

1 MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH SPECIAL MEETING OF
2 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON
3 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026, AT 3:00 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 Louise Wilkinson, Director
- 12 Pete Suggs, Director
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14 STAFF PRESENT:

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- 16 Martha Slack, General Manager
- 17 Dean Sherrill, Regulatory Officer
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20 ALSO PRESENT:

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25 ABSENT:

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

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30 Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Excused Absences. No Absences.

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32 Agenda Item#3 – Review Potential Grant Opportunity from CalOES for Cyber Security

33 including SCADA Equipment Replacement. The General Manager explained that she was
34 alerted by Sean, from PACE Engineering, about a potential grant opportunity that he felt our
35 District might be eligible for. The application/proposal needs to be submitted by Friday, March
36 13, 2026. The CalOES Cyber Security Grant offers a maximum award of \$250,000 with a 30%
37 District match. The grant would assist the District in replacing our obsolete hardware and

1 software for our SCADA system. A lengthy discussion followed and the General Manager said
2 that due to the technical difficulty of the application PACE Engineering would need to prepare
3 the application so there is a potential cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to PACE whether we receive the
4 funding or not. The General Manager asked for authorization to direct PACE Engineering to
5 prepare the application/proposal. Director Wilkinson made a motion to authorize the General
6 Manager to direct PACE Engineering to prepare the application/proposal, seconded by Vice-
7 President Mercer. The motion carried (5-0).

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12 Having no further business to discuss, Vice-President Mercer made a motion to adjourn the
13 meeting at 3:42 p.m., seconded by Director Wilkinson. The motion carried (5-0).

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15 Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Slack". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

18 Martha Slack, General Manager