

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

March 11, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Madera Water District (the “District”) held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 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 were Gilbert Rascon, Pat Henry, Kevin Herman and Phil Janzen. Director Johnson was absent. 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 February 12, 2020. Director Janzen moved to approve the minutes as correct and Director Henry seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of attending directors.

FINANCIAL MATTERS. The Board discussed the District’s bills for January. Director Herman 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.

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 Herman, the attending directors voted unanimously to set the assessments at an amount that equals \$235 per acre based on the valuations approved in the February meeting.

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. The District manager was given authority to reduce the volumetric rate, in the manager’s discretion, if any surface water supplies became available at a rate lower than estimated.

WATER DELIVERY SEASON. The manager reported to the Board regarding the status of the District’s water system for deliveries. The manager informed the Board that he intended to perform a “test run” of the District’s delivery system prior to the full water season. After discussion of the best date to commence District water deliveries, upon motion of Director Herman seconded by Director Rascon, the attending directors voted unanimously to authorize the Manager, in his discretion, to begin water deliveries on March 16, 2020 depending on the weather situation.

WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT. The Board discussed a draft Water Supply Agreement provided by legal counsel to Madera Irrigation District to the District's counsel via email. Since the timing of the Water Supply Agreement was critical, upon motion by Director Janzen seconded by Director Rascon, and approved unanimously by the attending directors, the Board authorized legal counsel to review and revise the Water Supply Agreement in coordination with the ad hoc groundwater committee members.

WATER SYSTEM/WATER DELIVERY DIVISION. The manager and the Board discussed the concept of trying to segregate water deliveries by turnout in order to segregate surface water deliveries intended for the subordinate MID parcels. Being able to segregate the water deliveries by turnout would save the District thousands of dollars. After discussion by the manager and the directors, and upon motion made by Director Herman seconded by Director Henry, the attending directors vote unanimously to try to separate water deliveries by turnout rather than trying to complete a new infrastructure project in one year but to continue with progress with the infrastructure work as a backup method for water delivery segregation.

MANAGER'S REPORT. The Manager of the District reported on the District's well maintenance activities and the infrastructure separation.

ADJOURNMENT. The regular meeting of the Board of the District was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, April 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Henry, Secretary