

MINUTES

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

Jennifer Betancourt Torres (A)	Lincoln Avenue Water Company La Canada Irrigation District Las Flores Water Company Pasadena Cemetery Association Valley Water Company
Brad Boman (A)	City of Pasadena
Chris Burt	Kinneloa Irrigation District East Pasadena Water Company Huntington Library and Art Gallery
Jim Prior	San Gabriel County Water District
Tom Tait	City of Arcadia
Jose Reynoso	City of Sierra Madre
Jessica Taylor	California-American Water Company
Ken Tchong	Sunny Slope Water Company
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

William Kimberling	Lincoln Avenue Water Company La Canada Irrigation District Las Flores Water Company Pasadena Cemetery Association Valley Water Company
Martin Ray	City of Alhambra
Gary Takara	City of Pasadena

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Cranmer	City of Arcadia
Casey Feilen	San Gabriel County Water District
Wayne Goehring	East Pasadena Water Company
Ken Kules	Pasadena Resident

STAFF PRESENT

Lauren Augino	Raymond Basin Management Board
Kelly Gardner	Raymond Basin Management Board
Steve Johnson	Stetson Engineers
Sterling Klippel	Los Angeles County of Public Works
Ana Mata	Raymond Basin Management Board
Jenny Savron	Stetson Engineers

1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as a precaution to protect both staff, its constituents, and elected officials, a regular meeting of the Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) was duly and regularly held via Zoom Meeting (web-based video conferencing), on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Chair. It was determined that a quorum was present and no additions to the agenda or public comments were offered.

On motion made by Director Reynoso, seconded by Director Tchong, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. REPORT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Mr. Sterling Klippel, Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), provided an update on the Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project.

Mr. Klippel stated that the Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project has completed its second season of sediment removal. He added that when the project is completed it will have removed a total of 3 million cubic yards of sediment to enhance flood protection and water conservation. Additionally, Mr. Klippel reported that over 70 acres of habitat restoration for native and endangered species have been established.

Mr. Klippel then provided a status update on the Santa Anita Stormwater Flood Management and Seismic Strengthening Project, stating that the overall project includes modifying existing flood management and water conservation facilities along the Santa Anita Canyon Watershed (Watershed), including the Santa Anita Dam (Dam), the Santa Anita Headworks (Headworks), and the Santa Anita Debris Dam (Debris Dam).

The project would improve the LACFCD facilities to better manage stormwater runoff and improve public safety by addressing seismic safety and other structural issues, as well as by preventing flood damage to downstream communities

He stated that the Santa Anita Dam has been completed that included the construction of a new spillway. He added that it also included updating the electrical, communications and control systems, noting integrating the Dam, Headworks, Debris Dam spreading grounds into one system for efficient control and operations in capturing and spreading storm water. Construction of the Headworks and Debris Dam are scheduled to begin in the Spring 2022.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Tait reported that, as of December 31, 2020, the Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) has collected \$612,000 in Assessments and \$270 in Long-Term Storage. All Assessments and Long-Term Storage Program Revenue has been collected for fiscal year 2020-21. He added that, as of December 30, 2020, the RBMB has spent \$680,000 (which includes Title 22, and Salvage Credit Reimbursable Expenditures), and currently has a balance of \$10,900 in Receivables and \$3,177,400 in available cash. Reserved Funds available for groundwater recharge projects are \$2,479,000.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, asked for any questions of Treasurer Tait, and with none offered, ordered the financial statement for quarter ending December 30, 2020 received and filed.

4. ANNUAL REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY

The Assistant Executive Officer, Ms. Kelly Gardner reported that this item is an annual requirement of the original Resolution adopting the Board Investment Policy (Resolution No. 20-0496). She provided a brief review of how RBMB's investments are managed and noted that Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) has proven to be a secure and flexible fund. She added that 100% of reserves are currently in LAIF. A copy of the Resolution was included in the Board packet and there are no changes recommended at this time.

On motion made by Director Burt, seconded by Director Tait, and unanimously carried, the Investment Policy was reaffirmed

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, referred to the written Committee report included in the Board agenda packet and stated that the Committee met on December 17, 2020 and discussed several items including reviewing a draft of today's Board agenda and the 2021 meeting dates.

6. REVIEW CITY OF PASADENA'S APPLICATION TO DESTROY ITS COPELIN WELL

Ms. Gardner referenced the staff report included in the board packet, reporting that the City of Pasadena destroyed its Copelin Well located at 315 West Mountain Street in the City of Pasadena. She stated that in July 2020, the City of Pasadena destroyed its Copelin Well that had been out of service since January 2011 due to poor quality. The Copelin Well was drilled to a depth of 668 feet below surface (bgs) in 1921. The historical pumping capacity was about 1,100 gallons per minute (gpm) and was perforated from 381 feet to 551 feet bgs.

RBMB staff has reviewed the evaluation report on the prior destruction of the City of Pasadena's Copelin Well according to the RBMB Well Guidelines and determined that it's in compliance.

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, asked for any questions of Ms. Gardner, and with none offered, on motion by Director Reynoso, seconded by Director Tcheng, ordered the evaluation staff report on the destruction of the City of Pasadena's Copelin Well received and filed.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Steve Johnson, Staff Engineer, referred to the written Engineers Report included in the agenda packet, highlighting hydrologic conditions and information by subarea on rainfall, groundwater levels, production records and spreading.

9.. INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Yamashita-Lopez, Chair, referred to the items included in the agenda packet, noting that the groundwater production summary is available at the sign-in table.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Director Prior, seconded by Director Reynoso, and unanimously carried, adjourning to the next Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

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Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Chair

Attest:

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Jose Reynoso, Secretary