

AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MADERA WATER DISTRICT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL (COVID-19)**

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

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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 October 14, 2020 meeting.
3. **FINANCIAL MATTERS.** The Board may review, discuss and possibly approve a variety of matters related to the District's financial status:

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

B. Review of Financials. Review funding required for the installation of the new pipeline system and options for rebuilding reserve fund to ensure funding is available for future District projects. The Board may discuss and take action to approve a reserve fund component for the 2021 water charge.

4. WATER SYSTEM/WATER DELIVERY SEPARATION. The Board will hear an update regarding the District's operation of its water delivery system to separate surface and groundwater deliveries to accommodate delivery of surface water to the Madera Irrigation District ("MID") subordinate lands within the District. The Board may authorize District officers and consultants to revise the District's current rules and regulations as needed to implement any changes necessary as a result of the District's new delivery system.

5. WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT. The Board may review, discuss and approve a water supply agreement between the District and MID.

6. MADERA LAKE PROJECT. The Board will hear a report by the District's consultants regarding the status of the Madera Lake Project. The Board may answer questions from landowners regarding the availability of water from the Madera Lake Project to non-subordinate parcels. The Board may review, discuss and take action in connection with 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.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT. The District Manager will report on current District operations.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

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.

ITEM 2
MINUTES

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

October 14, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Madera Water District (the “District”) held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 by conference call due to COVID-19.

Roll call was taken at 9:00 a.m. and a quorum was present. Directors in attendance via telephone were Phil Janzen, Carl Johnson and Pat Henry. Directors Kevin Herman and Gilbert Rascon were absent. Others in attendance were John Gies, Melanie Aldridge, Eric Abrahamsen and Andrew Cresci. When asked if anyone else was present on the conference line, no additional persons responded.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Andrew Cresci of West of the Picos requested the Board add an agenda item for the next board meeting to discuss the idea of a groundwater basin. There were no other 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 August 12, 2020. Director Janzen moved to approve the minutes as correct and Director Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the attending directors.

FINANCIAL MATTERS - BILLS. The Manager reviewed the list of invoices to be paid for August and September including a description of the larger invoices and the work performed in connection with those invoices. Director Henry moved to ratify the bills paid for August and Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the attending directors. Director Janzen then moved to ratify the bills paid for September and Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the attending directors.

FINANCIAL MATTERS – REVIEW OF FINANCIALS. The Manager reviewed the District’s current reserve funds and discussed anticipated costs associated with the pipeline segregation and Madera Lake projects. The Board discussed reserve fund levels and an appropriate amount to have available for District projects. No action was taken.

WATER DELIVERY DIVISION. The Manager reported a second pipeline will be installed to divide the water delivery system for the delivery of water to subordinately annexed landowners. A letter was sent to landowners to inform them pipeline installation work will begin when the District’s water season ends. The District will be responsible for the cost of installing pipeline facilities up to the meter on a landowner’s parcel but the landowner will be responsible for connecting the landowner’s irrigation system to the District’s delivery facilities.

WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT. The Board reviewed and discussed a draft water supply agreement proposed by Madera Irrigation District (“MID”). The Board was generally in favor of the agreement and the agreement was informally approved.

Chris Montoya with the Department of Water Resources joined the meeting.

MADERA LAKE PROJECT. Eric Abrahamsen of Provost & Pritchard is working on the Madera Lake project. Mr. Abrahamsen reported an internal draft of the initial study has been circulated along with a cultural report. Ms. Aldridge will review the draft documents in November and will report to the Board at a future meeting. Mr. Abrahamsen will continue working on plans for the Manager to review.

MANAGER’S REPORT. In addition to the items discussed above, the Manager of the District reported on the following items:

A. Water Deliveries. The District delivered 1,109 AF of water to growers in August and 897 AF in September.

B. District Maintenance. Pump testing is complete and being analyzed. The reservoir tank system on Well 27 is complete and has maintained a 550 gpm average with no gas lock issues or gassing in the mainline. The Manager recommends a second tank to improve capacity. The motor on Pump 17 burned out due to gassing issues with the well. Water quality testing for Well 4 is scheduled for October 16, 2020 for GSP purposes. Well 4 did not run last year but is being used a few days this year for testing purposes.

C. Water Treatment. The effectiveness of water treatments applied this year will be evaluated when the water season ends. Based on this year’s results, the Manager will make recommendations for a treatment plan for next year.

D. Water Supply Questionnaire. The Manager is working with Ms. Aldridge to develop a flyer for questions about the District’s water supply.

ADJOURNMENT TO GSA MEETING. The regular meeting of the Board of the District was adjourned to the meeting of the Board of the District GSA at approximately 10:30 a.m.

RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION. The Board of the District reconvened in closed session at approximately 11:00 a.m. to confer with legal counsel regarding potential litigation. No action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT. The closed session of the Board of the District adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Henry, Secretary