



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
August 9, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
3021 Fullerton Road
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

President Anthony J. Lima
Vice President Szu Pei Lu-Yang
Director John Bellah
Director Robert W. Lewis
Director Vanessa Hsu (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel, Best, Best & Krieger
Erin Kaiman, CV Strategies
Tara Bravo, CV Strategies
Mike Ti, Director, TVMWD
Jody Roberto, Director, TVMWD
Matt Litchfield, TVMWD

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF

Tom Coleman, General Manager
Dusty Moisio, Assistant General Manager
Myra Malner, Director of Finance
Gabby Sanchez, Executive Assistant
Brittnie Gildea, Education and Community Outreach Coordinator
Elisabeth Mendez, Compliance and Safety Coordinator
Allen Davidson, Field Operations Supervisor

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

None.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as follows:

1.1 Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held on July 12, 2022

1.2 Demands on General Fund Account for June 2022

1.3 Investment Report for June 2022

1.4 Water Purchases for June 2022

1.5 California Reservoir Conditions

(Motion pass 4-0)

Next Regular Board Meeting: September 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Review and Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for July 2022

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the Directors’ Meeting Reimbursement Report as presented. (Motion pass 4-0)

2.2 LAFCO Nomination of Candidate for Independent Special District Voting Member

Board members entertained discussion regarding Director Lewis’ interest in submitting his nomination for LAFCO’s Independent Special District Voting Member vacancy.

Upon motion by Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously nominated Director Lewis for consideration by LAFCO for the Independent Special District Voting Member position. (Motion pass 4-0)

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

3.1 Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)

Ms. Kaiman provided an update on CV Strategies’ communications outreach activities performed on behalf of the District during the month of July 2022. Additionally, she distributed hard copies of WaterWorld Magazine and directed attention to the article on “Reuse to Reduce Demand,” authored by Dusty Moisio.

3.2 Education Update

Mrs. Gildea presented a PowerPoint presentation on community outreach and education activities as listed in the Education Outreach Report. The presentation showcased pictures of the District’s attendance at the National Night Out (August 2, 2022), participation in the Shoes That Fit distribution of items for students (August 4, 2022), and detailed the District’s Landscape Makeover Program.

4. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, OR EVENTS (INCLUDING ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA)

4.1 Board members advised Ms. Sanchez of their interest in attending ACWA’s 2022 Fall Conference (November 28-December 1, 2022).

- 4.2 Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, the Board unanimously approved compensation of per diem in addition to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in attending the Southern California Asian Pacific Islander Elected Official Summit on September 10, 2022. (Motion pass 4-0)

(Director Hsu arrived at this moment)

5. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

The Board received status updates on ACWA-led SB 222 (Dodd) - *Low-Income Rate Assistance*, Oppose Unless Amended Coalition, and AB 2449 (Rubio) - *Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconferences*.

6. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE – None.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Nothing to report.

7.2 Three Valleys Municipal Water District – Mr. Matt Litchfield, General Manager of TVMWD, spoke on matters pertaining to MWD’s ask for curtailing outdoor water use during the period of September 6 – 21, 2022, due to the emergency repair to the upper feeder pipeline.

7.3 Association of California Water Agencies – Nothing to report.

7.4 Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA) – It was reported that during the August 4, 2022, PBWA meeting, the Agency established a bank account with Citizens Business Bank, adopted a resolution establishing volunteer personnel coverage under worker’s compensation, and received reports on regional water supply reliability programs and Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Projects.

7.5 Project Ad-Hoc Committee - Nothing to report.

7.6 Regional Chamber of Commerce – Director Bellah reported on activities from the August 8, 2022, Government Affairs committee Meeting.

7.7 P-W-R Joint Waterline Commission – Nothing to report.

7.8 Sheriff’s Community Advisory Council - Nothing to report.

7.9 Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC) – The Board was informed of the District’s presentation to the RHCCC on August 8, 2022, on the subject matter of conservation measures.

8. OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

8.1 Finance Report

Director of Finance, Myra Malner, presented a year-to-date Financial Dashboard containing comparative graphs of Revenue and Expense by Category and Consumption by Class through June 30, 2022.

8.2 Operations Report

Assistant General Manager, Dusty Moisio, provided the Board with field operations tasks completed in the month of July (as listed below) and an update on the District's security upgrade project.

- Water Samples – 125
- Site Inspections - 68
- Service Orders Completed - 318
- Meters Replaced - 104
- Modules Replaced - 0
- Dig Alerts – 294
- Service Lines Replaced- 3
- System Valves Replaced- 0
- Air Releases Inspections - 29
- Recycled Water Inspections – 8

8.3 Personnel Report

General Manager Tom Coleman advised the Board on two current requirements: Project Manager and Maintenance I.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel, Joseph Byrne mentioned the public release of the Draft EIR for the Delta Conveyance Project and some particulars of the Draft EIR were discussed. He then noted that there would be no need for Closed Session.

10. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was not held in connection with the items listed below:

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiator – [§54956.8]

Property: Portion of Property Located at
804 S. Azusa Ave., City of Industry, CA
District Negotiator: Tom Coleman, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: City of Industry
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

b. Conference with Real Property Negotiator – [§54956.8]

Property: Assessor Parcel Numbers 8266-002-901 and 8269-003-903
District Negotiator: Tom Coleman, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Puente Hills Habitat Authority
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

General Manager's and Directors' Comments – General Manager Tom Coleman informed the Board that a Board Development Workshop has been scheduled for September 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Future Agenda Item(s) – None.

Late Business – None.

A motion was made by Director Hsu, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ANTHONY J. LIMA
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary