



CITY OF RIALTO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER SUBCOMMITTEE
March 04, 2025 - 10:30 A.M.
MINUTES

The Regular meeting of the Water Subcommittee of the City of Rialto was held in the Civic Center Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Thursday, March 4, 2025.

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CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 10:35 A.M.

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ROLL CALL

Senior Administrative Analyst Nicole Hemmans took the roll call.

Subcommittee Members / City Staff:

Mayor Joe Baca
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Scott
Tanya Williams, City Manager
Lona Laymon, Deputy City Attorney
John Rossi, Interim Utilities Director
Paul Truffa, Fire Division Chief
Dr. Toyasha Sebbag, Assistant to the City Manager
Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst

Additional Attendees:

Stephen Dopudja, Dopudja & Wells Consulting, Inc.
Peter Luchetti, RWS/Table Rock
Evan Kominsky, Ullico, LLC
Marlon Brosco, RWS/Veolia
Rolf Ohlemutz, RWS/Table Rock
David Terry, RWS/Veolia
Vernon Perry, RWS/Veolia
Anayanci Trejo, Resident

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CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ Deputy Attorney Lona Laymon advised the Water Subcommittee that she requested for the **Closed Session** to be removed from the Water Subcommittee agenda.
 - Mrs. Nicole Hemmans advised that the agenda will be updated for the next Subcommittee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment received on March 04, 2025:

- ◆ Public comment received from City of Rialto resident Anayanci Trejo.
- ◆ The Water Subcommittee's feedback to staff was to take appropriate action regarding Mrs. Trejo's previous sewer fee payments.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Baca asked if there were any comments pertaining to the minutes.

- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Scott inquired why the minutes have not been updated.
 - Mr. John Rossi and Mrs. Nicole Hemmans confirmed the minutes are current and updated through the last meeting on January 30, 2025.

Action

- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Scott made a motion to approve.
- ◆ Mayor Baca seconded.
- ◆ All in favor.
- ◆ Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

WS-25-0154 – Provide feedback on the RUAs Water Quality. (ACTION)

Staff requested that the Water Subcommittee provide feedback on the Rialto Utility Authority's Water Quality. (ACTION)

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Scott presented a water filter from his home that was the color of tea. The filter had been in his system for one week. He is going to have the water quality of the filter tested.
 - Mr. David Terry confirmed that tea-colored water was detected at Willow and has been addressed since then.
- ◆ Mayor Baca suggested offering a schedule for when flushing occurs.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Scott advised that he's getting reports of extensive chlorine in the water and wanted to know if something occurred that required mass chlorination.
 - Mr. Terry advised that RWS/Veolia doesn't change or increase chlorine dosing and stated that RWS/Veolia have no control over the supply of chlorinated water that the City receives from other agencies. RWS/Veolia utilizes on-line

Chlorine Analyzers to ensure dosing is consistent with AWWA standards. The average Chlorine residual delivered is 0.80 mg/l to 1.25 mg/l and is verified with monthly chlorine samples.

- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked RWS/Veolia if PFAS is detected in the City's water and wastewater.
 - Mr. Terry advised City 4a is in the general area of the east end complex. The last results for PFOA/PFOS testing included 19 analytes in test panel, found one analyte, PFBS, which was detected at 2.4 parts per trillion(PPT). This is well below the notification level of 500 ppt and the response level of 5,000 ppt.
 - Mr. Brosco advised that the last test for PFAS at the wastewater treatment plant was conducted in 2020, and the results were negative. Currently, the state does not require testing for PFAS in wastewater.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem recommended that RWS/Veolia, Rialto City Council members, and utility department staff attend the annual Urban Water Institute Conference.
- ◆ Mayor Baca requested a progress report on PFAS at a future subcommittee meeting.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Scott requested that the Utilities Department and Rialto Fire Department work together to review the Phase-2 Site Assessment for Fire Station 203.

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WS-25-0155 – Request for Feedback on the Utility System Fire Preparedness. (ACTION)

Mr. Rossi provided an update to the Water Subcommittee on Utility System Fire Preparedness and requested feedback. (ACTION)

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Scott expressed his disagreement with the Fire Department's app system that indicates where fire hydrants are not functioning and suggests the hydrants be bagged when inoperable to make everyone, including residents, visibly aware.

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WS-25-0156 – Utilities Director Update.

Utilities Director Update provided by Mr. Rossi:

1. Update on the RUA/RWS Fiscal 25 – 26 Water and Wastewater Budget Process

2. Update on Various Utility Department Construction Projects
3. Update on Utility Department Grants
4. Veolia's Monthly Operations Report (MOR)_February 2025 (reporting period December 2024)

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Mayor Baca requested staff provide a list of grants that the Rialto Utilities Authority are applying for.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ◆ The next Water Subcommittee meeting was confirmed for Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10 AM.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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