

FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 5D

DATE: August 12, 2015
TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission
FROM: David E. Fey, AICP, Executive Officer 
SUBJECT: Raisin City Water District Progress Report

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file

Attached for the Commission's information is a progress report from the Secretary of the Raisin City Water District.

The RCWD's Municipal Service Review will be considered by the Commission at its October 14 public hearing

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July 31, 2015

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David,

I am writing to provide the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission (the "LAFCo") an update of the activities of the Raisin City Water District (the "District") since our last update of June 30, 2015.

District activities and accomplishments include the following:

- ***LAFCo MSR Information Update.*** The District has completed the preparation of revised and updated information for the LAFCo MSR Questionnaire. This updated information is being submitted to your office under separate cover.
- ***Amendment of District Bylaws.*** The Board of Directors has reviewed the first draft of proposed amended District Bylaws. Final corrections are being made and the revised Bylaws will be considered for adoption at the Board's August 11, 2015, meeting.
- ***Public Outreach and Education.*** Because some members of the Raisin City community do not seem to understand what the District does, we have prepared a one page hand-out that provides information about the District and what its purpose is. The hand-out also explains that the District does not provide public services and goes on to provide information about how to contact Fresno County agencies who do provide public services in the Raisin City area. The hand-out is printed in English on one side and Spanish on the other side and has been mailed to everyone on the District interested parties list and will be handed out to members of the public at District Board of Directors meetings.

- ***District Board Meetings.*** There has been a question raised by members of the community about the Board of Directors holding their Meetings at 3:00 PM in the afternoon instead of in the evening. The District conducted an informal survey of meeting times for Water Districts in our area and also for various Fresno County agencies. Without exception all of these Boards and Agencies meet during the day, not in the evening. It is also more difficult to schedule public meetings at the Raisin City Elementary School in the evening because of the need to change employee staffing schedules. With all due respect to the community interest, and in view of the fact that we are not actually providing services to the general public, the Board has decided that it will continue to hold Board Meetings at the time of 3:00 PM.
- ***District Elections.*** The District completed the mailing of the Notice of Election, in both English and Spanish, to each voter in the District. The Notice was also published, in both English and Spanish, in the local newspaper. After discovering that the Fresno County website for landowner elected special districts contained incorrect information about the Raisin City Water District, we contacted the County and provided them with current information so that they could update their website.
- ***Outreach Regarding SGMA.*** The District hosted landowner SGMA outreach meeting will be held at the Raisin City Elementary School on August 5, 2015. Staff from the Kings River Conservation District will be making a presentation and Spanish translation services will be offered for non-English speakers.
- ***District Assessments.*** The District is currently reviewing how it assesses District property. In view of the administrative cost to bill and collect assessments, the District is considering a policy to waive assessment charges for parcels whose assessment charge falls below a certain level, such as \$10.00.
- ***District Sphere of Influence.*** The District is investigating expanding its service area into the District sphere of influence. Landowners in the sphere of influence are not being represented in the process to implement SGMA and there may be additional opportunities in this area for capturing flood water for groundwater recharge.
- ***Interaction with Other Agencies.*** The District continues its active participation in the Lower Kings Groundwater Basin Group working on the implementation of SGMA. The District has also submitted its application to become a member of the Kings Basin Water Authority, a group of 60 public and private organizations dedicated to the preservation and improvement of regional water resources.

If you have any questions about the information that I have provided please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Raisin City Water District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Heintz", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Heintz,
Secretary

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cc: Gere Gunlund
John Kinsey

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About Raisin City Water District

Raisin City Water District was formed in 1962 for the purpose of providing irrigation water to lands within its boundaries. The District's principal act is California Water Code section 34000-38500 which enables the formation of Water Districts to provide water service.

The District owns no public facilities and does not provide any services to the general public.

All District monies and resources must be used for the District purpose – providing and sustaining irrigation water within the boundaries of the District. It would be unlawful for the District to use its resources to provide any other kind of public service.

Fresno County Service Area No. 43, the Raisin City Park and Lighting District, is a County Agency that provides municipal services to the Raisin City area. You can get more information about the Raisin City Park and Lighting District by contacting the Fresno County Department of Public Works at 559-600-4078.

Other public and municipal services in the Raisin City area are provided directly by the County of Fresno. You may contact the Public Works and Planning Department by calling 559-600-4078

The Raisin City area is part of Fresno County Supervisorial District 4. The elected County Supervisor for District 4 is Buddy Mendes. You may contact Supervisor Mendes by calling 559-600-4000.

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Información sobre el Distrito de Agua de Raisin City

El Distrito de Agua de Raisin City se formó en 1962 con el propósito de proporcionar agua de riego a las tierras dentro de sus límites. La ley principal que gobierna el Distrito es el Código de Agua del Estado de California (California Water Code), sección 34000-38500, que permite la formación de distritos de agua para proporcionar servicios de agua.

El Distrito no es dueño de ninguna propiedad pública, ni proporciona ningún tipo de servicio al público en general.

Todos los recursos del Distrito tienen que ser utilizados para el propósito del Distrito: proporcionar y sostener agua de riego dentro de los límites del Distrito. Sería ilegal si el Distrito utilizara sus recursos para proporcionar cualquier otro tipo de servicio.

Área de Servicio No. 43 del Condado de Fresno, el Distrito de Luz y de Parques de Raisin City, es una Agencia del Condado que proporciona servicios municipales a la zona de Raisin City. Usted puede hallar más información sobre el Distrito de Luz y de Parques de Raisin City si llama al Departamento de Obras Públicas del Condado de Fresno, en 559-600-4078.

Otros servicios públicos y municipales en la zona de Raisin City son proporcionados directamente por el Condado de Fresno. Usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Obras Públicas y Planificación del Condado al llamar 559-600-4078.

La zona de Raisin City es parte de Distrito 4 de los Supervisores del Condado de Fresno. El Supervisor del Condado elegido por Distrito 4 es Buddy Mendes. Usted puede comunicarse con el Supervisor Mendes al llamar 559-600-4000.