

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY- FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT LUNCH- 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:

No guests

ABSENT:

No absences

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2 Agenda Item #1 - Public Comment. No public in attendance.

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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 August 13, 2021.

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9 Agenda Item #4 –Review of Lot Appraisals and Recommend Sales Price and Manner of Listing.

10 Vice-President Wilkinson made a motion to discuss the appraisals and possible sale of Rio Alto  
11 lake lots on North Marina, seconded by Director Brubaker. After a lengthy discussion Director

1 Brubaker made a motion to place the lots for sale, by owner, at a price of \$107,000 each,  
2 seconded by Vice-President Wilkinson. The motion carried (5-0).

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4 Agenda Item#5 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Twentieth Regular Meeting  
5 of the Board of Directors Held on July 21, 2021. Director Mercer made a motion to approve  
6 the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held  
7 on July 21, 2021, seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion carried (3-0), Vice-President  
8 Wilkinson and Director Suggs abstained.

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10 Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the July Disbursement Reposts. Director Mercer made a motion  
11 to approve the July Disbursement Reports, seconded by Vice-President Wilkinson. A brief  
12 question answer period ensued. The motion carried (5-0).

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14 Agenda Item #7 – Further Discussion on Allowing District Field Crew to Become Daytime  
15 Volunteers for Lake California Fire Department. After a lengthy discussion on the benefits,  
16 liabilities and commitments of allowing District personnel to become daytime volunteers for the  
17 Lake California Volunteer Fire Department, Director Mercer made a motion to call for a vote,  
18 seconded by Vice- President Wilkinson. The votes in favor 0, votes against 5.

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20 Agenda Item #8 – Income/Expense Reports through 6/30/21 (Pre-Audit). The General Manager  
21 presented and explained the Income/Expense Reports through 6/30/21 (Pre-Audit).

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1 Agenda Item #9 – Formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to Review Options for Succession

2 Planning. President Weaver made a motion to form an ad-hoc committee to assist in succession  
3 planning, seconded by Director Brubaker. A lengthy discussion was had on the need to be  
4 prepared for the upcoming retirement of the Operations Supervisor, eventual retirement of the  
5 General Manager, and what changes this will bring about to District operations. President  
6 Weaver and Director Brubaker volunteered to be on the ad-hoc committee that could meet  
7 informally with District management to discuss the transitions and report back to the board. The  
8 motion carried (5-0).

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10 Agenda Item #9 Communications:

11 Staff – The General Manager advised the Directors that we need to move the date of the  
12 September Board meeting because we will not have a quorum. The Directors agreed to  
13 move the Board meeting up one week to September 8, 2021, to assure we have a quorum.

14 Directors – Vice-President Wilkinson reported on her recent attendance at the Board of  
15 Supervisors meeting.

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17 Having no further business to discuss, Vice-President Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn the  
18 meeting at 9:32 p.m., seconded by Director Mercer. The motion carried (5-0).

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20 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A  
Manager's Report  
August 13, 2021

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The new water year begins October 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. As of August 13, 2021, the season to date precipitation of 13.81 inches is 19.18 inches below the average normal season to date of 32.99 inches. Shasta Lake level is 152.03 feet from the crest, down 18.6 feet from the level reported last month. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 6,103cfs. At this time last year, the lake level was 81.16 feet from the crest, 70.87 feet higher than this year. The Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Plan is due to the state in January 2022. The next public workshop for the Bowman Subbasin will be held online on August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. You can register at the following site: <https://bit.ly/SGMA/-Aug17-Bowman> and you will receive confirmation and instructions on how to join the webinar. Yesterday it was reported that there is a 55% chance of La Nina conditions this fall and winter. That is not necessarily good because it can mean less precipitation for the Northern Hemisphere and colder temperatures.

Field Crew:

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

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

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

The machined part for the west aerator has failed. Rather than invest any more money in it we will continue to wait for the part from Germany. The field crew has re-wired Lift Station #7 and so far, so good. They are waiting to rebury the conduit until they are convinced it is working correctly. The goats are finished at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and now finishing up the exterior of the wetlands. We have found the goats do better on dry grass and weeds rather than green vegetation. The request for proposals was posted on the CIP website and we held the mandatory walk through on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Only two companies attended, F.D. Thomas and Superior Tank Solutions. Proposals are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The crew experienced a couple of breaks on service lines that were installed back in the day with polybutylene. The break on Kingsley cove has been replaced with polyethylene and they will be doing the same to the other one once we receive a piece of equipment we ordered that pulls the new pipe through the old pipe. We have found the polybutylene pipe in several areas and

eventually this will all need to be replaced. The polybutylene gets brittle and breaks. Fortunately, that is not the material of the majority of the service lines throughout the District.

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.
- Continue training new OIT

Solar:

Solar updates period June 6, 2021 through July 6, 2021:

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$(367.69)	\$(1,652.02)	\$200.56
WWTP	November	\$(1,385.11)	\$2,537.53	\$1,481.70
Well#6	February	\$(497.53)	(\$8,676.32)	\$2,109.93
Well#5	March	\$739.20	\$(1,787.70)	\$1,445.14

Regulatory:

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

Admin:

Sherri and I sent over \$25,472.56 in delinquencies to the county collection through the taxes on August 10th. We got a pretty good response from delinquent customers before the deadline. I am also completing the survey for the Covid-19 arrearages and we will see where that leads. The Auditors will be out for their field work September 13<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>.

SAVE THE DATE for the Well#4 dedication ceremony is Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. The District will provide tea sandwiches and beverages.