

**MINUTES OF THE
AUGUST 20, 2018
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
OF THE RIO LINDA/ELVERTA COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT**

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

The August 20, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Depot/Visitor Center located at 6730 Front Street, Rio Linda, CA. General Manager Tim Shaw took roll call of the Board of Directors. Director Dills, Director Harris, Director Henrici, Director Ridilla, Director Green and General Manager Tim Shaw were present. Director Ridilla led the pledge of allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public member Stephanie was present and made a comment on the public hearing agenda posting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

3.1 Open Public Hearing

3.2 FY 2018-19 Operating and Capital Budget

The Board President will present the District's FY 2018-19 Operating and Capital budget.

General Manager, Tim Shaw presented a written executive summary of the Operating and Capital budget.

3.3 Public Comment

Public member Stephanie commented on a correction needed on one of the line items in the budget. She added questions about the health insurance and expiration of the employee's MOU. General Manager, Tim Shaw addressed public member Stephanie's questions.

3.4 Close Public Hearing

President Harris closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes

July 16, 2018

4.2 Expenditures

4.3 Financial Reports

No public comment on this item.

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

5. REGULAR CALENDAR

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

5.1 General Manager's Report

General Manager Tim Shaw provided the Board a written report of special events and meetings attended since the last Board meeting.

The Board made no action on this item

5.2 District Engineer's Report

Simon Gray with Cole Engineering presented the Board with a written report of projects in the works since the last meeting of the Board. The report included General Items, Well 10 Hexavalent Treatment Project, and Well 17 Monitoring Wells Abandonment and Destruction.

Director Henrici asked a question concerning how complete was the final work submitted by Affinity? Simon stated based on the direction of the GM, he primarily focused on Well #10, #16 and #17.

Public member Stephanie questioned if the Surcharge 16 for Cr6 is being banked? GM Shaw stated the Surcharge 16 is banked.

The Board made no action on this item

5.3. Consider adoption of FY 2018-19 Operating and Capital Budget

No public comment on this item.

It was moved by Director Ridilla and seconded by Director Dills to approve the adoption of FY 2018-19 Operation and Capital Budget with Resolution No. 2018-07 based on corrections pointed out during the Public Hearing. Directors Henrici, Dills, Green, Harris and Ridilla voted yes. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0-0.

5.4 Consider accepting Government Accounting Standards Bureau (GASB) 75 Actuarial Report for (Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)).

Director Henrici suggested doing another report at the time the District decides to look at other options for reducing our unfunded liability.

Public member Stephanie asked if this would cost the district another \$25k to have a report done. Director Henrici stated the cost of the report is \$3k.

It was moved by Director Dills and seconded by Director Ridilla to accept the Government Accounting Standards Bureau (GASB) 75 Actuarial Report for (Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) to Henrici voted yes. Directors Henrici, Dills, Green, Harris and Ridilla voted yes. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0-0.

5.5 Consider approval Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Contract District Engineer

No public comment on this item

It was moved by Director Henrici and seconded by Director Dills to approve the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for Contract District Engineer. Henrici, Dills, Harris, Green and Ridilla voted yes. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0-0.

5.6 Status of Discussions with Elverta Associates LLC on Well #16 Property Donation

The Planning Committee discussed pending issues with ESPOG and Elverta Associates LLC. A common thread to both topics was the absence of response by both ESPOG and Elverta Associates LLC to separate and distinct District letters sent to each.

The ESPOG core elements can be summarized as a divergence in approach between the District and ESPOG for compliance with policies and objectives stipulated in the *Rio Linda Elverta Community Plan* (Community Plan), e.g. PF-8. A copy of the relevant excerpt of the Community Plan is included with your Board packets. The essential disparities between the District's and the Developer's approaches distills down to three primary elements:

The degree to which long-term agreements and financing are in place to assure Policy PF-8 is sufficiently addressed.

The intended meanings of "supplemental surface water" and "no net increase in groundwater pumping".

The priority for conjunctive use and the prescribed deterrents in the Community Plan for failing to achieve conjunctive use as delineated in PF-7.

The Planning Committee advised the ESPOG representatives of the District's frustration for not having received any written response to the June 18th District letter, specifically the letter's stipulation to address the long-term financing elements by engaging a municipal finance consultant working for the District's interests. ESPOG has submitted a letter (by e-mail to every Director), which summarizes the actions taken through the years, but the ESPOG letter does **not** respond to the District's bulleted items specifically requiring an ESPOG response. Instead, ESPOG proposes to work out these issues via a series of workshops with the Planning Committee.

The Elverta Associates LLC issue regarding the Property Donation Agreement was discussed at the Planning Committee, but Elverta Associates LLC did not attend. Staff subsequent correspondence with Elverta Associates LLC has produced a revised Property Donation Agreement draft, which is being reviewed by Legal Counsel as of the writing of this staff report.

No Action on this Item.

5.7 Discuss the proposed change in District hours of operation and consider directing the minimum lead time and method(s) for informing the public.

The Finance and Admin Committee discussed the written request from the Employees and commensurately provided advice and direction to the GM.

Flexible work schedules have proven to be a valid means of increasing employee productivity and job satisfaction. The District, through authorizing the GM to set working hours to support the operational needs of the District must preserve this management right. Accordingly, it's worthy to preclude morphing of this dialog and discussion into MOU negotiations and/or revising of District Policy.

Public member Stephanie disagreed with the District's possible change in hours.

Director Green suggested 6 weeks of notifying the public of the potential to change the District hours. After discussion from the other directors, it was suggested 2 months of lead time.

The Board directed the GM to notify the public with 8 weeks of lead time, send notices by any means necessary, place on Rio Linda Online then bring the feedback from the public to the Board.

5.8 Discuss the Districts planned participation in the annual Rio Linda Country Faire.

Director Green stated he would volunteer from 9-12 and Director Henrici stated she would volunteer from 12-3pm for this event.

Public member Stephanie stated the faire was October 6th.

It was moved by Director Henrici and seconded by Director Dills to authorize this as a Board event. Henrici, Dills, Harris, Green and Ridilla voted yes. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0-0.

5.9 Consider confirming any new Board Member assignments (committees and other) announced by the Chair pursuant to District Policy 2.01.065.

No public comment on this item.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1. DISTRICT ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Water Operations Report
- b. Conservation Report

Public member Stephanie commented on the Operations Report on work completed.

6.2. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Regional Water Authority – No Meeting.
- b. Sacramento Groundwater Authority – Agenda and Executive Summary provided
- c. LAFCO – Green –
- d. Planning Committee – Dills, Harris – Minutes provided.
- e. Finance / Administrative Committee – Minutes provided.
- f. AD Hoc Committees –
 1. MOU Negotiations – Dills, Harris – Verbal report by Director Dills – Pending Union Response
 2. GM Contract Revision – Henrici, Ridilla – Verbal report giving – Details will be discussed in closed session.
- g. Other Reports

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

No public comment.

8. CLOSED SESSION - The Board of Directors will convene to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5(f) and Government Code Section 54957.6) District Negotiators: Mary Henrici/John Ridilla
General Manager Employment Agreement revisions.

9. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

President Harris reconvened to open session at 8:55 p.m.

9.1 REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION.

The Board will disclose any reportable actions taken and/or directed in closed session.

No reportable action was taken.

10. DIRECTORS' AND GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Director Dills thanked GM Shaw for his hard work. Public member Stephanie had a question on the Completed and Pending Items Report.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Harris adjourned the meeting at 8.56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on File
Timothy R. Shaw, Secretary

Signature on File
Mary Harris, President of the Board