the RES-BCT program, solar can be installed at a different site; however, it would not be matched dollar-for-dollar and the program is currently closed. He stated staff will continue to monitor this, what other local agencies are doing, as well as SDG&E.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Williams pointed out staff was initially told it would be RMWD's responsibility to upgrade the powerlines at Beck; however, staff was later informed that this was incorrect and it was SDG&E's responsibility if RMWD could get in, which it cannot at this time.

Discussion continued.

***33. RECEIVE AND FILE INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL ITEMS**

A. General Manager Comments

1. Meetings, Conferences and Seminar Calendar

B. Operations Comments

1. Operations Report

C. Engineering Comments

1. Engineering Report
2. As-Needed Services Expenditures Summary
3. RMWD Sewer Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU's) Status

D. Human Resource & Safety Comments

1. Human Resources Report

E. Finance Comments

1. Board Information Report

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- A. Budget vs. Actuals
- B. Fund Balance & Developer Projections
- C. Treasury Report
- D. Five Year Water Purchases Demand Chart
- E. Water Sales Summary
- F. Check Register
- G. Directors' Expenses Report
- H. Credit Card Breakdown
- I. RMWD Properties

Ms. Harp reported there may be an aggregate decrease in health insurance plans for next year depending on enrollments. She also noted an overtime chart was provided in her report following the staffing analysis.

The information and financial items were received and filed.

34. LIST OF SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

It was noted potential Heli-Hydrant locations as well as the grant program and data conference updates should be on the next agenda.

35. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Hamilton to a regular meeting on September 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Hayden Hamilton, Board President

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary