

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on December 9, 2008 was called to order by Chairman Brannon at 1:31 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Chairman Brannon, presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairman Brannon
Vice-Chairman Vornberger
Member Brazier
Member Fekete
Member Griffiths
Member Walson
Alternate Taufer (Member)

Absent: Member Astrolio
Alternate Irvine
Alternate Saxon

Also Present: Dave Seymour, District General Manager, Chuck Sneed, Operations Manager, Kirsten Plonka, Associate Engineer, Finance and Budget Committee Chairman Larry Pearce were also in attendance. Member Philip Astrolio and Alternates Erik Irvine and Kurt Saxon were absent (excused). Public attendees Maureen Rhyne and Margaret Duganski.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT RELATING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comments.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

*5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. November 4, 2008

Action:

Moved by Member Fekete to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Member Brazier.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Brannon, Member Vornberger, Member Brazier, Member Fekete, Member Walson and Alternate Taufer.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: Member Griffiths.

ABSENT: Member Astrolio, Alternate Irvine and Alternate Saxon.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIFT STATIONS 1 AND 2

Mr. Griffiths requested a copy of the 60% Submittal for Lift Station 2. Mr. Seymour responded that as soon as staff reviews the submittal he will make them available to the Board. Mr. Walson asked what the District was doing to take care of the clogging problems at the lift stations. Mr. Seymour responded that when the impellers were replaced the clogging was reduced considerably and that staff has educated the customers in the area that may be causing the clogs.

Mr. Taufer asked about the status of the Lift Station 2 Outfall Improvement Project. Mr. Seymour responded that it will be delayed due to the rebidding of the North and Northside Reservoirs Rehabilitation Project.

Mrs. Plonka stated that a draft Lift Station 1 RFP has been prepared and currently being reviewed by the District Engineer.

Mr. Walson asked about the status of the I&I videoing. Dave Seymour provided a brief summary on the sewer lines and the I&I video. Mr. Sneed stated that the North River Road sewer line has caused some problems due to dips and plugging in the lines, which caused poor video quality. He mentioned that he was waiting for a quote from the contractor for the additional scope of work to clear the lines. Discussion ensued.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISED EDU POLICY

Chairman Brannon pointed out a few corrections and changes to the draft EDU Policy.

Mr. Griffiths would like to extend the time frame for customers to renew their sewer permits to 45 days.

Mr. Walson provided a copy of the County EDU requirements to the Engineering Committee members for review and discussion.

Mr. Taufer wanted to clarify his understanding of how the EDU Policy is written. He mentioned that it appeared that requesting a sewer permit would mean it was the last option available to the customer for sewer service. Mr. Seymour stated that that was correct; the customer would have to prove to the District that there were no other options available regardless of cost. He said that this was due to the capacity issue of the District. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Walson asked Mr. Seymour to provide a proposal that would be more equitable in charging the customers for EDUs. Mr. Seymour stated that he would come up with a plan and have the Budget and Finance Committee review it prior to bringing the information to the Engineering Committee.

Mr. Seymour explained that the current price listed on the EDU Policy would be revised to reflect the new price in addition to the connection fee.

Action:

Moved by Member Walson to approve the EDU Sewer Policy as amended. Seconded by Member Fekete.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Brannon, Member Vornberger, Member Brazier, Member Fekete, Member Griffiths, Member Walson and Alternate Taufer.
NOES: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
ABSENT: Member Astrolio and Alternate Irvine.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BACKFLOW REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Sneed mentioned that historically there have been a few backflow ordinances at the District. He said that the most recent ordinance concentrated on Agriculture and Agriculture Domestic customers that did not have backflows. He explained that recently the District sent out 100 backflow notices to domestic customers of which 80 were inspected and 51 so far have been required to install a backflow to comply with the ordinance for properties with swimming pools, solar heating, fire systems pumps and elevation. Mr. Walson requested a report listing the types of hazards found which required the customer to install a backflow. Mr. Seymour mentioned that according to the ordinance, which is written based on State requirements; anyone with a swimming pool will have to install a backflow, with very few exceptions. Mr. Walson asked that the policy be revised to include additional information. Mr. Seymour agreed to review the policy requirements and provide a draft. Discussion ensued.

9. PROJECT UPDATES

Mrs. Plonka stated that staff is currently working on the schedule for the North & Northside Reservoirs Rehabilitation rebid for a March 2009 award date. Chairman Brannon explained that at the bid opening there was a difference of about \$45K between the two lowest bidders and both bids had irregularities, so the Board decided to rebid the project. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Plonka stated that Morro reservoir will bid after the North & Northside bid.

Mrs. Plonka stated that Kirsten Lane is currently out to bid with the bid opening scheduled for December 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Plonka reported that staff is working on the easement for the PRV for Sweetgrass Lane.

Mrs. Plonka mentioned that staff was currently working on the demands for the Pala Mesa zone to determine needed, operational and emergency storage. Mr. Pearce said that it was his understanding from the last Board meeting that the Pala Mesa Project was changed from rehabilitation to installation of two steel tanks. Mr. Seymour responded that in order to install two tanks, it would be necessary to determine how much capacity would be required. Discussion ensued.

10. LIST OF SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Brannon would like to add the election of the chairman and vice-chairman; the possibility of limiting board membership to one member per committee; and the CIP updates.

11. ADJOURNMENT to January 6, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Action:

Moved by Member Brazier to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Fekete.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Brannon, Member Vornberger, Member Brazier, Member Fekete, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Walson and Alternate Taufer.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Member Astrolio and Alternate Irvine.

Steve Brannon, Committee Chairperson

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary