

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2025
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
OF THE RIO LINDA/ELVERTA COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT**

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Auguste 25, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District called to order at 6:30 p.m. Visitors/Depot Center 6730 Front St., 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 Vicky Young, Director Maria Liverett, Director Anthony Cline, Director Gifford, and General Manager Tim Shaw, and Mike Vasquez, Vasquez Engineering, legal counsel, and Deborah Denning, Accounting Specialist were present. Director Gifford led with the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT- Public member commented on the proposed budget appears it will cause a rate increase and where are funds to be used that the District recently was awarded from a lawsuit. The public member further questioned GM Shaw why the censure that was requested by the Executive Committee in June is still not on this Board agenda. Public member passed out a paper to a few of the Board members and commented on her public records request. A public member requested more packets be provided for the public at the Board meeting and further asked if Director Liverett's Board packet was delivered to her.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR(9:48)

3.1. July 25, 2025 and August 13, Minutes

3.2 June 2025 Expenditures

3.3 June 2025 Financials

Comments/Questions – Public commented on the several voided checks on the expenditure report.

Comments/Questions – Director Liverett commented that she would not be able to approve this item since she has not been provided with backup documents including bank statements, invoice, etc.

(11:18) It was moved by Director Green seconded by Director Cline to approve the Consent Calendar. Directors Green, Young, Cline, Gifford and voted yes. Director Liverett voted no. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 4-1-0.

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGETS (12:47)

4.5 Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-02 to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets.

Comments/Questions – Public commented on her research for other funding resources.

(17:32) Closed the public comment period.

Comments/Questions – Director Liverett indicated that the budget is over inflated, which will result in a rate increase. Director Young stated she had no intention of endorsing this budget. Liverett stated that the District should operate under last year's budget until she is provided with all the bank statements, invoices, credit cards, and contracts. Accounting Specialist, Deborah Denning responded that all items you have asked for have been provided in a shared folder by email.

(35:20) It was moved by Director Cline seconded by Director Liverett to table the proposed budget until next Board Meeting and continue with the approved preliminary budget. Directors Young, Cline, Gifford, Green and Liverett and voted yes. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

Director Young and Liverett asked for the Board to reopen public comment period for a customer that did not get to comment.

The public member commented that he has incurred a lot of fees and has never been shutoff. He further stated that he could not work with the GM.

Director Young invited the public member to the next Executive Committee meeting. She stated she would follow up with him to discuss the issue and try to come up with a resolution.

5. REGULAR CALENDAR -ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

5.1 GM Report (43:47)

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

Comments/Questions – Director Liverett questioned his reporting on gas prices.

Comments/Questions - Public member questioned the cost already spent on legal fees and if a Board member is present during the meetings with the attorneys. She further alleged that GM Shaw has not responded to any of her public records requests she submitted over 60 days ago.

The Board took no action on this item.

5.2 Public Works Projects Report (48:30)

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

Comments/Questions – Public member commented on the capital projects.

Board took no action on this item.

5.3 Consider Authorizing Late Submittal Board Member Compensation Requests Pursuant to District Policy 2.20.140. (56:43)

Comments/Questions – No public or Board comment.

(57:30) It was moved by Director Gifford and seconded by Director Young to authorize the late Board member compensation. Directors Young, Liverett, Green, Gifford, and Cline voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

5.4 Authorize any New Board Member Assignments (committees and other) Proposed by the Chair Pursuant District Policy 2.01.065 (58:07)

No action taken on this item.

5.5 Consider Board Selection of Officers for the Remainder of the 2025 Term. (58:34)

Comments/Questions – Director Young recommended removing Chris Gifford as President.

Comments/Questions – Public members commented that some were for change and others were against. One public member stated the Board appears to be in a state of dysfunction and with all the litigation it is not healthy.

(59:10) It was moved by Director Young and seconded by Director Liverett to remove Chris Gifford as President and select a new President for the remainder of the 2025 term. Directors Young, Liverett, and Cline voted yes. Directors Gifford and Green voted no. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 3-2-0.

(1:03:04) It was moved by Director Liverett and seconded by Director Young to elect Director Anthony Cline as President for the remainder of the 2025 term. Directors Liverett, Young and Cline voted yes. Directors Green and Gifford voted no. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 3-2-0.

5.6 Consider Customer Request for Board Review of Billing Issues. (1:08:36)

Comments/Questions – Director Young stated she wouldn't mind giving up her Board member pay to go to a fund to help those customers having a hardship. Directors Liverett and Cline agreed. Legal counsel informed the Board that would be a personal decision and not an action of the Board to pay someone's bill for them.

Comments/Questions – Public members offered similar suggestions.

(1:14:00) It was moved by Director Gifford to not authorize the customer request for reimbursement on her water bill. The motion did not get a second. The motion failed.

5.7 Consider Requested Agenda Items from Director Liverett Emailed on Friday, 7-25-2025 at 10:55 P.M. (1:19:04)

5.7.1. Restoring/Revising the RLECWD Organizational Chart.

Director Liverett passed out a sample organizational chart for the Board to review and vote on.

(1:35:10) It was moved by Director Liverett and seconded by Director Young to add the Contract District Engineer and Attorney to the District's Organizational Chart. Directors Young, Liverett, and Cline voted yes. Directors Gifford and Green voted no. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 3-2-0.

5.7.2. Engaging a Forensic Accountant.

(1:40:55) It was moved by Director Liverett and seconded by Director Green to table the engagement for a forensic accountant to a future meeting if needed. Directors Young, Liverett, Green, Young, and Cline voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0-0

5.7.3. PFAS / PFOA Compliance Planning.

5.7.4. Surface Water Access.

Director Liverett was speaking about a new legislation AB130 and how that would affect new services within the District. Mike Vasquez, Vasquez Engineering commented he would have to look into the new legislation.

Comments/Questions – Public members made general comments.

(1:48:51) It was moved by Director Liverett and seconded by Director Gifford to table items on PFAS/PFOA Compliance Planning and Surface Water access and Director Liverett would schedule someone to come and do a workshop with the community/ Board on these items. Directors Liverett, Green, Gifford, Young and Cline voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION (1:50:46) – Public member made a general comment.

7. CLOSED SESSION - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

7.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVT CODE § 54956.9(d)(2) One Potential Case: July 31, 2025, Claim from Pat Goyet

7.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVT CODE § 54956.9(d)(2) One Potential Case: August 8, 2025 Email from Director Maria Liverett.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION, REPORT OF ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION-

No reportable action.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 District Activities Reports (1:54:32)

- 9.1.1 Water Operations Reports
- 9.1.2 Conservation Report – Report Provided.
- 9.1.3 Leak Repair Report
- 9.1.4 District Policy 2.01.400 Compliance and Enforcement
- 9.1.5 Minor Budget Revision

Comments/Questions - General questions by the public.

9.2 Board Member Report (1:58:25)

- 9.2.1 Report any ad hoc committees dissolved by requirements in Policy 2.01.065 – No action.
- 9.2.2 Sacramento Groundwater Authority – Liverett /Cline – Liverett gave a verbal report.
- 9.2.3 Executive Committee – Liverett, Young – Minutes provided.
- 9.2.4 ACWA/JPIA – Cline – No meeting.
- 9.2.5 GM Annual Performance Review Ad Hoc Young/Cline – Director Cline reported that an update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Comments/Questions –No comment.

10.DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS – NO Comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on File _____
Timothy R. Shaw, Secretary

Signature on File _____
Anthony Cline, President of the Board