

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2024
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
OF THE RIO LINDA/ELVERTA COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT**

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The April 22, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District called to order at 6:30 p.m. Visitor's/Depot Center 6730 Front Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. This meeting was physically open to the public.

General Manager Tim Shaw took roll call of the Board of Directors. Director Jason Green, Director Chris Gifford, Director Vicky Young, Director Mary Garrison, General Manager Tim Shaw, Mike Vasquez, Vasquez Engineering, and Legal Counsel were present. Director Anthony Cline was absent. Director Green led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT—Public member commented on a work order not being put in by the District for her meter that was not working.

3.CONSENT CALENDAR (3:27)

3.1. March 25, 2024 Minutes

3.2 February Expenditures

3.3 February Financials

Comments/Questions –Public member asked about Republic Services on the Expenditures Report. Public member disagreed on just a Board Agenda being provided for the public and not all the supporting documents at the Board meeting. General Counsel countered that the District was in compliance.

Director Garrison questioned line items on the Expenditure Report needed to have more information included.

(10:30) It was moved by Director Gifford and seconded by Director Green to approve the Consent Calendar. Directors Green, Young, and Gifford voted yes. Director Garrison abstained. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 3-0-1.

**4. REGULAR CALENDAR
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

4.1 GM Report (10:50)

The General Manager, Tim Shaw provided his monthly report to the Board of Directors.

Comments/Questions – Public member commented that she was deposed by attorneys on March 28th for the District's ongoing lawsuit Rio Linda Elverta Community Water District v. The 3M Company and that several members of the public will be filing a piggyback suit against the District's for any monies that may be awarded will go the families that have died from cancer. Public member asked about the timeline of the lawsuit. GM Shaw stated the lawsuit was filed in 2016, so it has been ongoing for 8 years.

The Board took no action on this item.

4.2 Public Works Projects Report (15:07)

Mike Vasques, Vasquez Engineering report provided, General District Engineering.

Comments/Questions – General questions by the Directors and public members on the proposed development of the gas station and convenience store at the northwest corner of West Elkhorn Boulevard and Marysville Boulevard, adjacent to Well 9.

The Board took no action on this item.

4.3 Consider Approving the Professional Service Agreement with Provost and Pritchard for Design of Well #15 Hexavalent Chromium Treatment Facility. (20:40)

Comments/Questions – General questions and discussion about the timeline of the project.

(23:52) It was moved by Director Garrison and seconded by Director Green to authorize the PSA with Provost and Pritchard for Design of Well #15 Hexavalent Chromium Treatment Facility. Directors Green, Young, Garrison and Gifford voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-0-0.

4.4 Consider Declaring Annual Doubtful Recovery Debt. (24:25)

Comments/Questions – General questions by a Director about the lien process and to table the item until the information is brought back to the Board.

Comments/Questions – Public member questioned the remaining balances of customers not paying being paid by the ratepayers. Further questions were on the lien process.

(38:09) It was moved by Director Garrison and seconded by Director Gifford to table the item until the next meeting with more supporting information and/or documents. Directors Green, Young, Garrison and Gifford voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-0-0.

4.5 Consider Approving District Policy Revision to Encourage Board Member Compliance with Mandatory Training. (39:05)

Comments/Questions – General discussion about the penalties for not completing training. Further discussion surrounded the filing of 700 forms. Some members of the Board had trouble logging in. It was suggested to do the training at the District office.

Public members commented on the compensation received by one Board member who has missed several meetings and attended a meeting extremely late.

(59:15) It was moved by Director Garrison and seconded by Director Gifford to approve the District Policy Revision of 2.01.050. Directors Green, Young, Garrison, and Gifford voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-0-0.

4.6 Board Member Disciplinary Hearing Pursuant to Policy 2.01.400. (1:02:08)

Comments/Questions – General Counsel explained the policy and possible corrective actions the Board could take. President Young suggested tabling the item until Director Cline was present. Director Garrison stated she was ready and wanted to move forward with the Hearing. She further questioned supporting documents provided in the Board packet from the Policy manual as being updated without coming to the Board for approval.

Director Garrison passed a rebuttal letter of the charges she has been accused of to the Board and continued to read it aloud. Public member Garrison's husband read a letter from Michael Cardenas, former General Manager of the District.

Comments/Questions – Public member commented on the District's office hours, employee wages and the GM working hours.

(1:44:12) It was moved by Director Young and seconded by Director Gifford to table the hearing until next Board Meeting when Director Cline is present. Directors Green, Young, and Gifford voted yes. Director Garrison did not voted. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 3-0-0.

The Board took a 10 minute recess.

4.7 Authorize any New Board Member Assignments (committees and other) Proposed by the Chair Pursuant to District Policy 2.01.065 (30:43)

Comments/Questions – No public or Board comments.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 District Activities Reports (3)

- 5.1.1 Water Operations Report – Written report provided.
- 5.1.2 Completed and Pending Items Report – Written report provided.
- 5.1.3 Leak Repair Report – Report provided.
- 5.1.4 Conservation Report – Report Provided.

Comments/Questions – .

5.2 Board Member Report ()

- 5.2.1 Report any ad hoc committees dissolved by requirements in Policy 2.01.065 – No action.
- 5.2.2 Sacramento Groundwater Authority – Harris (primary) –Report provided.
- 5.2.3 Executive Committee – Garrison, Cline – Minutes provided.
- 5.2.4 ACWA/JPIA – Cline – Nothing to report.

6. DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS – Next month's Board meeting will be on Monday, May 20th due to the holiday.

7. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on File
Timothy R. Shaw, Secretary

Signature on File
Vicky Young, President of the Board