

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY- FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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:

Andrew Weaver, Shasta College Student
Roger Horton, Homeowner
Terry Mercer, Homeowner

ABSENT:

No absences

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- 2 Agenda Item #1 - Public Comment. Directors and Staff welcomed Shasta College student
- 3 Andrew Weaver and homeowners John Horton and Terry Mercer to the meeting. There was no
- 4 public comment.
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- 6 Agenda Item #2 - Approval of Excused Absences. No absences.
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- 8 Agenda Item #3 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report
- 9 through November 12, 2021.
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1 Agenda Item #4 – Review and Approval of Resolution 02-21 Adopting the Proposition 4
2 Appropriation Limits for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. Vice-President Wilkinson made a motion to
3 approve Resolution 02-21 adopting the Proposition 4 Appropriation Limits for the Fiscal Year
4 2020-2021, seconded by Director Mercer. The motion carried (5-0). The General Manager
5 explained that she found we are one year behind on this so next board meeting we will be
6 presenting the Appropriations Limits for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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8 Agenda Item#5 – Review and Approval of Resolution 03-21- Resolutions for Acceptance of
9 Treasury Management Services. Vice-President Wilkinson made a motion to Approve
10 Resolution 03-21 Resolutions for Acceptance of Treasury Management Services, seconded by
11 Director Mercer. The Directors asked why this was necessary and the General Manger explained
12 that the bank required this to increase our dollar limits on ACH credits. The General Manager
13 further explained it was necessary to increase the limit from \$20,000 to \$30,000 because more
14 customers are using autopay. The motion carried (5-0).

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16 Agenda Item #6- Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred Twenty Third Regular Meeting of
17 the Board of Directors Held on October 20, 2021. Director Brubaker made a motion to approve
18 the Minutes of the Six Hundred Twenty Third Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Held
19 on October 20, 2021, seconded by Director Mercer. The motion carried (5-0).

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21 Agenda Item #7-Approval of October Disbursement Reports. Director Mercer made a motion to
22 approve the October Disbursement Reports, seconded by Vice-President Wilkinson. A brief
23 question answer period followed. The motion carried (5-0).

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Agenda Item #8 – Income/Expense Reports through 9/30/21. The General Manager summarized the 1st quarter Income/Expense Reports period ending 09/30/21.

Agenda Item #9 – Report from Ad-Hoc Committee: The General Manager reported that she and Director Brubaker met on November 12, 2021, to discuss concerns regarding succession training. The General Manager assured Director Brubaker that when she considers retiring that we will have a trainee on board for at least a year.

Agenda Item #10 - Discussion of Holiday Festivities. Vice-President Wilkinson expressed her concerns of having a holiday dinner this year with the new wave of Covid-19 outbreaks. A brief discussion followed. Director Mercer made a motion to not sponsor a holiday dinner again this year due to Covid-19 and recommended the District purchase gift certificates for the staff in the amount of \$100. from R&R meats in lieu, seconded by Vice-President Wilkinson. The motion carried (5-0).

Agenda Item #11 Communications:

Staff– The General Manager wished the Directors a happy Thanksgiving. She confirmed with the Directors that we did not need to change the date of the December Board Meeting.

Directors– Vice-President Wilkinson advised staff and Directors that she did not attend last night’s POA Board Meeting but did not feel they had any pressing matters of interest to the District on their agenda. Vice-President Wilkinson advised the Directors that she

1 attended the Tehama County Board of Supervisor's Meeting on-line and that she favored
2 their motion on streamlining the environmental process of cell tower antenna installations
3 and felt it could benefit the community of Lake California.

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6 Having no further business to discuss, Director Mercer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at
7 7:43 p.m., seconded by Director Suggs. The motion carried (5-0).

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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12 Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
Manager's Report
November 12, 2021

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The new water year which began October 1st shows 8.14 inches of rain as of Nov. 11, 2021 compared to the average normal season to date of 2.93 inches, which is over 277% the average. Shasta Lake level has increased by 5.35 feet and is now 175.88 feet from the crest. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 1,730cfs. At this time last year, the lake level was 107.16 feet from the crest, 68.72 feet higher than this year, and in 2019 the water level was 49.63 from the crest. Consumption for the period 9/2/21 through 11/2/21 was down 19.8% compared to the same time period in 2013. The year to date totals are 17.9% lower than the year to date totals in 2013. This water year is showing some promise, but in no way are we out of the drought. 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 workshop will be held on November 15th in person at 6:00 p.m. at the Tehama County Board of Supervisor's chambers.

Field Crew:

We had no additional connections since my report in October. The totals remain at:

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 made the second replacement of the service line on Indian Creek. The couplings arrived on Oct. 22nd. Two new shafts have been made and next week we will have Rick's Crane out to lift and reset the aerator brush. The conversion of Well#5 down feeding system has been successful and Tank 1A is off-line. Superior Tank Solutions postponed the start of work on Tank 1A by 1 week due to the rain. The new OSHA compliant ladder has been welded in place, the new manway has been installed and the balance of the welding was completed in 3 days. The field crew had to assist with getting some water out of the bottom of the tank and have been observing all the work done so far. The sludge has been hauled to the landfill. We are having an issue with the new radar at Lift Station#1. Patrick has ordered a new unit at no cost to us because it is still covered by warranty.

Solar:

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

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$(215.71)	\$(372.59)	\$24.19
WWTP	November	\$(87.25)	\$1,011.36	\$1,966.11
Well#6	February	\$1,694.15	(6,175.31)	\$3,970.66
Well#5	March	\$(892.53)	\$2,108.21	\$2,895.23

Regulatory:

Enclosed are the October water and wastewater reports. Scott responded to the ELAP Assessment findings within the 30 day period and now we are just waiting for their okay.

Admin:

We just received the draft financials from the Auditors. All of the paperwork for the Covid Arrearages program has been filed and we are awaiting word on payments.

