

## AGENDA

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

1663 N. Schnoor Street, Suite 105  
Madera, California

March 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING.**

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – DISTRICT MATTERS. This portion of the meeting is reserved for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are not on the Agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of the District. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. It is requested that no comments be made during this period on items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to address the Board on items on the Agenda should notify the President of the Board when that Agenda item is called and the President will recognize public discussion at that time. It should be noted that the Board is prohibited by law from taking action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda. Speakers are asked to provide their name and address.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Board may review and approve the minutes for the Board's February 12, 2020 meeting.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS. The Board may review, discuss and possibly approve a variety of matters related to the District's financial status including:

A. Bills. Review and possibly approve bills to be paid by the District and/or ratify prior payment of prior bills.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – LAND ASSESSMENTS. The Board will open the meeting to public comment to hear any comments regarding the District's proposed 2020 land assessment.

A. Members of the public will be asked for comments regarding the District's proposed 2020 land assessment. Speakers will be asked to state their names and keep their comments regarding the assessments to three minutes.

B. The Board may discuss and take action to approve the proposed land assessment and authorize the District Manager, officers and consultants to take any action necessary to finalize the assessment.

C. The Board may review and discuss the assessment calendar and may take action to approve a date to mail assessment bills to landowners.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – WATER CHARGE. The Board will open the meeting to the public to hear any comments regarding the District’s proposed 2020 water charge. Members of the public will be asked for comments regarding the District’s proposed 2020 water charge. Speakers will be asked to state their names and keep their comments to three minutes. The Board may discuss and take action to approve the proposed water charge and authorize the District Manager, officers and consultants to take any action necessary to finalize the assessments. The Board may also discuss and possibly approve the addition of unpaid water charges from the 2019 fiscal year to the assessment roll for the 2020 fiscal year.

6. DELIVERY SEASON. The Board may discuss and take action to change the District’s water delivery season. The Board may authorize District officers and consultants to revise the District’s current rules and regulations as needed to implement a new delivery season.

7. WATER SYSTEM SEPARATION. The Board will hear an update regarding the District’s plans to divide the District’s water delivery system in order to accommodate delivery of surface water to the MID subordinate lands within the District and may take action in connection with such division.

8. WATER GENERATION PROJECTS. The Board may review, discuss and take action on a variety of matters related to increasing water supplies within the District including:

A. Review and possibly approve water generation projects such as drilling test holes for potential new well sites and/or developing recharge basins.

B. Hear a report regarding updates on the Madera Lake Project. The Board may authorize District officers and consultants to take such further actions as necessary to move forward with the Madera Lake Project.

9. MANAGER’S REPORT. The District Manager will report on current District operations.

10. DIRECTOR COMMENTS. The Board may discuss other items as permitted by the California Government Code.

11. CLOSED SESSION. The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 to discuss the following:

A. Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation. Number of potential cases: one.

**ADJOURN AS THE BOARD OF MWD AND CONVENE AS THE BOARD OF THE MWD GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY.**

*Written materials related to an agenda item to be considered in open session that are public records will be made available for public inspection upon request.*

*A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the District provide a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public*

*meeting of the District. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats of the agenda and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the District. Requests for such assistance and for agenda and agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone or written correspondence to the District at 16943 Road 26, Suite 103, Madera, California at least 48 hours before a public District meeting.*

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

February 12, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Madera Water District (the "District") held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 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 start of the meeting were Gilbert Rascon, Carl Johnson, Pat Henry, and Phil Janzen. Director Kevin Herman arrived at approximately 9:20 a.m. Others in attendance were John Gies, Melanie Aldridge, Linda Arroyo, and Jeannie Habben.

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 January 8, 2020. Director Janzen moved to approve the minutes as correct and Director Rascon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of attending directors.

FINANCIAL MATTERS. The Board discussed the District's bills for December. Director Johnson moved to ratify the paid bills and the motion was seconded by Director Janzen. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of attending directors. The Board also reviewed the proposed annual budget for the 2020 water year. The budget was approved as revised to reflect two increases in the proposed budget: one increase of \$500,000 for well maintenance in light of the likely dry year and the District's increased reliance on pumped groundwater and one increase of \$1,500,000 for water purchases in light of the likely dry year and increased surface water prices.

ASSESSMENTS. The Board reviewed the assessments for the 2020 year along with the proposed per acre valuation of the lands within the District, which is the same valuation as used in previous years. Upon motion by Director Janzen as seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to set March 11, 2020 as the hearing date for landowner comments on the proposed land assessments for 2020 and to authorize the District's officers and legal counsel to take such action as required under the Water Code to finalize the assessment process.

2020 WATER RATE. After adopting the proposed budget as amended, the Board reviewed the Manager's water rate proposal for the 2020 water year. After discussion of the budget and the District's current water situation, upon motion of Director Janzen seconded by Director Rascon, the Board voted unanimously to charge a volumetric rate of \$375 per AF based on an estimated groundwater delivery cost of \$352.84 per AF and an estimated surface water delivery cost of \$364.16 per AF.

DETACHMENT UPDATE. The Board heard an update on the status of the detachment of subordinately annexed parcels from MID. The General Manager discussed potential options for the division of the District's water delivery system.

MADERA LAKE PROJECT. The Board heard an update on the Madera Lake project including a report that no diversion has been installed and that MID had elected to proceed with a permanent diversion in light of environmental requirements.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE. The Board discussed the fact that the District is required to review and, if necessary, update its conflict of interest code every other year. After review, the Board unanimously approved an amended conflict of interest code and authorized the District's legal counsel and manager to finalize the adoption of the amended code.

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

A. Dry Creek. The Manager has postponed work at Dry Creek until he has more information on how MID will operate its water deliveries in 2020.

ADJOURNMENT. The regular meeting of the Board of the District was adjourned at approximately 11 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

– Respectfully submitted,

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Pat Henry, Secretary

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

February 26, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Madera Water District (the “District”) held a special board meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 1663 N. Schnoor Street, Suite 105, Madera, California. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. Directors in attendance at the start of the meeting were Gilbert Rascon, Carl Johnson, Pat Henry, Phil Janzen and Kevin Herman. Others in attendance were John Gies and Melanie Aldridge.

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

DETACHMENT/WATER SYSTEM DIVISION. The Board was advised that Madera Irrigation District was unwilling to grant the District a year delay to complete its water system division to enable it to segregate water deliveries between subordinate and non-subordinate lands within the District and Madera Irrigation District’s requirement that the District execute a “bridge agreement” confirming no surface water deliveries will be made to non-subordinate lands. The General Manager discussed potential options for the division of the District’s water delivery system. After discussion and upon motion by Director Herman, seconded by Director Janzen, the board voted to proceed with plans to segregate deliveries between subordinate and non-subordinate landowners within the District so that no surface water deliveries are made to non-subordinate landowners.

WATER DELIVERIES 2020. The Board discussed the dryness of the 2020 water year and the potential need to start water deliveries on or about March 16, 2020. Upon motion by Director Herman seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to direct the manager to place this item on the agenda for the March board meeting and/or to commence water deliveries on or about March 16, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT. The special meeting of the Board of the District was adjourned at approximately 11 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pat Henry, Secretary