

MINUTES

RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

Dennis Ahlen (A)	City of Alhambra
Chris Burt	Kinneloa Irrigation District
	East Pasadena Water Company
	Huntington Library and Art Gallery
Chris Cimino	City of Sierra Madre
Bob Fan	Valley Water Company
	La Canada Irrigation District
	Las Flores Water Company
	Lincoln Avenue Water Company
	Pasadena Cemetery Association
Shan Kwan	City of Pasadena Water and Power
Jim Prior	San Gabriel County Water District
Tom Tait	City of Arcadia
Ken Tchong	Sunny Slope Water Company
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Monica Na	California-American Water Company
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OTHERS PRESENT

Armando De La Paz	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association
Larry Duncan	Lincoln Avenue Water Company
Bob Hayward	Lincoln Avenue Water Company
William Kimberling	Las Flores Water Company
Sterling Klippel	Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Ken Zimmer	Los Angeles County Flood Control District

STAFF PRESENT

Tony Zampietro	Raymond Basin Management Board
Kelly Gardner	Raymond Basin Management Board
Lupe Artis	Raymond Basin Management Board
Arrica Jimenez	Raymond Basin Management Board
Steve Johnson	Stetson Engineers

1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

The meeting was called to order by Director Tait, Chair. It was determined that a quorum was present, and Director Tait led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion made by Director Tchong, seconded by Director Burt, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the July 20, 2016, meeting were approved.

2. REPORT FROM OTHER PARTIES

Mr. Sterling Klippel, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, introduced Mr. George Manole and Mr. John Bodenchak who provided a status report on the Santa Anita Stormwater Flood Management and Seismic Strengthening Project. The overall project involves four specific activities: Santa Anita Spreading Grounds Improvements – increasing capacity and modernizing infrastructure, Santa Anita Debris Dam – addressing seismic issues and raising the conservation potential, Santa Anita Dam – seismic strengthening, and Santa Anita Headworks Replacement – rubber dam installation and improving the cross section to manage greater flows, including downstream access bridge. Each project has separate permitting and construction guidelines, but are expected to be completed in the next three years.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Yamashita-Lopez reported that, as of September 30, 2016, the Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) has collected \$612,000 in Assessments. All Assessments have been collected for fiscal year 2016-17. The Long-Term Storage Program billing went out in October, 2016, in the amount of \$1,100. The RBMB has spent \$81,900 (which includes Title 22 Reimbursable Expenditures) and currently has a balance of \$15,400 in Receivables and \$3,168,000 in available cash. Reserved Funds available for groundwater recharge projects amount to \$1,792,000.

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

4. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Yamashita-Lopez reported that the Committee met to review the Audit of Financial Statements for fiscal year 2015-2016. Executive Officer, Tony Zampielo, distributed copies of the 2015-16 Financial Audits. He stated that the RBMB received a clear, unqualified audit from the firm of Egan and Egan, Certified Public Accountants, confirming that RBMB's financial statements are in compliance with standard accounting principles and procedures. He added that RBMB was under budget for fiscal year 2015-16. Mr. Zampielo also stated that the Audit was presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting of September 29, 2016. The Executive Officer introduced Lupe Artis, staff Controller, and stated that she is available to answer any questions.

On motion made by Director Kwan, seconded by Director Tcheng, and unanimously carried, the Financial Audits for 2015-16 were adopted.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Tait reported that the Committee met on September 29, 2016, and discussed the agenda for today's meeting, along with the 2015-16 Financial Audit.

6. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF "WATERMASTER SERVICE IN THE RAYMOND BASIN" FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

The Executive Officer stated that the annual report was delivered to all Parties in accordance with the Judgment.

On motion made by Director Burt, seconded by Director Kwan, and unanimously carried, the annual report of "Watermaster Service in the Raymond Basin" for fiscal year 2015-16 was adopted.

7. ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Steve Johnson, staff engineer, referred to the written Engineers Report included in the agenda packet. He stated that each Raymond Basin subarea is analyzed individually. He also reported that the quarterly rainfall registered 0.00 inches at the Pasadena City Hall Station and 0.03 at the Altadena-Rubio Canyon Station, as of September 30, 2016.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Zampielo, Executive Officer, reported that during the past three months, the Sierra Madre Arcadia Aquifer Recovery Team (SMAART) met to discuss the status of water levels in the Santa Anita Subarea. He also reported that he has been in contact with Fred Hicks, RBMB lobbyist, on the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA), stating that he recommends that RBMB representatives need to plan a trip to Washington DC in the early spring, 2017 to meet the new legislators and reinforce interest and need for funding on the WRDA bill in the Raymond Basin and greater San Gabriel Valley.

Additionally, the Executive Officer reported that staff continues working with the City of Arcadia on the placement and construction of a monitoring well in the Santa Anita Subarea. He noted that staff will be contacting representatives from the other two subareas as well, to site and prepare for a monitoring well in each.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Executive Officer referred to the items included in the agenda packet.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Zampietro provided an update on the current Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) modeling project with RBMB. He stated that staff is working to set up a meeting with Mr. Ed DeMesa, ACE Planning Chief, to complete the project.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Director Kwan, seconded by Director Prior, and unanimously carried, adjourning to the next Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. (Azusa).

Tom Tait, Chair

Attest:

Chris Burt, Secretary