



**CITY OF RIALTO**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**February 18, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

The Regular meeting of the Utilities Commission of the City of Rialto was held in the Civic Center Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

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This meeting was in accordance with the provision of the **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Barbara Rickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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**ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken by Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst.

Present:

Chair Barbara Rickman  
Commissioner James M. Shields  
Commissioner Kevin C. Kobbe

Absent:

City staff present:

John Rossi, Interim Utilities Director  
Amy Crow, Administrative Analyst  
Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst  
Lona Laymon, Deputy City Attorney

Also present:

Robert Lee, Customer Service Manager – RWS/Veolia  
Andrew Coleman, Field Operations Supervisor – RWS/Veolia  
Jason Howard, CIP Project Engineer – RWS/Veolia  
Frank Garza, Wastewater Chief Plant Operator – RWS/Veolia

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Barbara Rickman led the pledge of allegiance.

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**MOMENT OF SILENCE/  
INVOCATION**

Nicole Hemmans led the invocation.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025.

Chair Rickman asked if there were any comments pertaining to the minutes.

- ◆ None.

**Action**

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe made a motion to approve.
- ◆ Commissioner Shields seconded.
- ◆ All in favor.
- ◆ Motion passed.

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Rickman asked if there was oral communication from the audience of items not on the agenda.

- ◆ None.

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**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

**UC-25-0129**

Monthly activity report for City of Rialto Waste Management Services. (RECEIVE AND FILE)

Amy Crow went over the Monthly Waste Management Report for the month of February 2025. (January Reporting Period).

**Questions & Comments**

- ◆ Amy Crow asked the Commissioners if they noticed anyone cutting the line at the Community Cleanup Day on January 25, 2025.
  - Chair Rickman advised she did not see anyone cutting the line.
- ◆ Chair Rickman requested an update on Burrtec 's organics waste recycling program.
  - Ms. Crow advised that she would provide an update at the next Utilities Commission meeting.

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**UC-25-0118**

Veolia's Operations and Maintenance Monthly Report (RECEIVE AND FILE)

Receive and file the Monthly Operations Report from Veolia for the month of February 2025 (December 2024 Reporting Period).

**Customer Service update provided by Robert Lee:**

**Questions & Comments**

- ◆ None.

**Water update provided by Andrew Coleman:**  
Questions & Comments

- ◆ None

**Wastewater update provided by Frank Garza:**

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe inquired whether the chemical dosage varies during high temperatures days.
  - Hypochlorite is increased when temperatures reach degrees in the high 80s.
- ◆ Chair Rickman asked what caused the increase in chemicals in the month of December.
  - Based on the biological system, additional hypochlorite is needed if ammonia bleeds through and isn't neutralized in the biological process.
- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe inquired if the wastewater in the Las Colinas area flows downhill to the wastewater treatment plant.
  - Mr. Garza advised that waste from the Northern end of Rialto gravity flows downhill until it reaches the wastewater treatment plant.
- ◆ Chair Rickman asked if the lift station on Etiwanda and the 210 freeway flow North or South.
  - Mr. Garza answered that the lift station's purpose is to pump waste that is flowing southbound from the northern side down under the 210 freeway and across to the south of the freeway, working like a siphon.
- ◆ Chairperson Rickman asked for an update on the legal case about the sewage spill at P&G Auto Parts.
  - Mr. Rossi advised that RWS is handling the case.

**CIP update provided by Jason Howard:**  
Questions & Comments

- ◆ None.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **UC-25-0119**

Previous Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

#### **Questions & Comments**

- None.

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### **UC-25-0120**

To-Do List

No agenda items were posted for future discussion.

#### **Questions & Comments:**

- None.

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## **UTILITIES DIRECTOR UPDATES**

### **UC-25-0121**

Utilities Director Update

Interim Utilities Director John Rossi provided an update to the commissioners on the following items:

1. Update on AMI project
2. Update on Utility Security project
3. Update on Lead and Copper Testing

#### **Questions & Comments:**

- ◆ None.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

No Commissioner's updates were provided.

**Questions & Comments:**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Action**

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe made a motion to adjourn.
- ◆ Commissioner Shields seconded.
- ◆ All in favor.
- ◆ Motion carried.
  
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.