

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Craig Weaver, President
Rick Brubaker, Director
Ginny Mercer, Director
Peter Suggs, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Martha Slack, General Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

Roger Horton, Homeowner
John Wimmer, Homeowner

ABSENT:

Louise Wilkinson, Vice-President

1 Agenda Item #1 – Public Comment. No public comment.

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3 Agenda Item #2 - Approval of Excused Absences. Director Mercer made a motion to approve

4 the absence of Vice-President Wilkinson, seconded by Director Suggs. The motion carried (4-0).

5 Vice-President Wilkinson absent.

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

8 through October 13, 2022.

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10 Agenda Item #4 – Approval of the Minutes of the Six Hundred Thirty Fourth Regular Meeting of

11 the Board of Directors Held on September 21, 2022. Director Mercer made a motion to approve

12 the Minutes of the Six Hundred Thirty Fourth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on

1 September 21, 2022, seconded by Director Suggs. The motion carried (3-0). President Weaver
2 abstaining and Vice-President Wilkinson absent. Director Mercer asked about the status of our
3 previous agenda item #8 regarding Office Security which was postponed from the September 21,
4 2022 agenda. The General Manager explained it was still postponed because it was scheduled to
5 be discussed at the Cyber Security Ad-hoc Committee meeting that had to be cancelled due to
6 illness.

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8 Agenda Item #5 - Approval of the September Disbursement Reports. Director Mercer made a
9 motion to discuss the September Disbursement Reports, seconded by Director Suggs. Director
10 Mercer asked why the second to last line item on page two balance decreased so much. The
11 General Manager explained that this is definitely a typographical error on the report, and she would
12 check with Sherry. She will bring it back to the Board for approval after she confirms the
13 balance.

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15 Agenda Item #6 – Discussion and Input on the “very” Draft Long Range Plan. A lengthy
16 discussion was held on the Draft Long Range Plan. Director Suggs was concerned about
17 whether the report should be labeled “Confidential.” The General Manager explained that she
18 believed it would be a public document, but that she would discuss some of the areas of concern
19 with Deane. Director Mercer offered to assist with grammar and the General Manager thanked
20 her. Director Brubaker said the report was very historically informative and answered a lot of
21 questions he had about the District. Director Suggs stated he was impressed with all the detail
22 included in the report.

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Agenda Item #11 – Communications:

Staff – The General Manager included an email of explanation from State Water Resources’ on their ability to propose emergency rulemaking that will allow an increase in our Public Water Systems Annual fee by 14.1 percent. The General Manager stated that she will reschedule the ad-hoc committee meetings that were canceled this week.

Directors The Directors noted that Vice-President Wilkinson’s surgery went well, and she is on the mend.

Having no further business to discuss, Director Mercer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Director Suggs. The motion carried (4-0). Vice-President Wilkinson absent.

Respectfully submitted,



Martha Slack, General Manager

Addendum A
Manager's Report
October 13, 2022

Drought/Water Consumption/SGMA:

The Water Year for 2022 ended on September 30, 2022 with final precipitation totals of 19.75 inches, 58% of the normal season to date of 33.50 inches. The water year closed with the lake level at 140.35 feet from the crest. Levels for the new year and comparisons are reported below:

Water Year	October Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2022	0.00	.48	0%	143.17
2021	0.00	.60	0%	181.01
2020	0.00	.59	0%	101.95

Still no word on turf replacement funding.

Field Crew:

The following connections have been received since the beginning of our new fiscal year:

Connections to Date 2022/2023	#
Water 1" Meter	4
Water 2" Meter	0
Water 1" Landscape Meter	1
Water ¾" Landscape Meter	0
Normal Sewer/LPSS	3
Commercial Sewer	0

Construction has really slowed down. I hope we make budget this year.

In addition to their normal daily activities, the field crew has been very busy with the following tasks:

- Order parts in preparation of abandoning the 12" water line that goes under the lake from Sandpiper to Windward.
- The card reader and camera at wetlands are installed. The reader is not working, we are trouble shooting it and hope to have it working soon.
- The repaired pump at Lift Station #4 has been installed and is working good.
- We are still waiting on the ladder replacement for Lift Station #1, Superior Tank Solutions had to order it and will install as soon as it is received.
- We are now having power blips at Well#3. PG&E has come out and placed an event recorder on the line.
- The cement apron was installed on Lake Helen.

- The lead and copper testing results came back with all 20 non-detect for lead and 3 of the 20 were barely above detection levels for copper. Dean prepared and sent letters to all customers participating in the testing with their results.
- The lead and copper revision rule revision is requiring that the District test any customer lines that were installed prior to January 1, 1986. We are required to identify the pipe material on the customer side of the meter with the findings due by Oct 16, 2024. Dean is reviewing all of the water/sewer applications from day one and is scanning them to be attached to the customer's file at a later date by Sue.
- Backflow repair at soccer field.
- Repair of water line on Acacia.
- Installing another check valve on the LPSS system at Lake Helen. This is another customer, not the original customer. It was found when researching the repair of the original customer.
- Completed all the asphalt patches.
- Austin painted approximately 50 more hydrants, has about 50 left and then will color code the lids.
- Billy and Dean toured Shasta Lake City's chlorine generating plant. We are doing further research into the viability of going in this direction.

Pending issues:

- Abandonment of main water line from Sandpiper to Windward Place. This requires digging and cutting the pipe on private property, installing blind flanges with blow-offs and removing the valves on each street.
- More sewer patch repairs
- Begin valve exercising program.
- Sludge removal from the plant.
- Continued work on Lead & Copper revised rule project.

Solar:

Solar updates period September 6, 2022 through October 5, 2022:

	True-Up Month	Current Month Net Energy Usage	Cumulative Energy or Credits Dollar True-up	Cumulative Non-Bypassable Charges
Office	August	\$(158.93)	\$(236.51)	\$40.55
WWTP	November	\$960.58	\$7,612.89	\$2,250.31
Well#6	February	\$2,129.79	\$(5,262.14)	\$2,972.58
Well#5	March	(2154.04)	\$ (10,543.68)	1,645.40

Regulatory:

Enclosed are the September Water reports. The Wastewater reports will be handed out at the board meeting.

Admin:

We are currently still in the process of the 2021/2022 audit. Once the gate the card reader at the wetlands is up and running, I will send out an alert to advise residents to come to the District, complete an application, and pay their deposit. We had to cancel the ad-hoc meetings this week due to illness so we might not have anything to report by the board meeting. John Kenny is still working with Team Mobile for the sublease of the cell tower.