



**CITY OF RIALTO  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CABLE ADVISORY AND UTILITIES COMMISSION  
February 17, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

The Regular meeting of the Cable Advisory and 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 17, 2026.

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst, took the call.

**Commissioner's Present:**

Chair Barbara Zrelak-Rickman  
Commissioner Brenda Nuno Gutierrez  
Commissioner James Shields  
Commissioner Kevin C. Kobbe  
Commissioner Rocio Martinez

**Commissioners Absent:**

Vice-Chair Carla D Towns  
Commissioner Erlinda Patterson

**Staff/Others Present:**

Sachin Chawla, Director of Utilities  
Toyasha Sebbag, Assistant to the City Manager  
Scott Brosious, Broadcast Production Supervisor  
Amy Crow, Administrative Analyst  
Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst  
Robert Lee, Customer Service Manager – RWS/Veolia  
Andrew Coleman, Field Operations Supervisor – RWS/Veolia  
Jason Howard, CIP Project Engineer – RWS/Veolia  
Frank Garza, Operations / Collections Manager – 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 20, 2026 meeting

Chair Rickman asked whether there were any comments on the minutes of the regular meeting on January 20, 2026.

- ◆ None.

**Action**

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- ◆ None.

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

**CUC-26-0108**

Monthly Activity Report for Waste Management Services.

The Monthly Activity Report for City of Rialto Waste Management was provided by Amy Crow.

**Questions & Comments**

- ◆ None

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**CUC-26-0104**

Soto Resources Amendment 5 to Professional Service Agreement.

Staff Request Cable Advisory and Utilities Commission to Recommend that the City Council/RUA Board: (1) Adopt Resolutions Amending its 2025-2026 Wastewater Fiscal Year Budget for an Amount of \$120,000; (2) Authorize a Professional Service Agreement Amendment No. 5 With Soto Resources in the Amount of \$200,000 to Provide Additional As-Needed Grant Writing Assistance; and (3) Authorize the City Manager/Executive Director or Their Designee to Execute all Related Documents. This item was presented by Nicole Hemmans.

**Questions & Comments**

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe inquired about how the cost would be split.
  - Mrs. Hemmans advised that the cost would be split 40% water (\$80,000) and 60% wastewater (\$120,000).

**Action**

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

**CUC-26-0105**  
Veolia Monthly Operations  
Report.

Receive and file the Monthly Operations Report from Veolia for the month of January 2026 (Reporting period November 2025)  
(RECEIVE AND FILE)

**Customer Service update provided by Robert Lee:**  
Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe requested to see the expenditures on the Customer Service report.
- ◆ Chair Rickman requested to for staff to provide the Budgets for the Water and Wastewater funds.
  - Mr. Shawla advised that the FY27 budget is being developed and will be provided once it is finalized.

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

- ◆ Chair Rickman requested that staff add the Water Rainfall back into the Monthly Operations report.
- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe asked what the TDS levels were for the samples provided in the MORS report.
  - Mr. Coleman provided the details for each City well.

**Wastewater update provided by Frank Garza:**  
Questions & Comments

- ◆ Chair Rickman inquired on how many manholes are located throughout the City?
  - Mr. Garza will provide this information at the next meeting.

**Capital Improvement Project update provided by Jason Howard:**

Questions & Comments

- ◆ None.

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**CUC-25-0107**

Tour of the Rialto Network Studio

Tour of the Network Studio was provided by the Rialto Network Staff.

**Questions & Comments**

- ◆ None.

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**OLD BUSINESS ITEMS**

**CUC-26-0109**

Previous Discussion Items

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- ◆ Mrs. Hemmans provided an update on remote participation during the Commission meetings. An official update to remote participation will be provided by the City Clerk's office. This information will be shared with the Commissioners once it is available.

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**CUC-26-0106**

To-Do-List

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- ◆ None

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**UTILITIES DIRECTOR  
UPDATES**

**CUC-26-0016**

Director of Utilities Update

Director of Utilities, Sachin Chawla, provided the following updates:

1. Update on the wastewater Rate Adjustment that was approved by the City Council on January 27, 2026.
2. Update on the revision of Veolia's Monthly Operations Report (MOR).

**Questions & Comments**

- ◆ None

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**COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.