MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2023
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
OF THE RIO LINDA/ELVERTA COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The April 24, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District called to order at 6:30 p.m. Visitor Depot Center 6730 Front St., Rio Linda, CA 95673. This meeting will be physically open to the public.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. Minutes March 27, 2023
3.2 February Expenditures
3.3 February Financials

Comments/Questions – Director Harris asked to pull the March 27, 2023 minutes from the consent calendar. She verbally read a list of revisions to be made to the Directors comments on Agenda Item 4.4.

It was moved by Director Harris @ the time stamp of 10:55 on the meeting video to approve the consent calendar with the list of revisions verbally read to the Board regarding the March 21, 2023 minutes for Agenda Item 4.4. No second motion, so the motion failed.

A list of corrections was passed to GM Shaw for the March 27th Board Minutes to be revised.

It was moved by Director Harris @ time stamp 15:22 of the meeting video to table the approval of the March 27th Board Meeting minutes until the next Board Meeting.

It was moved by Director Gifford @ time stamp of 15:42 of the meeting video and seconded by Director Green to approve the Consent Calendar's Expenditures and Financial Statements. Directors Green, Harris, Gifford, Young and Cline voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

4. REGULAR CALENDAR
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

4.1 GM Report.

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

Comments/Questions- The Board asked questions regarding number 1, 5, and 10 of the GM report. Public member had a question on the MCL from the GM report.

The Board took no action on this item.

4.2 District Engineer's Report.

The Contract District Engineer report provided a General District Engineering, Active Development Reviews (only projects with updates from the last Board Meeting), CIP Dry Creek Road Pipe Replacement Project.

Comments/Questions – The Board discussed the information of the meeting with the professor of the University for senior students to perform free engineering work to the District as part of their graduating "Capstone" project requirement.

The Board took no action on this item.

4.3 Consider Rescinding Water Shortfall Contingency Stage Declaration

In October 2021, Governor Newsom issued a declaration of drought emergency. Among the mandates included was a requirement for local water agencies to implement their respective water shortfall contingency plans for a 20% targeted water conservation. Shortly thereafter, the RLECWD Board took the action mandated by the Governor.

On March 24, 2023, the Governor declared specific elements of the emergency drought declaration be removed to ease the drought emergency. One such element was rescinding the mandate for water shortfall contingency plans at 20% conservation. The Governor's mandate was the sole basis for the water shortfall declaration, i.e., there is no actual water shortfall.

Comments/Questions –

It was moved by Director Cline @ 33.10 time stamp on the video and seconded by Director Gifford to rescind the previously declared water shortfall contingency and thereby reinstate the "Non-Drought" stage of the Board adopted Water Shortfall Contingency Plan. Directors Green, Gifford, Cline, Young, and Harris voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

4.4 Consider Authorizing a Response to the Water Forum's Allocation for Funding from Rio Linda Elverta Community Water District

Over the past several meetings of the Water Forum, Water Caucus, discussions have focused on the projected funding gap for the Water Forum successor agreement.

The essential value of a Water Forum successor agreement is to avoid costly and time-consuming litigation amongst a diverse group of stakeholders. As an example, the environmental caucus would prefer less water being taken from reservoirs, while the water caucus and business caucus disagree. Finding common ground through a formal agreement is what the Water Forum is all about.

Unfortunately, all the funding for the Water Forum's costs comes from the water agencies, with voluntary contributions coming from water related entities, e.g. SMUD, SAFCA etc. Funding for the RLECWD participation has been from Zone 13 tax (a per parcel tax on all property owners in the RLECWD service area. The Water Caucus believes RLECWD needs to contribute an additional $4,500 to $6,000 per year as a fair share. A spreadsheet associated with this item summarizes the allocation of costs amongst all the funding entities.

As discussed at the April 12th Executive Committee, the benefits to all water agencies are NOT uniform. Water Agencies, who are seeking changes to reservoir operations and water rights therein, have an obvious, direct benefit in getting environmental groups' agreement. Conversely, an all-groundwater agency like RLECWD has less direct benefit from a renewal of the Water Forum Agreement. Accordingly, the Executive Committee recommends the Board vote to decline the request from Water Forum for additional funding. The result of such action by the RLECWD Board will be that the other water agencies will need to make up for the lack of additional funding from RLECWD.

It was moved by Director Gifford @ 36.44 time stamp on the video and seconded by Director Cline to decline the request from Water Forum, Water Caucus for additional funding from RLECWD. Directors Green, Gifford, Cline, Young, and Harris voted yes. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

Comments/Questions – No comment.

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

The Board took no action on this item.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 District Activities Reports

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 Multi-Agency Response Letter to State's New Conservation Reporting Mandates.
5.1.5 Multi-Agency Response Letter to State's Escalation of Outdoor Water Use Efficiency Standards.
5.1.6 RLECWD Hexavalent Chromium Monitoring Results.
5.1.7 State List of Certified Water Treatment Operators.

Comments/Questions – There was discussion on the number of current District staff with treatment certifications. The Board further discussed doing current testing of the wells for chromium.

The public commented on the number of testings done yearly at the well sites for chromium.

5.2 Board Member Report

5.2.1 Report any ad hoc committees dissolved by requirements in Policy 2.01.065 – No action taken.
5.2.2 Sacramento Groundwater Authority – Harris (primary) – Agenda provided. Director Harris gave a verbal report.
5.2.3 Executive Committee – Gifford, Cline – Minutes provided.
5.2.4 ACWA/JPIA – Cline – Nothing to report, no meeting.
5.2.5 Pressing Matters Advisory Ad Hoc- Harris, Young – Director Young provided an update that they hadn't met this month other than with the Accounting Specialist. She further stated that the office staff job descriptions overlapped and needed to be clarified. Further meetings would be needed with the Accounting Specialist and possibly with GM Shaw.

6. DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS – Just a reminder, 4 of 5 of the Board Members have not completed their required training.

7. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on File
Timothy R. Shaw, Secretary

Signature on File
Mary Harris, President of the Board