

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT BOARD 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
Scott Russell, Lead Water Operator

ALSO PRESENT:

No audience

ABSENT:

None

1 Agenda Item #1 – Public Comment. No public comment.

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3 Agenda Item #2 - Approval of Excused Absences. No absences.

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5 Agenda Item #3 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report

6 through August 12, 2022. The General Manager said she would follow up on letter to Lake

7 California AC Committee requesting prohibiting planting of redwood trees and oleanders. The

8 General Manager explained she spoke with legal counsel and he advised her that we did not have

9 the authority to prohibit what residents planted on private property but possibly the AC

10 committee could make the recommendation. The General Manager advised the Directors that

1 incumbents, Weaver and Mercer as well as another candidate filed papers for the upcoming
2 election, so we will be having an election.

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4 Agenda Item #4 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred Thirty Second Regular Meeting
5 of the Board of Directors held on July 20, 2022. Director Mercer made a motion to approve the
6 Minutes of the Six Hundred Thirty Second Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on
7 July 20, 2022, seconded by Director Brubaker. The Motion carried (3-0). Vice-President
8 Wilkinson and Director Suggs abstained from the vote due to their absences from the meeting.

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

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14 Agenda Item#6 – Income/Expense Reports for Period Ending 6/30/22. The General Manager
15 gave a brief presentation on the Income/Expense Reports for period ending 6/30/22. The General
16 Manager explained that although we had a positive cash flow due to increased revenues, our
17 expenditures are really up with the current economic conditions and permitting costs. The
18 General Manager stated that this just reiterates the need for our rate studies and potential rate
19 increases.

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21 Agenda Item #7 - Communications:

22 Staff – The General Manager advised the Directors that President Weaver, Director
23 Suggs, Dean Sherrill and herself met with Robert Andrews from Computer Logistics to

1 address the Director's concerns on Cyber Security. Robert updated the Directors on what
2 current security measures are in place and how cyber security is a moving target that we
3 need to consistently keep on top of. Robert suggested he put together a list of
4 recommendations for tightening up security to review at a future meeting. A discussion
5 was also held about the limited security at the office and board room. The General
6 Manager suggested we form an ad hoc committee at the next board meeting, to continue
7 discussions on cyber security.

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9 Directors – Vice-President Wilkinson advised the Directors that the local democratic
10 committee will be hosting a “Meet the Candidates” night at the Lake Club on September
11 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

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13 Having no further business to discuss, Director Mercer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at
14 7:58 p.m., seconded by Vice-President Wilkinson. The motion carried (5-0).

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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19 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
 Manager's Report
 August 12, 2022

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The new water year which began October 1st shows 18.84 inches of rain as of August 11, 2022, compared to the average normal season to date of 32.99 inches, which is 57.1 % of the average. Shasta Lake level has decreased by 5.56 feet and is now 131.22 feet from the crest. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 4683. Precipitation and lake levels for the last three years are as follows:

Year	August Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2022	18.84	32.99	57%	131.22
2021	13.81	32.99	41%	152.03
2020	23.65	34.10	69%	81.16

There is growing public concern about local aquifers. This is the 1st year that ACID has not received a substantial allocation from the Bureau and many of the local ranchettes are hurting because of it. They are finding some of the local older wells in the Churn Creek area going dry. Most of these wells are very old shallow wells that receive some of their recharge from ACID canal percolation. Rio Alto's aquifer remains in good shape with levels at 6/30/22 being down approximately 3 feet for Well#5 and 5 feet for Well#6. Governor Newsom unveiled a 19 page document today outlining a new strategy for bolstering the state's water supply as bullet pointed below:

- Increasing desalination plant +84,000 acre ft by 2040
- Expanding reservoirs and groundwater storage +4 million acre ft
- Complete regional water standard efficiencies for houses and businesses
- Streamline the water rights system
- Streamline processes so projects can be planned, built, and permitted more quickly while still preserving the environment.

Field Crew:

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	1
Commercial Sewer	0

In addition to their normal daily activities, the field crew has been very productive with the following tasks:

- Saw cutting asphalt on Sandpiper to locate a difficult sewer
- Asphalt patching on Windward, Buckeye, Indian Creek, Blue Ridge
- Installed concrete apron around clean out on Antelope Creek
- Flushing blow offs in response to odor complaints
- Isolation, monitor and inspect rehab of Tank 2A
- Monitoring power issue at Well#5
- Responded to and repaired blowoff on Sannedrin
- Pump #2 at Lift station #4 was delivered to Industrial Electric and a new pump has been ordered for redundancy.
- Repaired service line from main to easement on St. John Place.
- Tyler and Austin have painted about 25% of the hydrants.
- The 500k tank 2A has been completed, disinfected and filled. An inhouse bacti was taken on 8/10/22 with good results so we sent a bacti to basic labs under “special.” A second inhouse bacti was taken on 8/11 and if that one has good results we will deliver another to basic labs and assuming all tests are good the tank will be place back on-line next week.
- A used Nissan Frontier was purchased to replace the 1992 Nissan. It has only 65,000 miles on it and is in really good condition.

Pending issues:

- Repair/replace air relief valve on River View South past the gate.
- Completion of painting hydrants
- More sewer patch repairs.
- Begin valve exercising program.
- Waiting for Chris Harrington to return from Hawaii for quote on generator for lift station #6 that maybe could also run Well#4.

Solar:

Solar updates period July 5, 2022 through August 4, 2022:

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$(150.92)	\$(1,544.44)	\$251.24*
WWTP Aug Data Not available	November	\$(970.43)	\$7,261.52	\$1,678.80
Well#6	February	\$(2,079.26)	\$(1,628.16)	\$2,130.55
Well#5	March	\$1,467.23	\$(15,188.16)	\$641.35

Office true up

Regulatory:

Enclosed are the July water and wastewater reports.

Admin:

(14) 24 hour notices were posted on Monday with 3 remaining unpaid and shut off on Tuesday. County delinquencies were turned over in the amount of \$27,832.42 for collection through the 2022-2023 tax rolls. The CFD Special Tax levy in the amount of \$ 341,280 was sent to the County by Goodwin and Associates. John Kenny is still working out details on the lease with T-Mobile and the rental income has come up to \$1,200 per month. A new gate that will accommodate the key card system is being fabricated and is expected to be completed in three weeks. We will be having an election. Both incumbents and homeowner Clay Lowery have filed papers with the Elections department.