

MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Craig Weaver, Vice-President
Joe Adams, Director
Don Moitoza, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Martha Slack, General Manager
Scott Russell, Systems Operator III
Terri Taggart, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Gibbs, Homeowner

ABSENT:

Dave Anders, President
Louise Wilkinson, Director

1 The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m., by Vice-President Weaver who chaired the meeting.

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3 Agenda Item #1 - Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

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5 Agenda Item #2 -- Approval of Excused Absences. Director Moitoza made a motion, seconded

6 by Director Adams, to approve President Anders' and Director Wilkinson's absence. The

7 motion was carried 3-0, with 2 absent (Anders and Wilkinson).

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1 Agenda Item #3 – Manager’s Report. The General Manager presented the Manager’s Report
2 Update through October 18, 2017 (see attached Addendum A to the minutes).

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4 Agenda Item #4 – Approval of the Minutes from the Five Hundred and Seventieth Regular
5 Meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 20, 2017. Director Moitoza made a
6 motion, seconded by Director Adams, to approve the minutes from the Five Hundred and
7 Seventieth Regular Meeting. The motion was carried 3-0, with 2 absent (Anders and
8 Wilkinson).

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10 Agenda Item #5 – Approval of the September 2017 Disbursement Reports. Director Adams
11 made a motion, seconded by Director Moitoza, to approve the September 2017 Disbursement
12 Reports. The motion was carried 3-0, with 2 absent (Anders and Wilkinson).

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14 Agenda Item # 6 – Review Draft Revision of RAWD Business Plan. The General Manager
15 discussed the RAWD Business Plan and explained that she italicized the new information she
16 added in the draft update. The present Board Members asked that we defer this until the next
17 Board Meeting when the other Board members are present. Director Moitoza made a motion,
18 seconded by Director Adams, to defer this until the next Board meeting. The motion was carried
19 3-0, with 2 absent (Anders and Wilkinson).

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21 Agenda Item #7 – Communications – Staff. The General Manager briefly discussed the
22 Christmas Dinner and the Directors and Staff agreed that it will be held at the Lake Club again

1 and Johnnie Tomlin would do the cooking. The General Manager will check with the POA to
2 see what dates are available and email the Directors with potential dates.

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4 Having no further business to conduct, Director Adams made a motion, seconded by Director
5 Moitoza, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was carried 3-0, with 2 absent (Anders
6 and Wilkinson).

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8 Respectfully submitted,

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10 Terri Taggart, Secretary

Addendum A
Manager's Report
October 18, 2017

Computer Conversion:

We are still in the learning process of our new system. Recently we had to reprint and mail our delinquent notices due to a data input error. All a learning experience, we were pretty spoiled with our old simplistic system.

Ground Water Commission Update:

At the September meeting, we received an update on the summer groundwater levels. September levels in the Bowman sub-basin (our basin) reached their lowest levels in July but were starting to recharge by September. Note that the levels between March and May showed the highest recharge levels since 2007. Overall recharge has started with the reduction of temperatures but the trend in the wells further south in agricultural areas are experiencing general downward overall trends. We are currently reviewing sub-basin boundaries for possible change. Tehama County is difficult because it shares sub-basins with Anderson, Glen and Colusa Counties so we will have to include management agreements with those counties.

Field Crew:

The field crew planted the new red bud trees on the island and replaced the other 3 trees on the island which had died. The irrigation to those trees has been repaired. We also planted three new trees on the levies. We will contact ISHI after fire season is over to pull weeds in the rocks.

Field crew project in progress now:

- Redoing pond screen.
- Painting well buildings facia.
- Preparing F350 to be the permanent emergency vehicle.
- Bat abatement at WWTP.
- Cleaning and organizing the shops.
- Landscape maintenance at lift stations.
- Rebuilding underdrain valves in the old drying beds.
- Return to valve exercising.

Miscellaneous:

I sent Gerry Cupp our KW usage for one year and hope to meet with him soon to see what direction he thinks we should go for solar.

Craig Collins of Collins Accountancy revised and resubmitted the audit report and the State has accepted it.

Enclosed are the copies of the water and wastewater results for September.