The minutes presented herewith are not a verbatim transcription of the Regular Board meeting held electronically April 13, 2021. The intent is to provide a synopsis of key points of discussion and to chronicle decisions and actions taken by a quorum of the Board of Directors (ref: Roberts Rules of Order, Section 48). For more information or background, please refer to the applicable board packet.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RINCON DEL DIABLO MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
April 13, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District was held telephonically on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Drake, Murtland, Quist, and Welch.

Directors Absent: None.

District Staff Present: Jeffrey Umbrasas, Director of Administration and Finance; Julia Escamilla, Public Information Officer; Wanda Cassidy, Clerk of the Board.

Legal Counsel: Alfred E. Smith, Legal Counsel, Nossaman, LLC.

Guests: Kirt Haden, Division IV Candidate; James Bouey, Division IV Candidate; Randy Hartman, Division IV Candidate; Charles Loftland, Division IV Candidate; Bruce Smith, Division IV Candidate; and Ronald Naves, Division IV Candidate.

President Drake called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Director Quist then led the Board of Directors and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA
There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD
There were none.

SECTION 1 - CONSENT ITEMS
There was nothing to report.
SECTION 2 – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & FIRE SERVICES

2-A. Adopt Resolution No. 21-851.29, “Establishing a Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Improvement District E (ID E).”

Director of Administration and Finance Umbrasas introduced Resolution No. 21-851.29, “Establishing a Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Improvement District E (ID E).”

Mr. Umbrasas reported this is the second step of a two-step process in order to receive Fire Mitigation Fees form the County of San Diego. Step one was the Public Hearing that was held at the March 23, 2021 Board of Directors’ meeting and the adoption of a resolution for continued participation in the program.

Step two of the process requires that by August 31st, the Board of Directors must approve and submit to the County a report showing the amount of Fire Mitigation Fees received and a five-year plan outlining the use of current and future funds.

Chief Vogt reported the current five-year plan includes VHF radios and a brush engine. The VHF radios, to be used during wildfires, were purchased and have been received by the Fire Department. The brush engine will be purchased at a later date.

After Chief Vogt answered questions from Directors, President Drake asked for a motion:

In a motion made by Director Quist, and seconded by Director Welch, the Board of Directors unanimously approved Resolution No. 21-851.29, “Establishing a Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Improvement District E (ID E) by the following roll call vote:

Drake Aye
Murtland Aye
Quist Aye
Welch Aye

2-B. Oral Report by Escondido Fire Department Regarding Current Events and Community Fire Readiness Relating to Improvement District E (ID E).

Chief Vogt reported on the following:
• Personnel – The Fire Department has a new Fire Prevention Specialist. Mike Roppo has joined the Fire Department and will be focusing on vegetation management and fire mitigation.
• KnoxBox Program – The Fire Department is preparing for the launch of the KnoxBox Program. The program will be administered online and is expected to be a huge success.
• VHF Radios – The Fire Department currently has 37 VHF radios and requires an additional 67 to accommodate staff. Funding for the additional radios is expected to be available through a Regional AFG Grant or funds from Homeland Security.
• Fire Season – The Fire Department is preparing for the upcoming fire season. The Department has been conducting drills and training on Daley Ranch and near Kit Carson Park. Fire Prevention Specialist have been busy with weed abatement, dry vegetation, and home inspections.

After the report, Chief Vogt answered questions from Directors.

SECTION 3 – PUBLIC INFORMATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Nothing to report.

SECTION 4 – FINANCE, INSURANCE & PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

SECTION 5 – OPERATIONS; ENGINEERING & LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Nothing to report.

SECTION 6 – SEWER

Nothing to report.

SECTION 7 – SDCWA DIRECTOR’S REPORT & DIRECTORS/STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORT

7-A. Candidate Interviews to Fill Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District Board of Directors Division IV Seat Vacancy.
Director Drake brought Candidate Interviews to Fill Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District Board of Director Division IV Seat Vacancy forward.

The Board of Directors interviewed the top six candidates for the Division IV seat vacancy.

After the interviews, Directors discussed the results of the interviews, came to a consensus on the final three candidates, and provided direction to staff. President Drake then asked for a motion:

In a motion made by Director Quist, and seconded by Director Welch, the Board of Directors unanimously came to a consensus on the final three candidates and direction for staff by the following vote:

- Drake Aye
- Murtland Aye
- Quist Aye
- Welch Aye

After the vote, Directors provided direction to the staff regarding the next steps of the appointment process.

SECTION 8 – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

SECTION 9 – LEGAL MATTERS

Nothing to report.

9-B. Closed Session

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – LITIGATION, Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): San Diego County Office of Education, et al. v. The County of San Diego, et al. (This is a long-term item related to dissolution of redevelopment agencies and successor agencies and will remain on the agenda if Rincon Water is involved. No action is required on our part at this time.)
b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4) to discuss potential litigation (one case).

There was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned by President Drake at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

David A. Drake, President

ATTEST:

Wanda Cassidy, Clerk of the Board