

Minutes
Rio Linda / Elverta Community Water District
Executive Committee

Visitor's Depot Center
 6730 Front Street
 Rio Linda, CA 95673

August 2, 2021
 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. The meeting was attended by Director Reisig, Director Green, General Manager Tim Shaw, and Contract District Engineer Mike Vasquez.

Call to Order: 6:01 P.M.

Public Comment: None (no public members attended)

Items for Discussion:

1.	Update from Contract District Engineer.
	<i>The Contract District Engineer presented his written report and expounded on: the Fox Hallow development, Well 16 Pumping Station, Labor Compliance consultant, and the annual pipe replacement service provider engagement process. The General Manager share recent operations actions in the Fox Hallow development.</i>
2.	Discuss the August 16, 2021 Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Rates Restructuring.
	<i>The General Manager presented his written staff report. The Executive Committee engaged in dialog regarding the documents associated with this item. The Committee explored the logistics, requirements and details of starting the public hearing at the Depot, then (if necessary) declaring a recess to move the meeting to the Parks District Community Center at 810 Oak Ln, Rio Linda. The Committee also discussed lessons learned from past iterations of the organized opposition to rates restructuring, and the Committee discussed the exposure to claims from currently efficient water users and inactive service customers. The Committee stressed the need to limit the chaos and spontaneous (out of turn commenters) comments from public and Board Members during the public hearing to enable civil and orderly dialog, where every person will have an opportunity to be heard. Director Reisig suggested using a check list to inspire orderly progression of public hearing sub-components.</i>
	<i>The Committee also discussed the two-year long rates restructuring process with Board approval of the rate study / cost of service analysis consultant Request for Proposals in September 2019. The September 2019 Board meeting included an example rate restructuring model with current rates compared to a rate structure compliant with current water use efficiency, water affordability, and water loss standards. In September 2019, the Board unanimously approved the RFP for rates study / cost of service analysis.</i>
	<i>The Board action taken at the June 21st Board meeting has already placed the public hearing for rates restructuring on the August 16th Board agenda.</i>
3.	Status Report on the Innov8 / WaterScope Pilot Test Phase II.
	<i>The General Manager presented his written report. The Committee engaged in brief discussion on the remaining number of available Innov8 devices available for residential customers after the Commercial Industrial Institutional Customers (CII, includes parks and schools) devices were installed. The Committee further discussed the potential for increasing water use efficiency and saving taxpayers dollars through implementing the Best Management Practices delineated by the existing statutes establishing water efficiency and water loss standards.</i>
4.	Discuss Necessary Revision to FY 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget Consequent to 15% increase in Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Annual Invoice.
	<i>The General Manager presented his written report. The Committee discussed the 15% increase in annual dues invoice from the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA), which was primarily attributed to the planned increase in staffing at SGA. The RLECWD representative to SGA voted in favor of the 15% increase and also served on the SGA Budget Committee, which recommended the increase.</i>
	<i>The Executive Committee forwarded the revised fiscal year 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget revision onto the August 16th Board agenda with the Committee's recommendation for Board approval.</i>

5.	Discuss the Consequences to RLECWD Planned Program Improvements Caused by Protracted Rates Restructuring and Personnel Limitations.
	<i>The General Manager presented his written report. The Committee reviewed the milestones and delays associated with a rate restructuring process that formally began in September 2019. The more acute delays as we approached the culmination of the process, which has been a pattern for RLECWD rates adjustment processes, included: the Board action to establish the effective date of rates restructuring to be July 2021, the Board action to delay the selection of options for providing customers with access to consumption data and the postponement of the June 21st public hearing. These unanticipated delays have impacted the District's progress on other, long-term goals, e.g. direct assessment of delinquent accounts and the paperless billing program goal.</i>
6.	Discuss the Date and Location of the September 2021 Executive Committee.
	<i>The General Manager presented his written report. The Committee established a preference for scheduling the next Executive Meeting for Tuesday, September 7th (the day after Labor Day). Director Green committee to exploring options for location of the meeting considering that the Depot is booked by for another use on Tuesdays.</i>
7.	Discuss Expenditures for June 2021.
	<i>The Executive Committee forwarded the June 2021 Expenditures Report onto the August 16th Board agenda with the Committee's recommendation for Board approval.</i>
8.	Discuss Financial Reports for June 2021.
	<i>Director Reisig requested clarification on the FY 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget. The General Manager explained that those clarifications are in the staff report and in the District Policy for adopting a preliminary budget. The Executive Committee forwarded the June 2021 Financial Reports onto the August 16th Board agenda with the Committee's recommendation for Board approval.</i>

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Directors' and General Manager Comments:

- *The General Manager provided the current status of COVID mask guidelines and corresponding impact of office policies and public meetings. The General Manager reported having received, on the day of the Executive Committee meeting (August 2nd), a notice of upcoming commission elections from Sacramento County LAFCO.*

Items Requested for Next Month's Committee Agenda

Adjournment: 7:42 P.M.