

1 MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE
2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON
3 WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 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
12 Louise Wilkinson, Director
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14 STAFF PRESENT:

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16 Martha Slack, General Manager
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19 ALSO PRESENT:

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21 Roger Horton, Homeowner
22 Patrick Jasperse, Homeowner
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24 ABSENT:

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26 None
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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. All Directors were present.

33 Agenda Item #3 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report
34 through May 21, 2025. A question answer period followed and the Manager updated the

1 Directors on the updates received from KC Consulting and Pace Engineering on the slide at the
2 WWTP.

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4 Agenda Item #4 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Sixty Seventh Regular Board
5 Meeting Held on April 16, at 6:30p.m. in the District Board Room. Vice-President Mercer made
6 a motion to approve the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Sixty Seventh Regular Board Meeting
7 Held on April 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room, seconded by Director Suggs.
8 The motion carried (4-0). Director Wilkinson abstained.

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10 Agenda Item #5 – Approval of the March Disbursement Reports. Director Wilkinson made a
11 motion to approve the April Disbursement Reports, seconded by Vice-President Mercer. A brief
12 discussion followed. The motion carried (5-0). Director Wilkinson absent.

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14 Agenda Item #6 – Review and Possible Approval of Resolution 01-25, Placing in Nomination,
15 Dean Sherrill, as a Member of the Association of the California Water Agencies, Region 2
16 Board. The Directors commented that they appreciated Dean stepping up to the plate and
17 participating in ACWA Region 2 Board. Director Wilkinson made a motion to Approve
18 Resolution 01-25, Placing in Nomination, Dean Sherrill, as a Member of the Association of the
19 California Water Agencies, Region 2 Board, seconded by Director Battles. The Motion carried
20 (5-0).

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22 Agenda Item #7 – Distribution of the Draft 2025/2026 Budget for Review and Discussion and
23 Possible Approval at the June Board Meeting. The General Manager gave a brief overview of the
24 highlights of the 2025/2026 budget. She asked the Directors to review the budget and asked if

1 they had questions to set up a time to meet with her to go over those questions prior to the next
2 board meeting. No action was taken.

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4 Agenda Item #8 - Communications:

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6 Staff: The General Manager reminded the Directors of the required Sexual Harassment
7 Class that will be held at the District on June 2, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The
8 General Manager advised the Directors that Halcyon Solar has closed its business. She
9 spoke with Andy from Halcyon today and he advised her that our warranties are with the
10 manufacturers and that we should not have problems with that. Current economic
11 conditions, tariffs, potential loss of tax credits and recent State agreements with the PUC
12 have forced many solar companies out of business. Andy will continue to work as Andy
13 Bagley Electric and will be available to service any needs that come up on our solar as
14 well as other electrical needs we may have.

15 Directors: Vice-President Mercer asked the General Manager if she wanted the notes
16 from classes at the ACWA conference for the next board package and she replied yes.

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18 Having no further business to discuss, Vice-President Mercer made a motion to adjourn the
19 meeting at 7:22p.m., seconded by Director Wilkinson. The motion carried. (5-0).

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21 Sincerely,

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23 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
 Manager's Report
 May 12, 2025

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

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

Water Year	May 10 Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2024/2025	36.04	30.91	116.5%	6.29
2023/2024	31.31	30.97	101.1%	5.26
2022/2023	39.01	31.26	125%	3.40

Shasta Dam is currently releasing 13,332cfs. Consumption for the period 3/3/25 – 05/2/25 is 20% lower than 2013 consumption for the same period and year to date consumption is 12.1% lower than the year-to-date totals for 2013.

Connections: We received one water/sewer connection since last reported. We have met budget on water connections and are one short of making budget on sewer. Connections to date this fiscal year are:

Connections to Date 2024/2025	#
Water 1" Meter	7
Water 1" Duplex	0
Water 2" Meter	0
Water 1" Landscape Meter	0
Water ¾" Landscape Meter	1
Normal Sewer/LPSS	4
Commercial Sewer	0

Budgeted Water = 7, Budgeted Sewer = 5

Field Crew:

- Deep Trekkar returned our cable reel, but it is still not working properly so we returned it again and have continued to use the loaner cable provided by them.
- Dingy has been repaired and is awaiting paving. We will be meeting with PACE Engineering after the conference for other options on Dinghy like abandoning the entire line and reinstalling one in the easement.
- Still no word back from PACE Engineering and KC Engineering with recommendations for the slide at WWTP.
- We have hired 2 students for the summer. One lives in Lake California and the other one lives in Red Bluff. Tyler will be in charge of the summer help and this should really help with the landscape throughout the District and take some burden off the operators.

- A tree fell on a car in the Fire Station parking lot. The tree was so close to Rio Alto that I had Pace Engineering come out and survey the property lines of the Office to be sure that the liability did not belong to Rio Alto. It has been determined the tree was on the Fire Department's lot.
- The Hydrant identification cap painting has been completed.
- Continued sewer TVing and cleaning.
- Proposed sewer patch next week.
- Installed meters on Gazelle and Jib.
- Located and extended sewer line on Gazelle.
- Dean is working on the CCR report.
- Landscaping and weed eating.
- Meter reads.

Pending Projects:

- Selection of survey sites for backflow surveys.
- Dinghy repairs/replacement.
- WWTP clearing out of cement gutters for drainage on hill.
- Mowing at the wetlands.

Regulatory:

The April Water and Wastewater Reports are included in the board package. Dean has also included a report on the recent committee meetings that he has attended. Great news!!!! Our second round of PFAS testing came back non detect!!!!

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	\$(634.81)	\$2,292.90	\$ 425.87
WWTP	November	\$(391.86)	\$18,070.49	\$1,864.64
Well#6	February	\$(2,678.12)	\$(4,703.67)	\$675.64
Well#5	March	\$(4,519.93)	\$(7,482.05)	\$146.82

Admin:

- 3/3/25 – 5/2/25 billings prepared and mailed.
- Working on training manuals.

