

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Craig Weaver, President
Rick Brubaker, Director
Ginny Mercer, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Martha Slack, General Manager
Michael Brown, Operations Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT:

John Wimmer, Homeowner
Chris Wikeen, Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Homeowner

ABSENT:

Louise Wilkinson, Vice-President
Peter Suggs, Director

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2 Agenda Item #1 - Public Comment. Chris Wikeen stated that he was present to speak and
3 answer questions regarding agenda item #4.

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5 Agenda Item #2 - Approval of Excused Absences. Director Mercer made a motion to approve
6 the absences of Vice-President Wilkinson and Director Suggs, seconded by President Weaver.
7 The motion carried (3-0). (Vice-President Wilkinson and Director Suggs absent.)

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9 Agenda Item #3 – Request from Lake California Volunteer Fire Chief for Directors to Consider
10 Allowing RAWD Field Crews to Become Daytime Volunteers. Director Mercer made a motion
11 to discuss the request, seconded by Director Brubaker. Chris Wikeen, Lake California Volunteer
12 Fire Chief explained that he is asking both the POA and Rio Alto if their Directors would allow

1 staff to become daytime volunteers for medical and fire assists. A lengthy discussion followed
2 about the responsibilities, required training, the liabilities, estimated time involved and benefits
3 to the community. Director Mercer stated that she was not comfortable making a decision
4 without further discussion with staff and the absent Directors. Director Mercer made a motion to
5 table this agenda item until next board meeting, seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion
6 carried (3-0). (Vice-President Wilkinson and Director Suggs absent.)

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8 Agenda Item #4 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report
9 through July 16, 2021.

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11 Agenda Item#5 – Discussion and Review of Request for Proposals for Tank Rehab and
12 Maintenance. Director Mercer made a motion to discuss the draft RFP, seconded by Director
13 Brubaker. A lengthy discussion was held on the proposed dates and the need to get the RFP out
14 soon so rehab projects can be completed before the Operations Supervisor’s retirement. Director
15 Mercer pointed out some grammatical errors that the General Manager said would be corrected
16 before publishing the RFP. The General Manager stated that she would like to post the RFP by
17 July 28th, set a walk- through date of August 9th and proposal due date of August 24th. The
18 General Manager explained we will probably hold a special meeting once the proposals are
19 opened, reviewed and references are checked. All Directors present agreed upon the dates and
20 Director Mercer made a motion to post the RFP with corrections by July 28th, seconded by
21 Director Brubaker. The motion carried (3-0). (Vice-President Wilkinson and Director Suggs
22 absent.)

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1 Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Nineteenth Regular Meeting
2 of the Board of Directors Held on June 16, 2021. Director Mercer made a motion to approve the
3 Minutes of the Six Hundred and Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Held on
4 June 16, 2021, seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion carried (3-0). (Vice-President
5 Wilkinson and Director Suggs absent.)

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7 Agenda Item #7 – Approval of the June Disbursement Reports. Director Mercer made a motion
8 to approve the June Disbursement Reports, seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion carried
9 (3-0). (Vice-President Wilkinson and Director Suggs absent.)

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11 Agenda Item #8 Communications:

12 Staff – The General Manager advised the Directors that the appraisal for the lake lots is in
13 the process and she should have it by next board meeting. She also reminded the
14 Directors that we may have a special meeting in the early part of September.

15 Directors – Director Brubaker informed the General Manager that he would not be in
16 town for the September 15th board meeting. President Weaver said he may be out of
17 town also. The General Manager indicated that we might need to change the date of the
18 September 15th board meeting to September 8th. She will query the availability of the
19 absent Directors and email the information to all the Directors.

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23 Having no further business to discuss, Director Mercer made a motion to adjourn the meeting

1 at 8:20p.m., seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion carried (3-0). (Vice-President
2 Wilkinson and Director Suggs absent.)

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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8 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
Manager's Report
July 16, 2021

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The new water year begins October 1st of every year. As of July 11, 2021, the season to date precipitation of 13.80 inches is 20 inches below the average normal season to date of 33.80 inches. Shasta Lake level is 133.87 feet from the crest, down 18.7 feet from the level reported last month. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 6,167cfs. At this time last year, the lake level was 41.08 feet from the crest, 92.79 feet higher than this year. Current consumption for the period 05/4/21 – 07/2/21 was 21.8% less than the same period usage in 2013 and year to date the decrease in consumption is 12.65% compared to 2013 year to date. We will need to continue pushing conservation. Currently over 75 private shallow wells in southern Tehama County have gone dry. Most reports attribute this to the current drought, however I personally feel that it is a combination of the drought and the increase of AG wells. The District's water is secure because we pull from the deeper aquifer. The Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Plan is due to the state in January 2022. Current conditions magnify the need for it.

Field Crew:

Our year end connections for 2020-21 and the start of July connections for the new fiscal year are listed below:

Connections	Fiscal Yr 2020-2021	New Fiscal Yr 2021-2022
Water 1" Meter	26	1
Water 2" Meter	2	0
Water 1" Landscape Meter	1	0
Water ¾" Landscape Meter	2	0
Normal Sewer/LPSS	22	1
Commercial Sewer	1	0

Sue has an additional 13 applications prepared based on information provided to her, but they haven't approached the District yet.

It is a good thing that the new machined part is still working on the east aerator brush because we have been advised that the parts from Germany are delayed until the end of August. The new machined part for the west aerator has been completed and we are waiting for Rick's Crane to lift the brush in place. The field crew has worked very hard to remove all the trees and brush from the hillside at the wastewater treatment plant. They are now up to date on all the landscaping projects they had listed on their work list. The goats are currently grazing at the wetlands, and when they are done with that task, they will be moved to above the plant to secure a good fire break between our acreage and the plant. If you haven't already witnessed the goats in action you should go down to the wetlands and see them. They are mostly mommas and babies, and they are adorable. We had to purchase three new air conditioners for the wastewater

treatment plant to replace the ones located in the electrical room, the chlorine room and the general lab area.

These tasks remain to be completed:

- Continue repairing broken meter stops
- Sewer line patch training and repairs
- Begin the valve exercising program again
- Begin flushing hydrants and blowoffs.
- Begin training new OIT

Solar:

Solar updates for the period May 5, 2021 through June 6, 2021:

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$(493.84)	\$(1,284.33)	\$189.09
WWTP	November	\$(1,216.17)	\$3,922.64	\$1,316.56
Well#6	February	\$(694.24)	(\$8,178.79)	\$1,470.21
Well#5	March	\$(1,716.98)	\$(2,526.90)	\$914.40

Regulatory:

Enclosed are the June water and wastewater reports. We are still awaiting news from the Regional Board on whether they have accepted our reduced monitoring requirements.

Admin:

Governor Newsom and the legislature have come to an agreement to provide \$1 billion for water and wastewater arrearages that resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the plan is currently in development, so we need to await further details. I have filed the necessary form to participate so we just need to wait and see. Notices went out to delinquent customers advising them they would be turned over for collection through the taxes on August 10, 2021 unless they have and comply with a payment arrangement.

Our firm date for the Well#4 dedication ceremony is Sunday, September 26th at 12:30 p.m. The District will provide tea sandwiches and beverages.



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DATE: JULY 21, 2021

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Chris Wikeen	22461 Rio Alto Dr.	LC FIRE

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