

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE RIO LINDA/ELVERTA COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The August 16, 2021 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 will be physically open to the public with some reasonable limitations pursuant to current state and county guidelines. All in-person attendees are required to wear masks pursuant to the Sacramento County public health order and the federal Americans with disabilities act. President Green led the pledge of allegiance.

The meeting was then moved to the Rio Linda Parks District Community Center located at 810 Oak Lane due to the states social distancing guidelines for all the attendees.

General Manager Tim Shaw took roll call of the Board of Directors. President Jason Green, Director Robert Reisig, Director Mary Harris, Director Ridilla, Director Gifford and General Manager Tim Shaw, Legal Counsel Barbara Brenner were present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public made comments to the Board.

3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03 A SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR BIMONTHLY WATER SERVICE CHARGES COMMENCING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

3.1. Open Public Hearing

3.2. Presentation of the item by staff

Alison Lechowicz gave a brief summary of the materials presented on the Rate Study / Cost of Service Study.

3.3. Public Comment- Members of the public made comments to the Board and General Manager.

3.4. Close Public Hearing -

3.5. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-03 A Schedule Of Rates For Bimonthly Water Service Charges Commencing With Fiscal Year 2021-2022

It was moved by Director Harris to decline resolution No. 2021-03 for the Bi-Monthly Water Service Charges. The motion failed with no second.

It was moved by Director Green and seconded by Director Ridilla to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03 A Schedule Of Rates For Bimonthly Water Service Charges Commencing With Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Directors Green, Ridilla, Reisig, Gifford voted yes. Harris voted no. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1-0.

The Board President then called for the protests from the member of the public. Public member Stephanie Suela presented a box of protests to Director Mary Harris.

Board President called for a 15 minute recess for the protests to be counted.

Update to Agenda Item 3.2

Alison Lechowicz, the rate consultant, gave an update on the protest vote. The threshold 51% Majority vote needed is 2,311. The counted protest ballots received at the close of the public hearing was verified to be 1,374. Therefore, there is no majority protest vote.

President Green asked for public comment on the count. Public member made a comment.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes – June 21, 2021 and July 19, 2021 Meetings

4.2 June Expenditures

4.3 June Financial Reports

No public comment.

It was moved by Director Ridilla and seconded by Director Gifford to approve the Consent Calendar. Directors Green, Ridilla, Reisig, Gifford and Harris voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

REGULAR CALENDAR

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

5.1 General Manager's Report

The General Manager presented his monthly report and offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

The Board made no action on this item.

5.2 District Engineer's Report – Mike Vasquez

Mike Vasquez provided a written report to the Board of projects in the works since the last meeting of the Board and offered to answer questions. The report highlighted topics of General Engineering, Active Development Reviews, Well 16 Pumping Station Construction Project, CIP Pipe Replacement Project Request for Proposals (RFP) Dry Creek Rd.

Comments/Questions – No public Comment.

The Board made no action on this item.

5.3 Consider Necessary Revision of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

The fiscal year 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget adopted by the Board inadvertently overlooked a 15% increase in Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) annual dues. The need for correction was realized in July, when the invoice from SGA was submitted to the District.

Public/Director -Comments/Questions – Public member asked a question of the budget. GM Shaw responded.

It was moved by Director Ridilla and seconded by Director Green to the necessary revisions of the FY Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Directors Green, Reisig, Gifford and Ridilla voted yes. Director Harris abstained. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1.

5.4 Report on Revision of RLECWD Office COVID Mask Policy Required by Sacramento County Public Health Order on July 27th.

The June 17th COVID mask wearing requirements for employers in California were recently amended. The change is essentially that vaccinated employees now have to wear masks unless working in isolation. The policy adopted by the Board in June included a provision for revision(s) by the General Manager if the state's policy is revised.

Public/Director -Comments/Questions – Director Harris asked about the office being open. GM Shaw answered Director Harris's question. No Public Comment.

No Board action is required on this item for informational only.

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

No action taken.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1. DISTRICT ACTIVITY REPORT

- 6.1.1. Water Operations - Report provided.
- 6.1.2. Completed and Pending Items Report- Report provided.
Director Harris had questions about the Innov8 meters.

6.2. BOARD REPORTS

- 6.2.1. Report any ad hoc committees dissolved by requirements in Policy 2.01.065
- 6.2.2. Sacramento Groundwater Authority – Harris, Reisig. – Agenda's provided.
- 6.2.3. Sacramento Groundwater Authority (RWA and SCGA) 3x3- Reisig- Director Reisig stated the 3x3 committee has been dissolved.
- 6.2.4 Executive Committee – Green, Reisig - Minutes provided.
- 6.2.5. ACWA/JPIA – Ridilla –No meeting.
- 6.2.6 LAFCo Special District Advisory Committee – Reisig –Meeting Canceled.
- 6.2.7 MOU Renewal Negotiating Ad Hoc – John Ridilla, Robert Reisig

7. DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS – GM Shaw stated the location of the Executive Committee has been determined to be held on Sept.7th at the New Beginnings Baptist Church.

8. ADJOURNMENT President Green adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on File
Timothy R. Shaw, Secretary

Signature on File
Jason Green, President of the Board