

1 MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF  
2 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON  
3 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM.  
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6 DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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8 Rick Brubaker, President  
9 Ginny Mercer, Vice-President  
10 Drew Battles, Director  
11 Pete Suggs, Director  
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13 STAFF PRESENT:

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15 Martha Slack, General Manager  
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18 ALSO PRESENT:

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20 Kathy Bezayiff, Homeowner  
21 Roger Horton, Homeowner  
22 Lynn Rivers, Homeowner  
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24 ABSENT:

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26 Louise Wilkinson, Director  
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28 Agenda Item #1 – Public Comment. The Directors thanked the homeowners in attendance and  
29 asked them if they had any comments on the agenda items. Having no comments we moved on  
30 to approval of excused absences.

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32 Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Excused Absences. Vice-President Mercer made a motion to  
33 approve the absence of Director Wilkinson, seconded by Director Suggs. The motion carried (4-  
34 0). Director Wilkinson absent.  
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1 Agenda Item #3 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report  
2 through April 11, 2025. A question answer period followed and the Manager updated the  
3 Directors on the status of the sink hole on Dinghy.

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5 Agenda Item #4 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Sixty Sixth Regular Board  
6 Meeting Held on March 26, 2025, at 6:30p.m. in the District Board Room. Vice-President  
7 Mercer pointed out that on page 1, line 32, a “for” was needed proceeding “input”. Vice-  
8 President Mercer made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Sixty Sixth  
9 Regular Board Meeting Held on March 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room as  
10 amended with change on line 32, seconded by Director Battles. The motion carried (4-0).  
11 Director Wilkinson absent.

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13 Agenda Item #5 – Approval of the March Disbursement Reports. President Brubaker questioned  
14 line 7, the cost for 1” Tees. The General Manager advised him that she would get back to them  
15 with further details on the invoice. Vice-President Mercer made a motion to approve the March  
16 Disbursement Reports, seconded by Director Battles. The motion carried (4-0). Director  
17 Wilkinson absent.

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19 Agenda Item #6 – Presentation of the Income/Expense Reports through 3/31/25. The General  
20 Manager presented the Income/Expense reports through 3/31/25. She pointed out that we may  
21 actually meet budget on Water/Sewer connections and overall, this quarterly report shows  
22 revenue above budget in both Water and Sewer. The expenditures are below budget in the Water  
23 District and slightly above budget in the Sewer District.

1 Agenda Item #7 – Discussion and Possible Approval of a 2025/2026 COLA. The General  
2 Manager presented a spreadsheet listing current, previous and proposed COLA's for local  
3 agencies. She also included a schedule of payroll and benefit impacts by percents ranging from  
4 2% to 3%. A lengthy discussion proceeded. President Brubaker made a motion to set the  
5 2025/26 COLA in accordance with the CPI-U rate of 2.39%, seconded by Vice-President  
6 Mercer. The motion carried (4-0). Director Wilkinson absent.

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8 Agenda Item #8 – Review ACWA Conference Agenda and Discuss Director Class Preferences.  
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10 Directors and staff went through the conference agenda and determined which classes they  
11 would prefer to attend to ensure that we get maximum benefit from the conference.  
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15 Agenda Item #9 - Communications:

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17 Staff: None.

18 Directors: None.

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20 Having no further business to discuss, Director Suggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at  
21 7:25p.m., seconded by Vice-President Mercer. The motion carried. (4-0). Director Wilkinson  
22 absent.

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24 Sincerely,

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26 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A  
Manager's Report  
April 11, 2025

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The new water year began October 1<sup>st</sup> and compares with the last two water years as follows:

Water Year	April 9 Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2024/2025	35.94	28.81	125%	10.16
2023/2024	29.72	29.56	100.5%	6.81
2022/2023	36.30	29.06	124%	17.10

Shasta Dam is currently releasing 4,039cfs. The state wide average snow survey as of April 1<sup>st</sup> is 96%. Consumption for the period 1/3/25 – 3/3/25 is 1.55% higher than 2013 consumption for the same period and year to date.

Connections: We received one water/sewer connection since last reported. Maybe we still have a chance of meeting our budget projections. Connections to date this fiscal year are at:

<b>Connections to Date 2024/2025</b>	<b>#</b>
<b>Water 1" Meter</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Water 1" Duplex</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Water 2" Meter</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Water 1" Landscape Meter</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Water ¾" Landscape Meter</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Normal Sewer/LPSS</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Commercial Sewer</b>	<b>0</b>

Budgeted Water = 7, Budgeted Sewer = 5

Field Crew:

- Continued TVing and cleaning sewer lines until the cable reel broke. The repair will be covered by warranty and we have shipped back to Deep Trekkar. We are waiting for a loaner.
- In the meantime, a large sink hole appeared on Dinghy which Tyler had to barricade and babysit all weekend. We got City of Anderson to come out and TV the sewer line to make sure which lateral was causing the sinkhole (there are about 6 patches we need to do on Dinghy). The field crew patched the line on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> and after we get the loaner we will TV again to make sure everything is in place before we fill the hole. We plan on filling the hole with popcorn slurry then gravel and have paved. Discussion are continuing on other options for Dinghy like abandoning the entire line.

- We met with PACE Engineering and KC Engineering to examine the slide at WWTP. Waiting for recommendations from both.
- While camera down, the field crew sprayed for weeds at all the facilities including the wetlands.
- Static well level testing at Wells 5&6.

Pending projects:

- Completion of the Hydrant identification cap painting.
- Selection of survey sites for backflow surveys.

Regulatory:

The March Water and Wastewater Reports are included in the board package

Solar Updates:

Solar updates period April 2, 2025 to May 1, 2025:

	<u>True-Up Month</u>	<u>Current Month Net Energy Usage</u>	<u>Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up</u>	<u>Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges</u>
Office	August	\$226.61	\$2,927.71	\$ 413.08
WWTP	November	\$1,792.15	\$18,462.35	\$249.46
Well#6	February	\$(2,027.74)	\$(2,625.55)	\$529.21
Well#5	March	\$(2,962.12)	\$ (2,962.12)	\$78.81

Admin:

- 7 day notices mailed to 76 customers, posting about 40 24hr notices today with shutoffs scheduled for Monday.
- COLA survey and work on budget.

