

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022, 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

ALSO PRESENT:

Roger Horton, Homeowner
John Wimmer, Homeowner

ABSENT:

Louise Wilkinson, Vice-President
Peter Suggs, Director

- 1 Agenda Item #1 – Public Comment. No public comment.
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- 3 Agenda Item #2 - Approval of Excused Absences. Director Mercer made a motion to approve
- 4 the absence of Vice-President Wilkinson, seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion carried
- 5 (3-0). Vice-President and Director Suggs absent. Director Mercer made a motion to approve the
- 6 absence of Director Suggs, seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion carried (3-0). Vice-
- 7 President and Director Suggs absent.
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- 9 Agenda Item #3 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report
- 10 through July 15, 2022. A brief discussion was held between the Directors and John Wimmer
- 11 (head of the AC Committee) regarding planting of redwood trees and oleander bushes. Mr.
- 12 Wimmer asked if the District could write a letter to the AC committee restricting all planting of

1 Directors – Director Mercer advised the Board that she observed some illegal fireworks
2 on the 4th and had to report it to the volunteer fire department.

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4 Having no further business to discuss, Director Mercer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at
5 7:48 p.m., seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion carried (3-0). Vice-President Wilkinson
6 and Director Suggs absent.

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8 Respectfully submitted,

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11 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
 Manager's Report
 July 15, 2022

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The new water year which began October 1st shows 18.84 inches of rain as of July 14, 2022, compared to the average normal season to date of 32.90 inches, which is 57.2 % of the average. Shasta Lake level has decreased by 4.61 feet and is now 125.66 feet from the crest. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 4248cfs. Precipitation and lake levels for the last three years are as follows:

Year	July Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2022	18.84	32.90	57%	125.66
2021	13.80	33.80	40%	133.87
2020	23.65	33.96	69%	58.42

Rio Alto customer's consumption for 2022 is 17.5% below consumption for the same year-to-date period in 2013, however we are 2.3% above our consumption for the year-to date-figures in 2020. The Governor has asked all consumers to reduce consumption by 15% from the 2020 numbers. We still do not have a mandate, but I am sure it is coming down the road. The District will advise our customers when this happens. Many customers are awaiting news about turf replacement funding, I still have no word. The Governor has passed the budget, but we still do not know the funding allocations or status.

Field Crew:

2021/2022 Fiscal year connection totals stand at 22 meters, 2 landscape meters and 13 sewer connections. We surpassed our budget in both water and sewer connections. The following connections have been received since the beginning of our new fiscal year:

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

I am very proud of the field crew, they have taken Mike's retirement by the reins and are completing many tasks on their lists. The following activities kept the field crew busy:

- A second disinfection process was made on the booster tank after we received a positive bacti. They capped off a 8" line formerly used for boosting as the possible source of contamination. The booster tank is now back on line.
- Drained the 500k tank in anticipation of work to be performed by Superior Tank Solutions. The welding of new safety mechanisms is complete on the 500k tank and they have just completed the blasting and clean up of the coal tar.
- Cleaned the holding pond at WWTP. New piece of equipment purchased enabled this to be accomplished in 45 minutes versus 4 hours.
- When flushing the LPSS (low pressure sewer system) the field crew found that a check valve at the street had not been installed when the line was installed back in the 90's. We should have caught that when the line was constructed and inspected. The lack of the check valve coupled with a customer's failed pump caused the flushing fluids to fill the customer's tank. We purchased and installed a check valve and paid to have the customer's tank drained. A valve handle was replaced on Red Rock Peak and now all the LPSS lines have been flushed.
- Installed new meter for customer who ran over and damaged it. Customer was charged.
- Field crew is completing engraving truck numbers on the tools.
- Pump #2 at Lift station #4 was rewired, but it still has issues, so it was removed and taken to Industrial Electric for evaluation. The current pumps on lift stations 3&4 are obsolete so we will be purchasing a comparable pump to keep on the shelf for future failures. (Funding for this has been done through budgets)
- Repaired hydrant with broken coupler on Sweet Brier.
- It was determined that the leaking hydrant on Cottonwood Drive was just a poor shut down of the hydrant. It was opened and reclosed and does not appear to be leaking now.
- Scott has purchased cold patch asphalt and the boys plan on repairing some of the smaller asphalt patches themselves next week.
- Summer help has completed landscape, but basically need to start again. Both shops at WWTP have been cleaned by the summer help. We lost one of the summer workers, his mom pulled his work permit.
- Static Water level testing for 2nd quarter:

Well	Static Water Level at Construction	Static Water Level Level at 6/30/22	Difference
Well#5 (2005)	205'	207.98	-2.98'
Well#6 (2009)	277'	282.2	-5.20

Pending issues:

- Repair/replace air relief valve on River View South past the gate.
- Painting of hydrants.
- More sewer patch repairs.
- Begin valve exercising program.
- Searching for a vehicle to replace 1990 Nissan.
- Contacting John Harrington for quote on generator for lift station #6 that maybe could also run Well#4.

Solar:

Solar updates period June 5, 2022 through July 5, 2022:

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$(588.09)	\$(1,403.57)	\$229.39
WWTP	November	\$(970.43)	\$7,261.52	\$1,678.80
Well#6	February	\$(828.92)	451.10	\$1709.32
Well#5	March	\$(3,949.23)	\$(16,655.39)	\$171.83

Regulatory:

Enclosed are the June water and wastewater reports.

Admin:

Flyers for LIHWAP (Low Income Household Water Assistance Program) went out with the most recent billing. The Consumer Confidence postcards were mailed out mid-June. John Kenny still working out questions with T-Mobile and requested changes be made to the lease document. No offers yet on the lots. Waiting for estimate for new gate at wetlands from Strange & Sons that will work with the keycard machine. Attached is a copy of memo received by ACWA regarding increases in Property Program. Candidate packets have been received from the Elections department and are due back to Elections department by 5:00 pm on August 12th. Included in package is inventory I needed to prepare to forward to asset evaluation consultant.

