

1 MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND FORTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
2 DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH
3 15, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
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7 DIRECTORS PRESENT:

8 Rick Brubaker, President
9 Ginny Mercer, Vice-President
10 Louise Wilkinson, Director
11 Craig Weaver, Director
12 Peter Suggs, Director
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14 STAFF PRESENT:

15 Martha Slack, General Manager
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17 ALSO PRESENT:

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19 Peter Ferren, Homeowner
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21 ABSENT:

22 None
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24 Agenda Item #1 - Public Comment. No public comment.
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26 Agenda Item #2 – Approval of excused absences. There were no absences.
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28 Agenda Item #3 – Manager’s Report. The Manager presented the Manager’s Report through
29 March 10, 2023. A lengthy discussion was held on the household median assigned to Lake
30 California and comparisons with the City of Redding, City of Anderson and Cottonwood.
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32 Agenda Item #4 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred Thirty Nineth Regular Meeting of
33 the Board of Directors Held on February 15, 2023. Director Suggs made a motion to approve

1 the Minutes of the Six Hundred Thirty Ninth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on
2 February 15, 2023, seconded by Director Wilkinson. The motion carried (5-0).

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4 Agenda Item #5 - Approval of February Disbursement Reports. Vice-President Mercer made a
5 motion to approve the February Disbursement Reports, seconded by Director Wilkinson. A brief
6 question answer period followed. The motion carried (5-0).

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8 Agenda Item #6 – Income/Expense Reports Period Ending 12/31/22. The General Manager
9 reviewed the Income/Expense Reports through 12/31/22 and stated the slowdown in building and
10 the increase in costs are having a definite negative impact on our financial outlook for this fiscal
11 year.

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13 Agenda Item #7 – Review and Approval of Audit for Year End 06/30/22. Director Wilkinson
14 made a motion to approve the Audit for the year end 06/20/22, seconded by Vice-President
15 Mercer. Director Suggs had several questions, and a brief discussion was held. The motion
16 carried (5-0).

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18 Agenda Item #8 – Communications:
19 Staff – The General Manager discussed several hand outs regarding SGMA. One article
20 stated that six groundwater plans in the San Joaquin Valley had been rejected by the state
21 and might be subject to state enforcement action. Our plan has not been reviewed yet,
22 but we hope the plan is thorough enough to pass the review.

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1 Directors – Director Wilkinson advised the Directors and staff that there were no new
2 buildouts at the AC Committee she attended. She did note that one homeowner will be
3 requesting a variance from the POA to build an 1800 square foot storage building on their
4 adjacent lot. We need to follow up on any water or sewer included in the construction.

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6 Having no further business to discuss, Director Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting
7 at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Vice-President Mercer. The motion carried (5-0).

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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12 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
 Manager's Report
 March 10, 2023

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

As of March 9, 2023 our current season to date precipitation is 24.97inches, which is 101% of the normal season to date of 24.64inches. Shasta Lake is 68.76 feet from the crest which is over 46 % higher than last year at this time. It is reported that predicted atmospheric rivers in the near future could melt recent low lying snow levels and lead to flooding. As of March 9, 2023, the levels for the new year and comparisons are reported below:

Water Year	Mar. 9 Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2022/2023	24.97	24.64	101%	68.76
2021/2022	14.81	24.97	60%	127.80
2020/2021	11.74	26.10	45%	93.32

Field Crew:

Connections to date are:

Connections to Date 2022/2023	#
Water 1" Meter	4
Water 2" Meter	0
Water 1" Landscape Meter	1
Water ¾" Landscape Meter	0
Normal Sewer/LPSS	3
Commercial Sewer	0

The field crew has completed or is in the process of completing the following tasks:

- All field crew were able to make it into the District during the recent snowpaloosza. Billy and Scott used their personal vehicles with 4 wheel drive. Lift stations 5,6 &7 lost power from 5 to 7am but generators were in place and we didn't experience any overflows.
- Completed a difficult sewer tie in on Edgewater for contractor.
- Pace engineering is looking into an idea Scott presented that cut down the time required to have customer water off for the abandonment of the 12" water line on Windward and Sandpiper. Field crew backfilled the existing holes on the streets and will return after the rains to redo the landscape. We will not be abandoning the line until the rains stop.
- On the few days of clear weather, the crew sprayed the weeds at lift stations and WWTP.
- Resolved a communication issue at well #3.
- Scott is working on addressing the few minor findings on our lab assessment.

- Dean is working on the revised lead and copper ruling requiring that the District identify customer lines installed prior to January 1, 1986. District personnel is required to determine what materials were used on their side of the meter. This is an ongoing project with a due date of Oct 16, 2024. Dean is reviewing all of the water/sewer applications from day one and is scanning them to be attached to the customer's file at a later date by Sue.
- Dean is working on new changes to SSMPLAN required by the State.
- Dean is working on the Emergency Water Conservation Plan in accordance with legislation requiring small agencies to have a plan on file.
- Dean and office staff will be working on the CCR report and the annual water reporting.
- On rain days, field crew are cleaning and reorganizing the shops at WWTP.
- Getting bids for office roof repair or replacement.
- Repaired a wasting pump.

Pending issues:

- More sewer patch repairs
- Sewer Camera Project
- Sewer cleaning program
- Distribution System flushing will be starting in late March

Solar:

Solar updates period February 2, 2023 through March 2, 2023 were unavailable at the time of this report.

Regulatory:

The February Water report was included in the board package and the Wastewater reports will be handed out at the meeting.

Admin:

Sherry and I are still working on rate study and household median questions. John Kenny is rewriting our District Conflict of Interest Code. The lease with T-Mobile is signed. I have included the audit report in package, it is in secondary final review at the Auditor's office. Our office roof is leaking. We have gotten two bids and are waiting for a third roofing company to do a site visit. We originally thought it could just be repaired, but both roofing companies so far have indicated it needs to be replaced. Region 2 field event this year will be a visit to the Sites Reservoir site. I do not have all the details yet but let me know if you would like to attend.

