

MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SECOND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Craig Weaver, Acting President
Steve Gibbs, Director
Don Moitoza, Director
Louise Wilkinson, Director
Richard Brubaker, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Martha Slack, General Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

Mel Freimuth, Homeowner and Candidate for Board Election

ABSENT:

All Board Members were Present

1 The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m., by Acting President Craig Weaver who chaired the
2 meeting.

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4 Agenda Item #1 - Public Comment. Homeowner and Candidate Mel Freimuth handed out a
5 paper to the Directors in explanation of the comment that was made at his interview for
6 appointment to the Board about his censorship on the POA Board.

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8 Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Excused Absences. There were no absences.

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10 Agenda Item #3 – Administer Oath of Office to New Director Richard Brubaker. Director

11 Wilkinson made a motion to approve the administering of the Oath of Office to new Director

1 Richard Brubaker, seconded by Director Gibbs. The motion carried 4-0. (The new Director
2 Brubaker could not vote until his Oath of Office was administered. The General Manager
3 administered the Oath of Office to new Director Brubaker.

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5 Agenda Item#4 – Election of a New Vice-President. Director Gibbs made a motion to nominate
6 Director Wilkinson for Vice-President of the Board of Directors, seconded by Director Brubaker.
7 The motion carried 5-0.

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9 Agenda Item#5 – Review and Select new “Primary” ACWA/JPIA Representative Board
10 Member. Director Moitoza nominated Acting President Weaver to become the new “Primary”
11 ACWA/JPIA Representative Board Member, seconded by Vice-President Wilkinson. The
12 motion carried 5-0.

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14 Agenda Item#6 – Approval of Resolution 05-18 Replacing District “Primary” ACWA/JPIA
15 Representative Board Member. Vice-President Wilkinson made a motion to approve Resolution
16 05-18 replacing the District “Primary” ACWA/JPIA Representative Board Member with Acting
17 President Weaver as approved in Agenda Item #5, seconded by Director Moitoza. The motion
18 carried 5-0.

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20 Agenda Item #7 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report
21 Update through August 15, 2018 (See attached Addendum A to the minutes).

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1 Agenda Item #8– Approval of the Minutes from the Five Hundred and Eighty First Regular
2 Board Meeting of the Board of Directors Held on July 18, 2018. Vice-President Wilkinson made
3 a motion to approve the Minutes from the Five Hundred and Eighty First Regular Board Meeting
4 of the Board of Directors Held on July 18, 2018, seconded by Director Moitoza. The motion
5 carried 5-0.

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7 Agenda Item#9 – Approval of the July Disbursement Reports. Vice-President Louise Wilkinson
8 made a motion to approve the July Disbursement Reports, seconded by Director Gibbs. The
9 motion carried 5-0. A brief discussion followed.

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11 Agenda Item#10 – Income/Expense Reports for the Period Ending 6/30/18. The General
12 Manager presented the pre-audit Income/Expense reports for the period ending 6/30/18. After a
13 discussion of the line items, the General Manager told the new Directors to come into the office
14 and speak with either the Bookkeeper or the General Manager if they had any further questions
15 reading the reports.

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17 Agenda Item #9 – Communications:

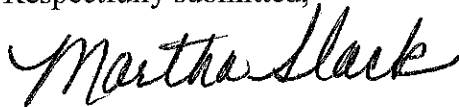
18 Staff: The General Manager presented a memo incident report and updated the Directors
19 on a sewer plug that occurred on Monday July 13, 2018. The General Manager informed
20 them that oleanders encroaching on the offsite main line behind Oak Run caused a 12
21 foot root intrusion in our main line resulted in sewage back up in a residence at the end
22 of the cul-de-sac. The General Manager further explained that the Field crew replaced 5
23 feet of the main line and pulled out the 12 foot root plug. The field crew also uprooted

1 the oleanders located near the sewer plug with the backhoe. A letter will be going out to
2 the two owners at the end of the cul-de-sac requiring them to remove additional oleanders
3 that are encroaching on our sewer easement. The Regulatory Officer will be notifying
4 the Regional Board of a minor sewage spill related to the repair of the piping. The
5 General Manager also informed the Board that a letter will be going out to all of the
6 customers within the Improvement District that are below grade reminding them that the
7 District requires them to install a sewer overflow relief on their sewer clean out that
8 prevents sewage from backing up into their residences. A similar notice went out in the
9 early nineties. The General Manager also informed the Directors that she has a tentative
10 surgery date of October 23, 2018. She is also on a cancellation list that might speed up
11 the surgery. She will keep them informed.

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13 Directors: Director Moitoza advised the Board that his eye surgery has been cancelled.

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15 Having no further business to conduct, Vice-President Director Wilkinson made a motion,
16 seconded by Director Moitoza to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

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18 Respectfully submitted,

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20 Martha Slack, General Manager



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BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

NAME

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AFFILIATION

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Addendum A
 Manager's Report
 August 15, 2018

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

I participated in a webinar about the new conservation laws that were put in place by Governor Brown. They did mention that while the smaller Districts are not addressed in the law, they would be addressed before the required implementation. If my understanding of the webinar is correct, the allocations will be based on the population of the service area not the individual homes. Once the outdoor allocations have been determined, those amounts will be added to form a grand total for the service area and then it will be the responsibility of the Agency to determine how to comply. Season to date precipitation is 19.70 inches as compared to a normal season to date of 33.89 inches. The distance from the crest at Lake Shasta is now 58.66 feet with increased flows for agriculture and to keep the water temperatures down for fish (this is down 19.31 feet from last month.) As usual for this period of time we have had criticism on the social media sites for the cost of our water and the reduction of the minimum allotment. Most customers use only the minimum in Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons, but use a considerable amount more in response to the summer heat. A recent area survey showed the following minimum costs and allotments: (The comparison is done monthly because most of these agencies bill monthly)

Agency	Monthly Fixed	Monthly allotment with fixed charge	Meter size	Cost per 100cft over the minimum
Rio Alto	\$20.33	750 cft	¾"	\$1.30
Rio Alto	\$27.33	750 cft	1"	\$1.30
Cottonwood	\$25	800 cft	¾ & 1"	.80
Centerville CSD	\$26.75	- 0 -	¾"	.887
Centerville CSD	\$27.00	- 0 -	1"	.887
Clear Creek CSD	\$20.09	200 cft	¾ & 1"	.69
City of Redding	\$21.17	-0-	¾"	\$1.425
City of Redding	\$41.77	-0-	1"	\$1.425

As you can see we are not out of line on our consumption charges. The July Groundwater Commission meeting was canceled so I have nothing to report.

Fire news:

When I was falsely evacuated, I came and spent the night out at the District. I noticed many cars lining Lake California Drive which I am assuming were evacuees. I subsequently heard that the campground was full of evacuees. We have already had two new customers that are renting within the District that lost their homes in the Carr Fire. The District will do what it can to make these transitions smooth. It is predicted that with the loss of over 1,000 homes, the Redding area does not have sufficient rentals for all of those people. I suspect we will see an increased number of renters out in Lake California as a result of this. I have heard very positive comments on how the evacuees were treated. I am proud of this community and its response to the crisis. Shasta CSD's office and furnishings were burned to the ground. Their new tanks survived the fire, but they have a long road ahead of them to be up and running again. Although somewhat costly, I am grateful that we back up our data up to the cloud. The package water and wastewater plants at Whiskeytown were destroyed and Keswick Special District only has two customers left. Clear Creek CSD was scrambling to save their chlorine gas building, located below Whiskeytown Dam, from eminent danger. The building caught fire, but they were able to put it out and avoid a chlorine gas catastrophe. All of the Districts within the fire areas had adequate water to assist in firefighting but they recommended people restrict their watering to keep the pressure up. These Districts are keeping track of their hours spent and will be reimbursed for their time through the Office of Emergency Services.

Field Crew:

The storage container is complete and is more pleasing to the eye. The roofs of the panel rain covers at lift stations 6 and 7 have been replaced with the metal siding. The Booster Station trim is currently being replaced with the metal trim to eliminate future destruction from the woodpeckers. The repaired effluent pump has been installed and is working properly. We lost the shaft on one of the aerator brushes and this has now been repaired, replaced and is working successfully. We received two connections for service in the month of July and expect five more in the near future. Billy Schatz came on board on August 1st and seems to fit in nicely with the existing crew. The tank level transducer needed to be adjusted because it was not registering the same levels as our SCADA. Phil from PACE came out and adjusted it and trained Dean so that he could make any necessary future adjustments. Landscape at lift station #2 is complete with lift station#3 coming next week.

In addition to their normal duties, the field crew has the following items scheduled for the remainder of August and September:

- Removal of Cottonwood tree saplings encroaching on the wetland levies
- Hydrant flow testing and flushing
- Repairing broken meter stops
- Valve Exercising

- Dean will be revising our Emergency Response Plan to include the POA evacuation instructions

First Aid and CPR Class:

As a reminder we will be holding the First Aid and CPR classes on the following dates:

Class	Date	Time	Cost
First Aid	Tuesday August 18 th	1:00pm to 4:30 pm	\$35
CPR	Thursday, August 30 th	12:30pm to 4:00 pm	\$30

Directors please let Terri know who will be attending and bring your check for the cost to the class.

Office Staff:

We have been very busy in the office this past week with payment processing and metered and availability delinquency charges. Ninety six accounts were turned over to the county for collection through the taxes totaling the amount of \$20,029.08. Last year we turned over \$26,258.18. The delinquencies are down by about 24%. This is due in part to the two tax sales held in May and June of this year. Congratulations are in order for Sherry who passed her notary test with a 90%.

Regulatory:

Attached are copies of the water and wastewater monitoring reports for June. We violated in the month of July when we got a 920.8 total coliform on July 31st. Dean reported the violation to our representative from Regional Water Quality Control and she did not seem concerned. We do not receive penalties for this violation. I asked Mike what he thought happened and he said it might have been attributed to the cleaning of the pond the previous day. As the report indicates, our numbers are normally less than zero.

Elections:

We will be having an election, the following candidates have filed with the County.

Craig Weaver, Incumbent

Steve Gibbs, Incumbent

Mel Freimuth, New candidate