

MINUTES

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

Chris Burt	Kinneloa Irrigation District East Pasadena Water Company Huntington Library and Art Gallery
Chris Cimino	City of Sierra Madre
Mike Hart	Sunny Slope Water Company
Bob Hayward	Lincoln Avenue Water Company La Canada Irrigation District Las Flores Water Company Pasadena Cemetery Association Valley Water Company
Shan Kwan	City of Pasadena
Pat Malloy	City of Arcadia
Christine Montan	City of Alhambra
Charles Shaw	San Gabriel County Water District
Austin Weston	Rubio Canon Land & Water Company

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Raul Saenz	California-American Water Company
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ADDITIONAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Bob Fan	Valley Water Company
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OTHERS PRESENT

Donna DiLaura	Raymond Basin Management Board
Larry Duncan	Lincoln Avenue Water Company
Steve Johnson	Stetson Engineers Inc.
Georgia King	Geoscience
Mel Matthews	Kinneloa Irrigation District
Bill Pecs	Foothill Municipal Water District
Gary Valladao	California-American Water Company
Lillian Woods	Rubio Canon Land & Water Company
Anthony Zampielo	Raymond Basin Management Board

1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pat Malloy, Chair. It was determined that a quorum was present, and Mr. Malloy led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked for public comments, and no comments were offered.

On motion made by Director Montan, seconded by Director Shaw, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the October 18, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

## 2. REPORT FROM OTHER PARTIES

Under the item of report from MWD, Mr. Anthony Zampiendo, Executive Officer reported that Mr. Tim Brick, newly elected Chairman of Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors, will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming San Gabriel Valley Water Association Quarterly Lunch Meeting in February.

## 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Shaw reported that as of December 31, 2006, the RBMB has collected \$374,000 in Assessments, and \$5,735 from the Long-Term Storage Program. He noted that all expected 2006-07 revenues from both assessments have been received. He also stated that, to date, the RBMB has spent \$121,764 and currently has a balance of \$17,795 in receivables and \$768,347 in available cash.

On motion made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Montan, and unanimously carried, the Raymond Basin Management Board's Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

## 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND APPROPRIATE ACTION

Legislative Activities – Chair Malloy and Mr. Zampiendo reported that hearings are expected to begin again in February on consideration of a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill, through which Raymond Basin and its partners are seeking project funding. The Basin and its partners will be resubmitting their request for an initial \$5 million in project funding and Mr. Dreier will again sponsor the request for inclusion in WRDA. A delegation of representatives from Raymond Basin and SGVWA are traveling to Washington D.C. on January 29, 2007 to assure support for the funding request.

## 5. AUTHORIZATION TO FINANCIALLY PARTICIPATE WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES WATER RELIABILITY PROGRAM

Mr. Anthony Zampiendo, Executive Officer, reported that he would soon be sending a letter to the ten agencies involved in this program requesting \$5,000 per agency to begin the preliminary work for the Alostia Connection. The funds will be used to provide project reconnaissance and preliminary engineering, including contracting with a public relations firm to assist in public information items. The Alostia Connection, which will connect the MWD raw water pipeline to the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District pipeline near the SGVMWD hydroelectric plant in San Dimas, is still the key project the parties must pursue initially along with the area wide feasibility study.

A short discussion followed during which the Executive Officer confirmed that the Board will be kept current on all expenditures related to Raymond Basin's contribution. He also stated that all expenditures will be kept equitable and will be proportionate with actual benefit once actual benefits to each stakeholder are fully quantified.

On a motion made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Hart, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the initial disbursement of \$5,000 and an additional \$5,000 to be spent, if needed, to initiate preliminary engineering relative to specific projects and update educational materials.

#### 6. ANNUAL REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY

The Executive Officer reported that this item is an annual requirement of the original Resolution adopting the Board Investment Policy (Resolution No. 20-0496). A copy of the Resolution is included in the Board packet and there are no changes recommended at this time.

On a motion made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Burt, and unanimously carried, the Investment Policy is approved as is, without any changes.

#### 7. CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL – VALLEY WATER COMPANY INJECTION OF TREATED IMPORTED WATER FOR STORAGE (WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE)

Mr. Zampiendo reported that this item has been under review by the Water Quality Committee as part of the adoption of Water Quality Criteria for Supplemental Water. The Committee recommended that Valley's activities, which have been on-going since 1993, be reviewed under the guidelines of the recently adopted Supplemental Water Quality Criteria and a recommendation be presented to the Board for consideration and action. Prior to adoption of the criteria Valley was required to seek Board approval for continued operation on a bi-annual basis. Mr. Zampiendo noted that included in the board packet was a copy of the staff report prepared by Stetson Engineers and Basin staff. After reviewing the main points of the staff report Mr. Zampiendo recommended approval of the Valley Water injection program with the conditions set forth in the January 5, 2007 report.

- VWC be allowed to continue its injection program to satisfy water supply.
- VWC be requested to maximize direct delivery of imported water and in-lieu storage to every extent possible.
- Any expansion of injection beyond that contemplated in the January 5, 2007, memo undergo additional evaluation by the Board.
- VWC be required to collect and analyze water quality samples for sulfate along with TDS, nitrate, and chloride on a monthly basis at each of its four wells throughout the year.

- VWC be required to provide Raymond Basin with water quality data for treated imported water for each month such water is injected.
- At the end of each fiscal year VWC will provide a short written report documenting its operation, that report will include conclusions on impacts. The report shall be reviewed and adopted by RBMB and will be the basis for continued operation of the program.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Director Burt, seconded by Director Hart, and unanimously carried, that Valley Water Company be approved for injection of treated imported water to satisfy water supply, provided they adhere to the requirements set forth by the Board.

Mr. Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineers, stated that this newly developed review process is a big step forward for the Raymond Basin Management Board. He stated that taking action such as this should show other agencies that the Board is very interested in best management practices with regards to water quality.

Chair Malloy thanked Mr. Bob Fan and Valley Water Company for their cooperation and Mr. Fan thanked the Board for their forward thinking and patience.

8. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE \$25,000 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO FACILITATE A PRODUCER WORKING GROUP AND PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING WATER SUPPLY DEFICIENCIES AND ALTERNATIVES SPECIFIC TO THE MONK HILL SUB AREA

The Executive Officer reported that several issues specific to each sub area of the Basin were identified in the Baseline Study. One approach taken by the Board to address concerns such as declining groundwater levels and increased production is to seek grant funding for the purpose of providing imported water for Basin recharge. These efforts are proceeding, however, interim measures should be sought to address current conditions until such time as replenishment water is made available.

Mr. Zampielo stated that he was recently approached by a group of Monk Hill Producers concerned with several current and future issues unique to that area of the Basin. The impacts of contamination, limited production rights, increased imported water demands, limited Basin storage capacity and Pasadena's plans to eventually resume full production in the Monk Hill are all issues of concern. When he met with the Monk Hill group it was suggested these concerns be discussed and identified by a working group and possible solutions/alternatives be compiled in a written report. The proposed project would be managed by Raymond Basin staff and include input from each Monk Hill Producer and Foothill Municipal Water District.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Director Montan, seconded by Director Weston, and unanimously carried, that the Board authorize the appropriation of \$25,000 from reserves to contract with a professional engineering firm to work with the Executive Officer and Monk Hill Working Group to prepare a report regarding supply deficiencies and alternatives specific to the Monk Hill Sub Area.

Director Hart and Director Hayward both stated that they appreciate Mr. Zampielo's professionalism and sincerity in dealing with this issue.

9. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE REVIEW AND PREPARATION OF COMMENTS ON THE PASADENA GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000)

The Executive Officer reported that this item was discussed at the recent Executive Committee meeting. Director Kwan reported that a final copy of the EIR should be available for public review within the next three to four months. The Executive Officer also reported that he expects the EIR to be very detailed and lengthy. Therefore, the Executive Committee recommended at their meeting to seek Board authorization for staff to contract with a professional engineer to complete a formal review of the document and provide written comments to the City of Pasadena. On a motion made by Director Montan, seconded by Director Shaw, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized staff to contract with a professional engineering firm to perform a detailed review of the EIR, using funds from the reserve account, not to exceed \$10,000.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer reported that at a previous Board meeting Mr. Kwan inquired as to the status of the Lead Agency Agreement for the RBCUP. Mr. Zampielo reported that he researched the matter and no further Board action is necessary because the agreement lapsed in October of 2006.

In response to questions by Director Hayward, Director Kwan clarified that MWD is not the lead agency for RBCUP. The City of Pasadena is the lead agency; therefore MWD is not preparing the EIR as was the case with the original RBCUP.

Mr. Zampielo reported that AGWA has requested that anyone interested in submitting news items for the Spring Newsletter, do so by the end of this week. Staff has requested that the publisher allow for more time in the future. Mr. Zampielo also reported that he and Mr. Malloy had recently attended a Board meeting for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVGOC) and were able to attain a resolution of support for the passage of a Water Resource and Development Act (WRDA) with our project funding included. The last item reported by the Executive Officer was that letters

reminding producers that all production meters must be tested prior to July 1, 2007, were sent out the week before the Board meeting.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Chair noted three information items were distributed with Board materials and ordered them received and filed.

The Chair also reported that the Executive Committee did not meet in December as previously scheduled and therefore there were no Executive Committee notes for December.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Malloy thanked the Executive Officer for his presentation to the COG.

Lastly, Chair Malloy thanked Mr. Austin Weston for his 23 years of service to the Raymond Basin Management Board and welcomed Ms. Lillian Woods as his replacement on the Management Board. Staff was directed to make the formal change of designee for Rubio Canon from Mr. Weston to Ms. Woods in accordance with the letter of resignation presented by Mr. Weston.

13. ADJOURNMENT

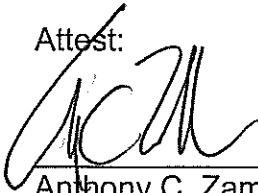
There being no other business, a motion was made by Director Montan, seconded by Director Shaw, and unanimously carried, adjourning to the next Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. (Azusa).

Pat Malloy, Chair



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Anthony C. Zampielo, Assistant Secretary Treasurer