

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY- SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

- Craig Weaver, President
- Louise Wilkinson, Vice-President
- Rick Brubaker, Director
- Ginny Mercer, Director
- Peter Suggs, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

- Martha Slack, General Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

- Roger Horton, Homeowner

ABSENT:

No absences

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2 Agenda Item #1 - Public Comment. No public comment.

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4 Agenda Item #2 - Approval of Excused Absences. No absences.

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6 Agenda Item #3 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report
7 through January 12, 2022.

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9 Agenda Item#4 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred Twenty Fifth Regular Meeting of
10 the Board of Directors Held on December 15, 2021. Director Mercer made motion to approve
11 the Minutes of the Six Hundred Twenty Fifth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Held on
12 December 15, 2021, seconded by Vice-President Wilkinson. The motion carried (5-0).

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Agenda Item #6 – Income/Expense Reports for the Period Ending 12/31/21. The General Manager presented the highlights of the Income/Expense Reports for the period ending 12/31/21. She explained that the Water Enterprise is showing a profit while the Sewer Enterprise is showing at loss at this time. The General Manager also advised the Directors that we had just received our 1st installment of tax revenues and our collections on delinquent accounts (both CFD and delinquent assessments) were significantly higher due to property sales and tax sales.

Agenda Item #7 - Discussion on Vaccine Incentives. The General Manager explained that with state laws mandating additional sick leave be afforded for Covid-19 quarantines and illnesses, she felt we needed to review the equity between vaccinated and non-vaccinated employees. If an employee is non-vaccinated and exposed to Covid -19 it is necessary for that employee to quarantine whereas vaccinated employees could remain at work. The General Manager thought it might be more equitable to incentivize vaccinated employees through a bonus program. A lengthy discussion followed. The General Manager stated that she wanted to do further research into requiring vaccinations on new hires. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #8 - Communications:

Staff – The General Manager discussed the handout on PG&E requesting authority from the PUC to penalize solar customers and reduce their revenues received for selling back power to the grid. She explained this is in direct contrast to the state clean energy goals and has calls in to ACWA to see what position and action they are taking. The General

1 Manager handed out W-4 forms for the Directors and asked them to speak with their tax
2 advisers on how to complete the forms.

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4 Directors -- Vice-President Wilkinson stated that she presented the District update at the
5 POA meeting. She noted the only significant action taken at the POA meeting was to
6 transfer ear-marked funding for the Lake Club to the playground area on the corner of
7 Dinghy.

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10 Having no further business to discuss, Director Brubaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting
11 at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Director Mercer. The motion carried (5-0).

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13 Respectfully submitted,

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16 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
Manager's Report
January 12, 2022

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The new water year which began October 1st shows 14.77 inches of rain as of January 12, 2022 compared to the average normal season to date of 14.12 inches, which is 4.6% above the average. Shasta Lake level has increased by 30.65 feet and is now 140.64 feet from the crest. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 2,937cfs. At this time last year, the lake level was 105.80 feet from the crest, 34.84 feet higher than this year, and in 2020 the water level was 45.30 from the crest. We are still a long way from replenishing storage levels and should not get complacent in our conservation efforts. The Governor is still looking for a voluntary 15% reduction from usage in 2020. The consumption for billing period 11/2/21 through 01/2/22 was 23.9% below the same period in 2013 and the final year to date figures came in at 18.65% below year to date in 2013. In Governor Newsom's proposed 2022/2023 budget he has included 180 million for grants to urban and small water suppliers to improve water efficiency. This will include support for turf replacement to help the state achieve 100% drought landscape by their goal date of 2030. I have calls in to ACWA to see if the turf replacement program will be funded this coming year.

Field Crew:

We had one additional connection since October. Sue still has 17 applications prepared based on the AC committee approvals and field crew observations. Dan Trent informed us he plans on building 5 homes in 2022, so we should have no problem meeting our target budget. Construction has slowed slow due to winter. The connection totals are:

Connections to Date 2021/2022	#
Water 1" Meter	9
Water 2" Meter	0
Water 1" Landscape Meter	0
Water ¾" Landscape Meter	0
Normal Sewer/LPSS	6
Commercial Sewer	0

The field crew were able to handle the rain, winds and increased flows without issue. We lost power at the WWTP, but the generator kept operations going. The aerator is still working fine with the new coupling. After Tank 1A rehab was completed, it was placed back online. The valve failed and tanks 1A and 2B overflowed. The SCADA did not reflect the correct levels in the tanks and Mike was called in. Mike took the tanks back off-line, thoroughly cleaned the valve for debris, and now it is working correctly. The annual hydrant flushing program has now been completed. They are taking advantage of the good weather this week and spraying for weeds. Part of a tree, in the back area of the office, broke off with the winds so the field crew removed two trees. In addition to installing two new meters, they will be moving two meters

from precarious sites to better locations and raising two additional meters that sit too low in their boxes. In exchange for a lower cost in asphalt patching, the District agreed to install risers on two manhole covers. Upon further inspection, the POA and the landscape contractor have been advised they need to return and do a better job of feathering or raise the manhole covers on several more that we have found inadequate. We are still waiting on the new radar for Lift Station #1 and the electricians are assembling the new controls for lift station #4.

Solar:

Solar updates period November 3, 2021 through December 5, 2021:

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$60.27	\$(380.68)	\$60.10
WWTP	November	\$1732.92	\$1,732.92	\$220.32
Well#6	February	\$1,810.21	(2,737.96)	\$4,876.00
Well#5	March	\$(2,038.23)	\$ (1077.51)	\$2,987.19

Regulatory:

Enclosed are the November water and wastewater reports. ELAP returned Scott's corrections to the findings with two small requests for rewording which have been completed and returned to them for approval.

Admin:

We have received the President's Special Recognition Awards from ACWA for having a loss ratio of 20% or less in our Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance Programs. Most of our email billing issues have been resolved and I will be notifying the customers that delinquent charges will be resuming.

