

Minutes
Rio Linda / Elverta Community Water District
Executive Committee

April 12, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

Visitors / Depot Center
6730 Front St.
Rio Linda, CA 95673

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. The meeting was attended in-person by Director Gifford, Director Cline, General Manager Tim Shaw. Contract District Engineer Mike Vasquez attended virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order: 6:10 P.M.

Public Comment: *None present.*

Items for Discussion:

1.	Engineer’s Update.
<i>The contract District Engineer presented his written report and provided additional details on the RWA retention release, the equipment vault, cathodic protection, and the pre-job meeting for the pipe replacement project.</i>	
2.	Discuss Rescinding the Mandated Implementation of 20% Water Shortfall Contingency Pursuant to Governor’s Announcement.
<i>The General Manager presented his written report. In late March, the Governor formally relaxed the declared drought emergency by removing most of the mandates. Included in the removed mandates is the mandate for water agencies to implement their water shortfall contingency plans to target 20% conservation.</i> <i>The Executive committee forwarded an item onto the April 24th Board agenda with the Committee’s recommendation for rescinding the water shortfall contingency.</i>	
3.	Discuss Water Forum Funding Shortfall and Its Plans to Increase Funding.
<i>The General Manager presented his written report and further explained the Water Forum’s plan to bridge the funding shortfall, which entails an allocation for funding from RLECWD of approximately \$4,500 annually. This funding would be in addition to the nearly \$9,000 Water Forum already gets from RLECWD property tax through the Zone 13 per parcel tax.</i> <i>The Executive Committee forwarded this item onto the April 24th Board agenda. The Committee recommends the Board decline the funding request from the Water Forum.</i>	
4.	Discuss the Letters Opposing State Water Board Conservation Regulations.
<i>The General Manager presented his written report and explained that this item does not require Board action. Instead, this item is intended to provide continued perspective to the Board and the public regarding the ongoing trend of state unfunded mandates.</i>	
5.	Update on Implementing Resolution 2023-01, Encouraging Paperless Billing.
<i>The General Manager presented his written report. Staff has initiated a beta test of the paperless billing incentive. The Executive Committee expressed appreciation for the program launch. This is an informational item with no anticipated need for Board action.</i>	
6.	Review District’s Responses to Regulations and Mandates (e.g., SB-998, SB 555, SB 606 and AB 1668) with a Focus on Allocation of Resources to Minimize Cost of Service Increases.
<i>The General Manager presented his written report with accompanying documents. The General Manager used a summary of events to illustrate how state mandates result in additional allocations of person-hours, to which the Board authorized changes to mitigate the impact and avoid hiring additional personnel. An unfortunate consequence example is discontinuation of printing, folding, stuffing and mailing of water bills.</i>	

7. Discuss Hexavalent Chromium Concentrations in RLECWWD Wells.
<p><i>The General Manager presented his written report and accompanying documents. The documents included all hexavalent chromium sample results through the years. Currently approximately 65% of the water served in cold weather months exceeds the proposed hexavalent chromium MCL. In warm weather months, the percentage of water exceeding the MCL is approximately 46%. If Well 15 were treated to reduce the hexavalent chromium concentration, the District would serve approximately 16% of the water that exceeds the MCL.</i></p> <p><i>The Executive Committee forwarded this item onto the April 24th Board agenda as an informational item.</i></p>
8. Expand the Discussion on Hexavalent Chromium Treatment.
<p><i>The General Manager presented his written report and explained that currently 3 of the 5 operations staff (60%) are certified to operate water treatment systems. The General Manager explained that the State Water Resources Control Board publishes a data base accessible to the public, which conveys the certificated operators. The Executive Committee further discussed the District's responses to hexavalent chromium MCL adoption, suspension and readoption.</i></p> <p><i>The Executive Committee forwarded this item onto the April 24th Board agenda as informational.</i></p>
9. Discuss Expenditures for February 2023.
<p><i>The Executive Committee forwarded the Expenditures Report onto the April 24th Board agenda with the Committee's recommendation for Board approval.</i></p>
10. Discuss Financial Reports for February 2023.
<p><i>The Executive Committee forwarded the Financial Reports onto the April 24th Board agenda with the Committee's recommendation for Board approval.</i></p>

Directors' and General Manager Comments:

Items Requested for Next Month's Committee Agenda:

Adjournment: 7:45 P.M.