

1 MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIXTH REGULAR MEETING AND  
2 PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER  
3 DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT  
4 BOARD ROOM.

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8 DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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10 Rick Brubaker, President  
11 Ginny Mercer, Vice-President  
12 Louise Wilkinson, Director  
13 Peter Suggs, Director  
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15 STAFF PRESENT:

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17 Martha Slack, General Manager  
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20 ALSO PRESENT:

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22 Kathy Bezayiff, Homeowner  
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24 ABSENT:

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26 Craig Weaver, Director  
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28 Public Hearing: (6 p.m.)  
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30 Agenda Item #1 – Hear and Consider Comments on Proposed Water and Sewer Connection Fee

31 Increases. President Brubaker opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. The only attendee was  
32 asked if she had any comments or concerns on the proposed connection fee increases. The  
33 homeowner replied she did not. President Brubaker closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to  
34 proceed to the regular meeting.

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36 Regular Meeting: (6:30 p.m.)  
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38 Agenda Item #1- Public Comment: No public comment.  
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1 Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Excused Absences. Director Wilkinson made a motion to  
2 approve the absence of Director Weaver, seconded by Vice-President Mercer. The motion  
3 passed. (4-0) Director Weaver absent.

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5 Agenda Item#3 –Manager’s Report: The Manager presented the Manager’s Report through May  
6 10, 2024.

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8 Agenda Item #4 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Fifty Fifth Regular Board  
9 Meeting Held on April 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room. Director Wilkinson  
10 made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Six Hundred and Fifty Fifth Regular Board  
11 Meeting held on April 24, 2024 at 6:30p.m., seconded by Director Suggs. The motion carried  
12 (4-0). Director Weaver absent.

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14 Agenda Item #5 - Approval of the April Disbursement Reports. Director Wilkinson made a  
15 motion to approve the April Disbursement Reports, seconded by Director Suggs. The motion  
16 carried (4-0). Director Weaver absent.

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1 Agenda Item #6- Review and Possible Approval of Resolution 03-24 of the Board of Directors  
2 of Rio Alto Water District to Change Water Connections Fees. Director Wilkinson made a  
3 motion to approve Resolution 03-24 of the Board of Directors of the Rio Alto Water District to  
4 Change Water Connection Fees, seconded by Vice-President Mercer. The motion carried. (4-0)  
5 Director Weaver absent.

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7 Agenda Item #7 – Review and Possible Approval of Resolution 04-24 of the Board of Directors  
8 of the Rio Alto Water District to Change Sewer Connection Fees. Director Suggs made a motion  
9 to approve Resolution 04-24 of the Board of Directors of the Rio Alto Water District to Change  
10 Sewer Connection Fees, seconded by Director Wilkinson. The motion carried. (4-0) Director  
11 Weaver absent.

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13 Agenda Item # 8 – Review and Possible Approval of 24/25 COLA. After a lengthy discussion,  
14 Vice-President Mercer made a motion to set the 24/25 COLA at 3.25%, seconded by Director  
15 Suggs. The motion carried. (4-0) Director Weaver absent.

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17 Agenda Item #9 – Distribution of the Draft 24/25 Budget. The General Manager informed the  
18 Directors that she had not completed the Draft 24/25 Budget and that she would have it delivered  
19 to them on Friday or Monday

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21 Agenda Item #10 Communications:

22 Staff: The General Manager advised the Directors that they are all registered for the Region  
23 Tour to Paradise on June 27, 2024. The General Manager advised the Directors that an  
24 Ad Hoc Committee meeting for Succession training was held and that she would follow

1 up with a new meeting after the budget matters are completed. She also advised the  
2 Directors that an Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee meeting was held and that  
3 Dean Sherrill is tasked with combining and condensing the two reports that we have.  
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5 Directors: President Brubaker offered to drive to Paradise for the Region 2 Tour.

6 Director Wilkinson reminded the Board that Tuesday May 21, 2024 was the POA Annual  
7 Meeting. She also advised the staff that she would be out of town June 9<sup>th</sup> through June  
8 14<sup>th</sup>.

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10 Having no further business to discuss, Director Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting  
11 at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Director Suggs. The motion carried. (4-0) Director Weaver absent.

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13 Sincerely,

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16 Martha Slack, General Manager  
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Addendum A  
 Manager's Report  
 May 10, 2024

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA: The new water year began October 1<sup>st</sup> and compares with the last two water years as follows:

Water Year	May 10 Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2023/2024	31.31	30.97	101.1%	5.26
2022/2023	39.01	31.26	125%	3.40
2021/2022	17.95	31.43	57%	120.34

Consumption for the period 3/3/24 – 5/3/24 is 35.18 % lower than 2013 consumption for the same period. Current year to date consumption is 21.6% lower than year to date in 2013. As of May 6<sup>th</sup>, the statewide average snow levels are 87% of the annual average.

Field Crew:

We received 1 connection since last reported. Connections to date are:

<b>Connections to Date 2023/2024</b>	<b>#</b>
<b>Water 1" Meter</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Water 1" Duplex</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Water 2" Meter</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Water 1" Landscape Meter</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Water ¾" Landscape Meter</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Normal Sewer/LPSS</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Commercial Sewer</b>	<b>0</b>

The field crew have completed or are currently working on the following tasks:

- Asphalt repair on Jib and Blue Ridge will be included with POA road repairs.
- Flushed all low pressure systems.
- 1 meter install and replaced 2 bad meters.
- Tanks chlorinated and flushing done.
- Worked with the POA on sink hole on Loomis Peak (Determined not to be a Rio Alto issue).
- Continuous landscape weed eradication. Having to repeat after rain events and additional growth.
- Have been able to continue the lowering of brushes without compromising the effluent water quality in attempt to save energy.
- Still searching for best deal on VAC truck
- Lead and Copper evaluation at residence level about 40% complete.

Pending projects and their estimated completion dates:

- Plan on renting lift and repairing graffiti in next two weeks.
- More sewer patch repairs- as time allows and after we get new camera.
- Completion of Sewer Camera Project- pending camera repair.
- Hydrant identification painting in the Spring.

We received a certified letter from Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) stating we were not in compliance with smogging our vehicles. We have never smogged district vehicles and thought because we have e-plates that it was not required. Apparently, the Fleet Operations Unit of BAR is cleaning house and starting to enforce their requirements. Scott met with the representative from BAR on Tuesday and we need to comply asap. The policy requires smogging in years based on the ending VIN numbers. Even ending VIN numbers are smogged in even ending years and odd ending VIN numbers are smogged in odd ending years. The two vehicles they examined on his visit both had check engine lights on. Dean’s is an easy fix with replacement of a charcoal filter, Scott’s truck has a bad cylinder and we have gotten estimates for repair ranging up to \$12,000 - this vehicle needs to be replaced. Tyler’s vehicle has an on again and off again check engine light and is in bad shape. We need to replace Scott’s vehicle and repair Dean’s vehicle within 30 days and need to smog Billy’s and the service truck by the end of year 2024. Fortunately, I have funds in the vehicle replacement fund and am recommending we purchase a new (used, smaller more gas efficient) vehicle for Scott within the next 30 days and look into a vehicle for Tyler. This ties into our goal of replacing vehicles before we are required to replace with electric. Moving forward the schedule will be:

- 2016 Nissan Frontier (Dean) Odd years
- 2005 F150 (Tyler) Odd years (Replace)
- 2015 F150 (Billy) Even years
- Chevy Service Truck Even years
- 2015 F150 (Scott’s) Odd years (Replace)
- All other vehicles need to be placed on non-op and sold as surplus

Regulatory:

The April Water and Wastewater Reports will be handed out at the board meeting.

Solar Updates:

Solar updates period April 5, 2024 through May 5, 2024:

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$(601.20)	\$1424.97	\$374.81
WWTP	November	\$2,231.33	\$18,605.03	\$1,767.44*
Well#6	February	\$(4,116.82)	\$(8,324.16)	\$563.89
Well#5	March	\$(3,436.06)	\$ (3,436.06)	\$66.98*

- \*Unavailable at time of reporting

Admin:

Finalized water and sewer connection fee increases tables and resolutions. Letters sent to contractors. New bills with new rates generated and mailed. Office staff fielding questions on new rates. Attended the Safety Fair and represented Rio Alto Water District. Working diligently on getting a draft budget to the Directors at this meeting.



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## BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

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