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Town of Redding
Minutes of the WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION (WPCC)
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 7:30pm
via ZOOM only

Commissioners Present: Amy Atamian, Chair; Dave Pattee; Kirby Klump; Joe Pampel; John Ruvo; Vanessa McPherson

Also, Present: Mat Lereau of Veolia; Jordan Silva, WPCC Administrator; Janet August, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: Amy Atamian called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2026**

   Ms. Atamian asked for any corrections to the previous meeting minutes reviewed. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as written.

2. **Public Comment**

   Amy Atamian notes that she moved the public comment up to Item 2 in the meeting agenda. She asks for any public comments. None.

3. **Report from Veolia Water Plant Managers**

   Health & Safety
   - No injury or illnesses to be reported.
   - PPE and First Aid stations are in full supply.
   - Fire Extinguishers and Eye Wash Stations are in good working order.

   Operations
   - Removed 98.7% of influent BOD and 99.1% of influent TSS.
   - Wasted 40,533 gallons to the GBT. Three loads were hauled by Hi Stone.
   - UV System online 3/30/26. Missed E. Coli on 4/2/26. Will be made up on 4/14/26. I spoke with DEEP and made them aware. They asked that we add a comment to the MOR cover letter for April.
   - Membrane railings have been completed. Pictures attached.
   - HACH will be onsite 4/15/26 to put together a quote for the DO, PH probes on the offline aeration tank. We will be working in the tank over the next month.
   - Signage discussion

   Procurement
   - Four 8-foot yellow safety rails = $620.000 plus freight.

Completed Work Orders

- All weekly and monthly work orders are complete.

Mat Lereau of Veolia reviewed his monthly report (as seen above). Looking into upgrading the First Aid station. UV system online since 3/30. E Coli missed but notified DEEP. No Q-Alerts. Membrane railings completed. Will be buying items for curbing around the effluent tank for next week's project.

Hach was onsite today. They are putting together a quote for DO and pH probes, and an amendment to our service contract to calibrate lab equipment in the quote. He will be working on cleaning and inspecting the off-line aeration tank over the next month before it gets too hot.

Mr. Lereau said he would like to replace the entrance sign on North Main St. as they continue to have problems with deliveries since drivers can not find the plant. Amy Atamian asked about the road location for the Facility Sign. It will be in the general area it is now but more visible from the road. Ms. Atamian stated that she will speak with Jamie at Public Works to make sure the sign design meets their specs. Mr. Lereau agrees that it would be best to have them come out and discuss the sign, placement, etc. Mr. Lereau plans to go around the plant and identify the areas with confined spaces and replace that signage. Signage for fire extinguishers and safety showers is ok. Any signage that is worn or unreadable needs to be replaced, additional signage is needed along the perimeter fencing noting Authorized Personnel, as well as putting the sign on the front door, "Redding Wastewater Facility. The signage contributes to safety.

Mr. Lereau stated that for procurement this month, is the safety rails that he wants to order before he starts opening the tank. The safety rails would be around the tank to prevent service vendors and staff from falling into the tank when the cover is open. Atamian reviews the quote for four safety rails at 8 feet each, costing $620 plus freight. Mr. Lereau will reach out to the manufacturer to see what the freight cost would be.

Ms. Atamian stated she had a few procurement items. There is a quote from Phoenix Labs to do the PFAS testing that is expected to be required by DEEP soon. The quote is $395 per quarter, plus $10 for Encore samplers. Vanessa McPherson stated she brought up PFAS testing at the last meeting since we need to budget for the cost. The cost is manageable within the current budget. It is not currently required by permit now but it has been talked about at DEEP. Dave Pattee stated that he talked to the First Selectman in Weston and she has implemented a PFAS system that eliminates PFAS on all the town-owned buildings, by using some sort of filter. The commission discussed the high prevalence of PFAS being everywhere in our environment and the country.

The team discussed three quotes from Mulvaney: a backflow preventer repair ($260), an air conditioning unit replacement ($12,542), and an annual service contract ($3,502). Barrett Plumbing also provided an alternate quote to replace, not repair, the backflow preventer ($7000).

The backflow preventer was confirmed as not leaking, so no immediate action is required. Mulvaney recommended repair, a frequent practice, vs replacement.

MOTION: Kirby Klump moved to approve an amount not to exceed $12,542 for the replacement of the current air conditioning unit in the Admin Building. Dave Pattee seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Kirby Klump moved to approve an amount not to exceed $3,502 for the annual service contract with Mulvaney. Joe Pampel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Vanessa McPherson moved to approve an amount not to exceed $640 for the purchase of safety railings, plus added freight cost. Kirby Klump seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Amy Atamian asked about progress on the quotes for the fence issue. There are problems with the snowplows pushing snow up against the fence and damaging it. Mr. Lereau is meeting with Young's to discuss the repairs and get a quote.

Mr. Lereau noted issues with the current slide gates that divert flow between the two aeration basins. The gates are aluminum which have corroded over time and need to be replaced. He received a quote to replace the gates with stainless steel which, due to their heavier weight, would require additional lifting equipment. Mr. Lereau will continue to research options for a lower cost slide gate system and for the DO and pH probes that will be needed to switch operation between basins.

Mr. Lereau noted a recommendation from DEEP that WPCC invest in a backup pump for the pump station in case of a failure in both pumps. Mr. Lereau will research the pump specifications and cost.

Amy Atamian reported that Jordan Silva is working with Mulvaney to install new meters where existing meters are not reporting usage. Mulvaney will first need to check the issue at each location to determine the issue to develop a repair quote. Ms. Atamian will coordinate with Mat and Jordan to prepare a list of addresses for Mulvaney. Discussed details of the meter replacements and "deducts" from Meadow Ridge, and possibly a broken Aquarion water meter at Meadow Ridge.

Amy Atamian reported that the Veolia Reimbursables had a Phoenix bill from January and assumes that additional bills are being processed and/or going through the P-card process. Discussed the continuing, yet somewhat improved, billing and reimbursement process.

Ms. Atamian reported that the reimbursables this month were noticeably light, so there may be a flood of invoices coming. She asked Mr. Lereau to get these in before the end of the fiscal year.

Vanessa McPherson and Mat Lereau discussed a public tour of the plant that Ms. McPherson was arranging.

The Wi-Fi issue at the plant was briefly discussed, as were some concerns made by Jonathan Hale of Veolia who suggested Mr. Lereau place an IT service ticket. IT issues were discussed.

Mat Lereau of Veolia left the meeting at 8:14pm.

4. Discussion and Action of Invoices and Financial Status

Apr-26

VENDOR	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE NO	AMT DUE	ACC
VEOLIA	3/1/2026	9000242756	$ 35,079.36	92-5220
HOCON	3/20/2026	81259	$ 2,078.88	92-5540
OPTIMUM	3/22/2026	1104	$ 207.55	92-5260
HOFFMAN	3/3/2026	51262	$ 420.00	92-5240
INTERSTATE WASTE	3/26/2026	12359623	$ 155.09	92-5240
RECORDING MINUTES	3/31/2026		$ 100.00	92-5210
TIGHE & BOND	4/9/2026	1035063	$ 9,441.00	92-6265
TIGHE & BOND	4/9/2026	1035062	$ 520.94	92-5240
EVERSOURCE	4/7/2026	51524634029	$ 7,146.46	92-5350
FRONTIER	4/9/2026	2035447017	$ 329.91	92-5260
AQUARION	3/30/2026	90196967	$ 92.02	92-5601
AQUARION			$ 250.00	92-5601
AIRGAS	3/31/2026	5523417184	$ 151.99	92-5540
VEOLIA REIMBURSABLE	3/17/2026	9000244111	$ 4,239.62	
			$ 60,212.82	

aril 2026		CREDITS	DEBITS	BALANCE
Balance as of MARCH 1, 2026	$ 192,850.85			$ 192,850.85
Deposits credited		$ 23,054.61		$ 215,905.46
BOF TRANSFER				$ 215,905.46
Checks debited			$ 70,925.34	$ 144,980.12
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Actual Balance off Bank Statement				$ 144,980.12
Beginning Balance APRIL 1, 2026				$ 144,980.12
Checks Debited as of 6/12/2026			$ 91,054.51	$ 53,925.61
Deposits Credited as of 4/15/2026		$ 8,606.11		$ 62,531.72
BOF TRANSFER				$ 62,531.72
Uncleared Checks as of 4/15/2026			$ 60,212.82	$ 2,318.90
After All New Bills are Approved and Paid				$ 2,318.90
Projected Balance:				$ 2,318.90

NEXT CHECKS CUT - APRIL 23,2026 LEFT TO COLLECT $79,813.97
BILLING - APRIL (4TH QUARTER)

INVOICE #9000244111 AMOUNT $ 4239.62				
SUPPLIER	DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	
NAUGATUCK SLUDGE			$ 604.20	92-5590
PHOENIX ENV.			$ 3,250.00	92-5254
		Subtotal	$ 3,854.20	
		10 % m/u	385.42	
		INVOICE TOTAL	$ 4,239.62	

Amy Atamian reviewed the bills for the month. She noted that Tighe & Bond is close to wrapping up the Asset Management Review. We hope to have a presentation in it next 1-2 months. Everything else is routine expenses. Discussed the processing of Aquarion water usage data that sewer billing is based on.

Total bills to be paid equal $60,212,82. After all bills are paid, our projected account balance will be $2,318.90. Amy Atamian noted that it is a low amount. Jordan Silva reported that out of the approximately $88K billed on April 1, about $79K is outstanding. Her experience is that customers pay before the end of the month to avoid late charges. Discussed whether to request a transfer from the Town. If next month the bills are comparable, we should have enough for next month. Jordan Silva noted that the transfers are usually the same day. The commissions did not want to take a chance that the account was too low to cover items that were approved at this meeting.

MOTION: Kirby Klump moved to authorize Amy Atamian to request a transfer from the Town of Redding for $100,000 if needed before the next Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Vanessa McPherson and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: John Ruvo moved to authorize payment of $60,212.82 for the monthly bills. Joe Pampel seconded the motion was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Commission Member Comments

Amy Atamian reported that she has not finalized the bid documents for the roof yet but will. She suggested the need to look at removing the roof penetrations as part of the scope, attaching the Tighe & Bond inspection documents, having our Building Dept. review, and adding the contract details. We should then be ready to go out to bid.

For the WestCOG study, Langan Engineers estimated sewer flow under the full build-out of the proposed Revitalize Georgetown Plan. Ms. Atamian walked the commissioners through the proposed development plan, noting that calculations are based on bedroom count for residential unit's flow rates by square footage for distinct types of non-residential usage. Under the proposed development, a conservative estimate for remaining capacity of the 245,000 gallons per day (GPD) permit capacity was about 47,000 GPD.

6. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Kirby Klump moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Pattee seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Submitted by
Janet August, Recording Secretary

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