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Regular meeting of the City of Redlands Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission on August 5, 2024 at 4:00 PM Wastewater Treatment Plant 1950 Nevada St. The meeting was an in-person meeting.

## A. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

Present: Steve Stockton, Chairperson  
Chandrasekar 'CV' Venkatraman, Vice Chairperson  
Adekunle Ojo, Commissioner

David Garcia, Commissioner  
Robert Meals, Commissioner  
Paul Norwood, Commissioner

Absent: Thomas Breitzkreuz, Commissioner

City Council Mario Saucedo, City Council Member  
Liaison:

Staff: John Harris, Municipal Utilities & Engineering Director; Goutam Dobey, City Engineer; Johana Silva, Commission Liaison/Associate Engineer; Sara White, Commission Liaison/Senior Administrative Assistant; Fernando Mata, Wastewater Utility Manager; Paul Mariscal, Water Utility Manager, Jung Park, Laboratory Manager

Guest

Speakers: Paul Mariscal, Water Utility Manager, Fernando Mata, Wastewater Utility Manager

Chairperson Steve Stockton, called the meeting to order at 4:19 PM.

## B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2024, were approved 5:0 ('CV' abstained) with revisions at the request of David Garcia. Revisions noted.

## D. COMMUNICATIONS

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Before proceeding with Item D., Vice Chair Stockton asked if Item B. was missed. Chairman Ojo asked for a Public Comment. No comments were made.

## a. Director's Report

Director Harris stated that he would move through his report quickly.

### **WWTP P2 Project Update:**

John Harris: Still working on this project. Water Board has been provided with everything they have asked for this project is still on track

### **Water Meter Replacement Project:**

We are still working on this project. We are still about 10 months out from grant approval. There is an option for extension request if needed it will be requested in January.

### **PMP Update:**

In the developing stages and will be ready to send out to bid fairly soon. The city has now reconstructed a vast majority of the streets and are now shifting focus on street maintenance now.

### **Water Conservation:**

Following up on water conservation objectives as requested by commission with summary. State legislation has just passed and is driving the city towards budget-based rates. A calculation will be required to be provide a summary to the state showing how much water is being used in various categories. Which might influence goals and priorities for the city moving forward. John Harris stated that he would like to see the city move away from potable water when watering some of the city groves and move to using non potable water. Looking to the future JH would like to expand the recycled water system south of the I-10 (which will happen with the new California) and after that then the next push would likely be east of the I-210.

Stockton questions regarding the groves near the WWTP. Discussion ensues regarding the Tennessee well an old irrigation well and the little-known history of that well and use of it.

Ojo Adekunle comments: On Prospect Park and the fact that it is on potable water and the goal Director Harris' goal to work towards changing it to non-potable water fed location.

John Harris further discusses the future goals of the non-potable water use specifically for location such as Prospect Park.

Daivid Garcia comments:

Regarding upcoming City Council agenda item specifically the PARIS project, JH indicated that the PARIS 5-year project is complete.

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Water Conservation objectives. Who represents the city on the Mutual Water Company (MWC) Boards and questions the percentage of stock owned by Redlands. JH indicated that Redlands is the majority shareholder in many of these MWCs.

Mr. Garcias questions Redlands heights well being rehabilitated and what happens when it is not in use, and will the potable water be delivered to the customers?

John Harris states the well was rehabbed and the project was finished. Customers were on potable water during that project.

Mr. Stockton questions what happens to the existing shares of the shareholders of South Mountain Water? John Harris provides an explanation of how the city will move forward with honoring the water exchange agreements at the delivery rate that was adopted by the Board.

## **Caltrans/SBCTA Projects:**

No discussion.

Please visit the following agency websites for specific project details:

Caltrans District 8 - <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-8/district-8-current-projects>

SBCTA - <https://www.gosbcta.com/projects/>

## **Q3 Capital Improvement Project Update:**

Commission provided with copy. No discussion.

No further questions on the Director's report.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Stockton puts sewer back on the table. Mr. Stockton request information regarding activity on Cajon St. Goutam indicated that this was a part of the CIP Sewer line project and that the pipe was cracked and the sewer line is being replaced the manhole is being rehabbed. Discussion ensues regarding manhole rehabbing throughout the city. It is suggested that Commission be added to weekly CIP project updates email so that they may remain informed regarding the general information on each active project.

Adekunle Ojo pointed out that MUED plans, programs, and studies should be reviewed by the MUPWC in accordance with the Redlands Municipal Code in the future. He has experienced questions from the public due to his seat on the commission. Also request future items be brought to the commission just for feedback purposes.

John Harris advises all commission members to direct any residents' questions to him and he will happily address them.

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F. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES, AND/OR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No further comments.

G. ADJOURNMENT – Next meeting scheduled for October 7, 2024 at 4:00 PM at Hinkley Water Treatment Plant located at 1604 Crafton Ave, Mentone CA 92359

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM. The next meeting of the City of Redlands Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission is scheduled for October 7, 2024.