

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MADERA WATER DISTRICT

November 13, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Madera Water District (the “District”) held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 1663 N. Schnoor Street, Suite 105, Madera, California. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Directors in attendance at the beginning of the meeting were Kevin Herman, Gilbert Rascon, Carl Johnson, Pat Henry and Phil Janzen. Others also in attendance were John Gies, Melanie Aldridge, Linda Arroyo, Andrew Cresci and members of the public. No directors were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no members of the public present who wished to comment on District matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 9, 2019. Director Janzen moved to approve the minutes as correct and Director Herman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of attending directors.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

A. Bills. Mr. Gies provided background information on the District’s expenses and the Board discussed the District’s bills for October. Director Janzen moved to ratify the paid bills and the motion was seconded by Director Rascon. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of attending directors.

B. Unpaid Water Charges. The Board discussed delinquent accounts with unpaid water charges. Director Johnson moved to approve certificates of unpaid water charges to record against parcels owned by landowners with delinquent water charges on their accounts. Director Janzen seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of attending directors.

C. Late Penalties. The Board discussed adding a 10 percent penalty to water accounts with delinquent water charges. Director Janzen moved to add a 10 percent penalty, effective January 1, 2020, to accounts with unpaid water charges when the accounts are seven days past due and to send a letter to landowners explaining the new penalty. Director Herman seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of attending directors.

DETACHMENT UPDATE. The board heard an update on the status of the detachment agreements received from landowners in support of the detachment of subordinately annexed parcels from Madera Irrigation District (“MID”).

DISTRICT WEBSITE. The Board discussed new regulations which require the District to establish a website separate from a website for the District's Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The Board reviewed a proposal from Provost & Pritchard for the development and maintenance of a website. Director Janzen moved to approve the proposal from Provost & Pritchard and Director Herman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote of the directors. Ayes: 3. Noes: 2.

REQUIRED TRAININGS. The Board heard an update on new regulations requiring ethics and sexual harassment trainings for directors and employees of the District.

MADERA LAKE PROJECT. The Board heard an update on the Madera Lake project.

MANAGER'S REPORT. The Manager of the District reported on District activities.

A. Water Deliveries. Deliveries for the month of October included 911.72 AF of surface water and 173.66 AF of well water for a total of 1085.38 AF delivered. Deliveries for the 2019 water year to date included 6401.04 AF of surface water and 1689.01 AF of well water for a total of 8090.05 AF of water delivered. The last day of water deliveries was November 3, 2019.

B. Water Credit. MID reduced the purchase price of surface water in October, resulting in a credit to District landowners. The Manager will have a restructured rate prepared for the December meeting of the District's Board of Directors.

C. Repairs. Landmark Irrigation is repairing four mainline leaks. Repairs range from simple to extensive. The most extensive repair is taking place at the Northeast corner of F-32 and involves two isolation valves, multiple connections and a large dirt culvert. The Manager is reviewing District facilities to determine maintenance work needed during the offseason.

D. Water Level Equipment. Water level measuring equipment that communicates data is unsatisfactory for the Manager. The equipment has been returned and information will need to be retrieved at the well head until satisfactory equipment can be found.

E. Water Level Readings. Fall water levels will be measured the week of November 18, 2019.

F. Special Districts Association. The Manager met with the District's representative from the California Special Districts Association on October 29, 2019.

RECESS – 10:00 a.m. The Board of the District took recess and convened as the Board of the District GSA at approximately 10:00 a.m.

RECONVENE – 10:15 a.m. The Board of the District reconvened at approximately 10:15 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION. The District's Board entered closed session to discuss anticipated litigation with legal counsel. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT. The regular meeting of the Board of the District was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Henry, Secretary