



CITY OF RIALTO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION
July 15, 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, July 15, 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:

None.

City staff present:

John Rossi, Interim Utilities Director
Mike Orona, Deputy Director of Maintenance & Facilities
Amy Crow, Administrative Analyst
Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst

Also present:

Richard Niño, Representative with Burrtec Waste Management
Nancy Jackson, Customer Service Supervisor – RWS/Veolia
Andrew Coleman, Field Operations Supervisor – RWS/Veolia
Brandon Stallings, CIP Project Engineer – RWS/Veolia
Ken Aplon, Wastewater 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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 20, 2025

Chair Rickman asked if there were any comments pertaining to the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2025.

- ◆ Nicole Hemmans noted the following corrections to the meeting minutes:
 - The date was corrected in the introductory to read May 20, 2025.
 - The Roll Call was updated to include Michael Heftman with Burrtec Waste Management.

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-25-0459

Street Sweeping regulations

At the request of Chair Rickman, this item has been placed on the agenda to discuss current street sweeping issues and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Chair Rickman started the discussion by noting that inoperable vehicles parked on the street during street sweeping hours prevent cleaning, and asked if more can be done to stop this.
- ◆ Burrtec representative, Richard Niño, responded that the enforcement mechanism for not parking vehicles on street sweeping day requires specific signage and compliance requirements. Posting signage is the best enforcement mechanism to mitigate parked vehicles so that the street sweeper can fully clean the streets. The cost of a signage program for a city that is ¼ the size of Rialto is in the six-figure price range.

Mr. Niño advised that Burrtec can launch an initiative to make the City aware

of inoperable vehicles or other objects, such as basketball courts, that are not moved during street sweeping hours. He suggested Burrtec can provide a report for City Staff to send with code enforcement.

- ◆ Chair Rickman asked Mr. Niño if Burrtec can provide this service without an expense to the City?
 - Mr. Niño confirmed Burrtec can provide this report without additional cost to the City.
- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe asked if residents should report to code enforcement inoperable vehicles that remain on streets during street sweeping day
 - Mr. Niño confirmed that residents are encouraged to report to code enforcement. He also advised that he will reinforce the opportunity for residents to report in the next newsletter Burrtec sends out.
- ◆ Ms. Crow shared that a signage program was proposed some time ago; however, it was not something the City wanted to move forward with at that time.
- ◆ Ms. Crow distributed a schedule and map of the street sweeping days in the City of Rialto.
- ◆ Deputy Director of Maintenance & Facilities, Mike Arona, suggested that he will request that the MyRialto App be updated to include an icon for people to anonymously report abandoned vehicles, enabling City staff to follow proper channels of reporting to address the situation.

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UC-25-0471

Hazardous Communication Pole Lines and Their Relation to the City's Tree Trimming Program.

At the Request of Chair Rickman, this item has been placed on the agenda to discuss hazardous communication pole lines and their relation to the City's tree trimming program.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Mr. Arona provided a brief description of the City's Tree Maintenance process.
- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe requested a breakdown of how the tree maintenance schedule works.
 - Mr. Arona shared a document with the Commissioners showing the breakdown of the 24,000 trees that the City maintains.
- ◆ Chair Rickman requested the contact information for reporting down pole lines to Edison.

- ◆ Mr. Arona provided the Commissioners with Edison's contact information: Edison Customer Service: 800-655-4555.
- ◆ Commissioner Shields confirmed that he received a notice in the mail from Edison providing information on how to have your trees trimmed.

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UC-25-0472

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 July 2025. (June 2025 Reporting Period).

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe advised that he missed it and asked if it was busy?
 - Ms. Crow reported that it was a constant flow of vehicles for shredding; It was busy as usual.

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UC-25-0460

Public Health Goals Presentation (ACTION) and 2024 Consumer Confidence Report. (RECEIVE AND FILE).

Request Utilities Commission recommend that the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Board to: (1) Conduct a Public Hearing to Solicit Public Comments from Interested Citizens; (2) Approve the Report on Water Quality Relative to 2025 Public Health Goals Report for 2022, 2023, 2024; and (3) Receive and File the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report.
POWERPOINT (ACTION)

PowerPoint presentation provided by Stephanie Valencia with RWS/Veolia.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe asked what PPQ?
 - Ms. Valencia confirmed it stands for parts per quadrillion.
- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe asked if the best detection level of Hexavalent is 0.02.
 - John Rossi confirmed that is true.

Action

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

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John Rossi provided an update on the Biosolids project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

UC-25-0467

Update on the Rialto Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Handling Project.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ None

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UC-25-345

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

Receive and file the Monthly Operations Report from Veolia for the months of:

1. June 2025 (Reporting period May 2025)
2. July 2025 (Reporting period June 2025)

Customer Service update provided by Nancy Jackson:

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Chair Rickman inquired if the \$64,000 revenue collected in Utility User Tax (UUT) was for overdue payments from February 2025?
 - Nancy Jackson will confirm and provide an update at the next Utilities Commission meeting.
- ◆ Chair Rickman requested the annual amount of Development Impact Fees (DIF) collected for the past 3 years.
 - Nicole Hemmans advised that she will provide this information at the next Utilities Commission meeting.
- ◆ Chair Rickman inquired if water services for the Lennar development at El Rancho Verde are provided by West Valley Water District (WVWD) and asked what the increase in customer accounts for sewer from that development is?
 - Nancy Jackson confirmed that water services are provided by WVWD and advised that she will provide an update on the increase in customer accounts at the next Utilities Commission meeting.

Water update provided by Stephanie Valencia:

Questions & Comments

- ◆ None

Wastewater update provided by Ken Aplon:
Questions & Comments

- ◆ None

CIP update provided by Brandon Stalling:
Questions & Comments

- ◆ None.

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OLD BUSINESS

UC-25-0463

Previous Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

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UC-25-0464

To-Do List

No agenda items were posted for future discussion.

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**UTILITIES DIRECTOR
UPDATES**

UC-25-0466

Utilities Director Update

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

Utilities Director Update:

- 1) John Rossi provided an update on the Rate Study Consultant.

- 2) Mr. Rossi advised that his last day as Interim Utilities Director will be on 7/23/25.

Questions & Comments:

- ◆ None.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Questions & Comments:

- ◆ None.

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ADJOURNMENT

Action

- ◆ Commissioner Shields made a motion to adjourn.
- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe seconded.
- ◆ All in favor.
- ◆ Motion carried.

- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.