

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY- THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021, 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

ALSO PRESENT:

- John Wimmer, Homeowner
- Roger Horton, Homeowner

ABSENT:

No absences

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Agenda Item #1 - Public Comment. New homeowner John Horton introduced himself to the

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Board and the Board thanked him for attending. He stated that he had spoken with the General

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Manager and was following up by attending the Board Meeting.

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

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

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through October 15, 2021.

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Agenda Item #4 - Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred Twenty Second Regular Meeting

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of the Board of Directors Held on September 8, 2021. Vice-President Wilkinson made a motion

1 to approve the minutes of the Six Hundred Twenty Second Regular Meeting of the Board of
2 Directors held on September 8, 2021, seconded by Director Brubaker. The motion carried (5-0).

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

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8 Agenda Item #6 Communications:

9 Staff – The General Manager highlighted the water articles included in the board package
10 and thanked the Directors for attending the Well#4 dedication ceremony.

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12 Directors – Director Mercer stated that she was very impressed with the Well#4
13 dedication ceremony and thanked the General Manager and Board President. Vice-
14 President Wilkinson reported that she gave the Rio Alto update at the POA meeting last
15 night from the Manager’s Report and that she needed to further explain the sludge
16 disposal to one of the residents. She also reported that the only significant news obtained
17 from the meeting was that the POA will be installing foam fire extinguishers on the
18 Airport and that Lakes California Land, LLC plans on starting 10 more homes before the
19 end of the year.

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2 Having no further business to discuss, Director Brubaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting
3 at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Director Suggs. The motion carried (5-0).

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8 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
Manager's Report
October 15, 2021

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The water year ending 9/30/21 finished with 14.31 inches, 58% below the normal average season to date. The new water year which began October 1st shows only a trace of rain as of October 14 compared to the average normal season to date of .60 inches. Shasta Lake level is 181.01 feet from the crest, down 65.86 feet from the level reported last month. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 4,903cfs. At this time last year, the lake level was 101.95 feet from the crest, 79.06 feet higher than this year, and in 2019 the water level was 42.74 feet from the crest. The Tehama County Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan is out for public comment <http://tehamacountywater.org>gsa>. Comments are due by November 19, 2021. Our basin is the Bowman Basin. A question and answer webinar will be held on October 20 at 6:00p.m. at <https://bit.ly/tehamaSGMA-Webinar-Oct20-Register> and a public outreach meeting will also be held on November 15th at <https://bit.ly/TehamaSGMA-PublicMeetingNov15-RSVP> both remotely and in person. In person meetings are held at the Tehama County Board of Supervisor's Chambers.

Field Crew:

We had 5 additional connections; (3) water and sewer and (2) water only since my report in early September. This is a good start to the new fiscal year.

Connections to Date 2021/2022	#
Water 1" Meter	8
Water 2" Meter	0
Water 1" Landscape Meter	0
Water ¾" Landscape Meter	0
Normal Sewer/LPSS	5
Commercial Sewer	0

The field crew has been very busy in the last month. We rented a scissor lift and Billy and Tyler came in the evening to patch up possible entry sites for bats at the WWTP storage building. For now we are bat free! Scott purchased a small generator and installed an automatic tie in at the wetlands for the effluent valve. It worked great during this last PSPS event. In total, this last PSPS was handled very efficiently by the field crew and no problems arose. While locating a sewer line for connection, the crew found the sewer main line was nearly plugged on Starboard. They cleaned and broke up all the roots in the main line and advised the homeowner to remove vegetation around her sewer lateral. While trying to locate a sewer service line on Buckeye they found the line was under the pavement which made it necessary to extend the sewer line to the easement. The new equipment we purchased to replace the water line on Red Rock worked really good and they will be replacing another one on Indian Creek. Tyler got some good experience on this. Two hydrants were repaired, one on Edgewater and the other on Rio Alto

Drive. The booster tank rehab is scheduled to begin on November 1st. In the meantime, the field crew will be converting well#5 to the down-feed station to be able to take tank 1A off line.

The couplings on order from Germany are scheduled to arrive on 10/25/21. We coordinated our paving repairs with the POA asphalt contractors to reduce costs. The reduced testing on the monitoring wells only required static water level testing this quarter. This reduced testing should save us about \$4,000 per year. Next month the field crew will be busy with the Tank rehab. All of the field crew will be participating in the oversight of the project for experience. The sludge has been tested and can now go to the landfill.

Solar:

Solar updates period August 5, 2021 through September 6, 2021:

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$(156.88)	\$(156.88)	\$13.60*
WWTP	November	\$(337.83)	\$1,098.61	\$1,808.20
Well#6	February	\$1,757.91	(7,869.46)	\$3,326.74
Well#5	March	\$1,676.18	\$3,000.74	\$2,644.35

Regulatory:

Enclosed are the August and September water and wastewater reports. Dean has also included notes from his committee meetings. We received the On-Site Assessment Report from ELAP with 10 findings for corrective action. Scott is working tirelessly to address each finding and will have this completed in the 30 days required. They are all minor findings and this is the first visit we have had since certifying the lab.

Admin:

The audit field work was done remotely and went well. The survey and application for the Covid Arrearages Program has been filed with the state. State staff will prioritize the timing of disbursements to small community water systems and will begin disbursing funds by November 1, 2021. The succession training ad-hoc committee did not meet as planned due to conflicting work loads but I hope to put one together in November.