

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes

Emergency Meeting – Water Shortage

Date: June 12, 2024

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

DRAFT (until approved at next Board Meeting)

1. The emergency meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chairman Will Regg
2. Roll was called - Chairman Will Regg (WR), Treasurer Ray Tanner (RT), Secretary John Tanner (JT) [delayed], Vice Chairman JT Driscoll (JTD), and a quorum was established.
Dan Utz (DU) [delayed], District Water Operator, and Steve Stevens (SS), District Manager are in attendance
Public in attendance: Harry Jones
3. Agenda Items
 - a. **Review the District Rules and Regulations regarding the Board's authority to enact an emergency water conservation plan.** All Board Members present agreed that Section 6.3B grants the board the authority to enact emergency measures during specific situations, including the malfunction of the water infrastructure.
 - b. **Water Use Restriction / Emergency Plan.** SS informed the Board that well #4 is only producing 2,750 gallons per day which is far below average. Our system had been producing 9,500 gallons per day with wells 2, 3, and 4. Demand has increased dramatically, primarily due to outdoor watering. WR suggested a cap on water usage until well #4 has been repaired. WR reported that he spoke with owners at 4 of the 5 meters using the most water. 3 were very accommodating. He could not reach 1 by phone. 1 refused to change their outdoor landscape watering despite learning of the emergency situation. WR suggested that 4,000 gallons per month should be more than enough for each meter for normal daily use. JTD motioned that a cap of 1,000 gallons per week for each meter be enacted effective June 13, 2024. WR suggested that a monthly cap would be easier to manage. RT requested that the motion include the penalty for overuse. JTD motioned that a cap of 4,000 gallons per month for each meter be enacted effective June 13, 2024 and that the penalty for exceeding the cap would be the temporary cession of water services to that meter. JT questioned if there could be legal ramifications for shutting off water. WR stated that protecting our water from the abuse of a couple of bad actors was necessary and that the Board was

acting within its legal authority to do so. RT requested that the motion also include that district water shall not be used for outdoor landscaping. JTD motioned that a cap of 4,000 gallons per month for each meter be enacted effective June 13, 2024 and that the penalty for exceeding the cap would be the temporary cession of water services to that meter and that no district water shall be used for outdoor landscaping. The motion was seconded by JT. The motion passed unanimously. WR instructed DU to take readings from every meter on July 13th and report them to the Board. DU will provide the same report every Thursday until the emergency restriction has been lifted.

c. Repair of well #4. SS has engaged a drilling company to inspect the well on June 13, 2024. The very rough estimate is that the repair will take 2 weeks. We will know more after the inspection. WR authorized the funds due to the emergency status of the request.

d. Temporary alternative sources of water. SS suggested that the Board enter negotiations to use water from Mark Pond's reservoir as a backup source for Rim Trail. Mark has appointed Harry Jones to negotiate on his behalf. WR tabled the conversation and instructed SS to immediately research alternative sources to buy and transfer water in compliance with ADEQ.

4. Call to the Public – there were no comments from the public
5. Call to Staff and Board Members for additional comment – there were none
6. Adjournment: JTD made a motion to adjourn. JT seconded the motion.