

Minutes
Rio Linda / Elverta Community Water District
Executive Committee

Calvary Lutheran Church
 Sanctuary Room
 515 L Street
 Rio Linda, CA 95673

March 2, 2020
 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was attended by Director Reisig, Director Green, General Manager Tim Shaw and Contract District Engineer Mike Vasquez. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.

Public Comment: None present.

Items for Discussion:

1.	Update from the Contract District Engineer
	<p><i>Mike Vasquez summarized his written report to the Committee and provided additional detail on the status of the Well 16 construction contract award to Anvil Builders. Mike Vasquez also reiterated his plans to speak with the Operations Superintendent regarding the Electric Avenue project. Mike provided a summary of the changes to the Capital Improvement Plan Projects List from his engagement until present.</i></p> <p><i>The Executive Committee forwarded an item to allow discussion by all Board Members and seek feedback on the next steps, e.g. a public workshop and/or staff preparation of approximate annualized costs associated with the number, scope and timing of the projects on the list.</i></p>
2.	Review and discuss the expenditures of the District for the month of January 2020.
	<p><i>The Committee reviewed the expenditures. Director Reisig asked about the Nationwide expenditures. There were three pairs of Nationwide expenditures in January. Director Reisig additionally questioned the \$75 expenditure, i.e. is that a fee the District pays Nationwide and would the District continue to pay the fee when we switch to VALIC. Tim Shaw explained that the 3 pairs of Nationwide expenditures correlates to three paydays in January. Contributions to the employees' 457 accounts are stipulated in the employment contracts (e.g. MOU). The \$75 amount corresponds to an employee enrolled in a Roth IRA. In this case, "expenditure" is a misnomer because the money comes out of the employee's paycheck not a District expense.</i></p> <p><i>Director Reisig also requested the frequency of the expenditure for Michael Phelan. It is a quarterly reimbursement for medical insurance, and it is stipulated in a lawsuit settlement agreement.</i></p> <p><i>Director Reisig asked why there are payments to both Kaiser and Western Health Advantage. Tim Shaw explained that the District receives its medical insurance via a broker. The broker, Coremark provides at least a half-dozen different options for employees. The District's bottom line remains the same.</i></p> <p><i>Director Green asked about the expenditure for pumping a septic tank. Tim Shaw explained that a leak in a District water main collected and filled a property owner's septic tank via the clean out.</i></p> <p><i>The Executive Committee forwarded the January 2020 Expenditures Report onto the March 16th consent agenda with the Committee's recommendation for Board approval.</i></p>
3.	Review and discuss the financial reports for the month of January 2020.
	<p><i>The Executive Committee forwarded the January 2020 financial reports onto the March 16th Board agenda with their recommendation for Board approval.</i></p>

<p>4. Discuss the status of meter replacements backlog and the staffing shortage limiting recovery.</p>
<p><i>Tim Shaw provided an up to date status report on staffing improvements and corresponding decrease in the backlog of meter replacements. Tim’s report included an estimate of the number of meters already replaced and anticipated for replacement before the end of the fiscal year (250 meters). The backlog, approximately 200 meters, corresponds to the relatively high number of manual-read meters that were replaced with radio-read meters in 2008. The District needs to average approximately 450 meter replacements every year to balance the meters’ service life with the total number of meters in service.</i></p> <p><i>Director Green recommended Tim Shaw provide an update post to the District’s Facebook page.</i></p> <p><i>The Executive Committee directed an item of discussion be placed on the March 16th Board agenda to allow all Board Members to participate and receive the update.</i></p>
<p>5. Discuss the appropriateness and limitations for District participation in the “Rio Linda Elverta Chamber of Commerce”. (item requested by Director Reisig)</p>
<p><i>The Executive committee discussed the agenda item report and the supplemental materials included with this item. Tim Shaw elaborated further on the misalignment between a government agency that is NOT for profit and an organization of business coalesced for the primary objective of increasing profits. Tim Shaw further explained the pitfalls of having District money (public dollars) spent for political campaigns. Tim Shaw advised that the limited justification for participating with a Chamber of Commerce would be outreach. Specifically, outreach for the purposes of achieving water use efficiency in Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (CII) customers (reference SB 606).</i></p> <p><i>Director Reisig indicated the he has a personal desire to participate in the Chamber of Commerce, even if he has to pay the membership dues out of his own pocket. However, Director Reisig’s membership requires an endorsement from the RLECW Board of Directors</i></p> <p><i>For the perspective of timing: the Rio Linda Elverta Chamber of Commerce does not currently exist as a legally defined entity. Director Reisig reports that a new group of leaders is trying to re-establish the tax-exempt status and resolve the financial disparity created by the last group of participants who referred to themselves as the “Chamber of Commerce”.</i></p> <p><i>An item for discussion and possible action will be placed on the March 16th Board agenda. Appropriately, there is no Executive Committee recommendation for the Board because the Executive Committee Directors are not in agreement.</i></p>
<p>6. Discuss new information (received the day after the February Board meeting) requiring a revision to Resolution 2020-01, amending and restating the VALIC 457 Plan</p>
<p><i>Tim Shaw summarized his written agenda item report.</i></p> <p><i>The Executive Committee forward an item to revise Resolution 2020-01 to correct the inaccurate verbiage with the Committee’s recommendation for Board approval.</i></p>

Directors’ and General Manager Comments

None

Items Requested for Next Month’s Committee Agenda

None

Adjournment

7:15 P.M.

Next Executive Committee meeting: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Visitor’s/Depot Center, 6730 Front Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673