

AGENDA

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

February 10, 2021 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 January 13, 2021 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 January 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.

C. Budget. Review and possibly approve proposed District budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

4. ASSESSMENTS. The Board may review, discuss and possibly approve a variety of matters related to setting land assessments for the 2021 fiscal year including:

A. Hearing Date. Discuss and possibly approve a proposed public hearing date of March 10, 2021 to hear landowner comments on proposed land assessments for the 2021 fiscal year.

B. Value. Discuss and possibly approve a proposed per acre valuation of property within the District in connection with land assessments.

C. Assessment Materials. Review and possibly approve materials related to the District's proposed land assessments and authorize District officers and legal counsel to take any other actions necessary to finalize the assessment process in accordance with the California Water Code, including the publication of notices.

D. Delinquent Assessments. Review, discuss and possibly authorize District officers and consultants to take such further actions necessary to secure liens against parcels with delinquent assessments.

5. WATER CHARGES. The Board may review, discuss and possibly approve a variety of matters related to setting a proposed water charge for the 2021 water year including:

A. Hearing Date. Discuss and possibly approve a public hearing date of March 10, 2021 to hear landowner comments on the proposed water charge for the 2021 water year.

B. Notice to Water Users. The Board may review and approve a draft notice to landowners regarding the public hearing for the proposed water charge. The Board may authorize the General Manager and District consultants to take such other actions necessary to finalize, mail and/or publish the notice as required under the California Water Code. Such actions may include minor revisions to the proposed rate if the anticipated cost of surface water changes prior to mailing the notice to water users.

C. Delinquent Water Charges. The Board may also discuss and possibly approve the addition of unpaid water charges from the 2020 fiscal year to the assessment roll for the 2021 fiscal year.

6. WATER SYSTEM/WATER DELIVERY SEPARATION. The Board will hear an update regarding the District's bifurcated 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.

7. 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 hear a status update regarding the inclusion of non-subordinate parcels within the County's place of use in its contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. The Board may review, discuss and take action in connection with a letter to landowners regarding 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.

8. LANDOWNER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. They Board may review and discuss correspondence from a landowner requesting information from the District. The Board may authorize general counsel to take such further actions necessary to follow up on the matter.

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

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

11. CLOSED SESSION. The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 to discuss the following:

A. Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation. Number of potential cases: one.

**AS THE BOARD OF MWD AND CONVENE AS THE BOARD OF THE MWD
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY.**

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.

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