

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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18 Martha Slack, General Manager