

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
JANUARY 5, 2015 ***

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Communications Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on January 5, 2015 was called to order by Vice Chairperson O’Leary at 3:38 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Vice Chairperson O’Leary, presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Member Daily
Member O’Leary
Member Meadow
Member Romani (*Arrived at 3:45 p.m.*)

Absent: None

Also Present: General Manager Kennedy
Executive Assistant/Board Secretary Washburn
Acting District Engineer Kirkpatrick
FPUD General Manager Brady
Director Brazier

One member of the public was present.

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

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. O’Leary reported on the November 18th meeting where he thanked George McManigle for his service on the RMWD Board of Directors and for establishing the Communications Committee. He also noted the Communications Committee did not meet in December.

*6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. November 3, 2014

Mr. Daily reported he was unable to attend the Engineering Committee meeting.

Action:

Moved by Member Daily to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Member Meadow.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Daily, Member O'Leary and Member Meadow
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Member Romani

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING NORTH RIVER ROAD SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Kennedy mentioned this would be a project that will require quite a bit of public outreach. He explained one of the things that took place was a traffic study as well as there may need to be some discussions held with Camp Pendleton due to the fact quite a few use this as a means of traveling to and from the Base. He noted this project was just going into the design phase which may take some time to complete; however, right now RMWD was trying to have some discussion regarding traffic matters.

Ms. Romani arrived at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Daily explained once RMWD is ready, there will be people available at Camp Pendleton to meet.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said it was anticipated things would start to happen after the holidays; therefore, she expects to hear something in the near future.

Mr. Daily suggested Mr. Kennedy let him know when RMWD would like to meet and he will assist in scheduling members of the Camp Pendleton team.

Discussion ensued regarding the wastewater outfall.

Mr. Kennedy explained potential for saving a great deal of money.

Discussion continued regarding accessing Camp Pendleton during this project.

Mr. Daily suggested getting as much information out to the public as possible. He said he does not foresee the Base complaining about working with RMWD on the traffic matter associated with this project.

Mr. Kennedy pointed out the City of Oceanside may need to change some timing on their traffic light signals as well.

It was noted RMWD would not be prepared to talk with Camp Pendleton for another 3-4 months.

Mr. Daily suggested should RMWD need some assistance with working with the City of Oceanside, let him know and he will see what the Base can do to help.

Mr. Kennedy stated although there may be some alternatives available, it would be best to stay in the roadway in order to prevent prolonging the project more than necessary.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick talked about the steps that are anticipated to take place as part of the traffic study in the next couple weeks. She noted Stack Engineering was waiting for word from RMWD before proceeding. Mr. Daily offered to contact the engineering firm to provide assistance with some of the conversations regarding the traffic issues impacting access to Camp Pendleton. Mrs. Kirkpatrick will provide Mr. Daily with the contact information.

8. LAFCO UPDATE

Mr. O'Leary turned the meeting over to Ms. Romani.

Mr. Kennedy mentioned the article in The Village News over the Christmas holiday pretty much summed up what has taken place at LAFCO with the exception of some misinformation regarding the co-mingling of the two districts during the NCJPA study process.

Mr. Brady stated he left a message for Mr. Ott to find out where everyone was at as far as holding discussions between the two agencies; however, a response had not yet been received.

Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Meadow inquired as to the February 20th LAFCO meeting.

Mr. Kennedy pointed out regardless of the LAFCO Advisory Committee's recommendation, Mr. Ott made it perfectly clear that he can advise the LAFCO Commission differently.

Mr. Kennedy noted as this matter proceeds, public outreach will ramp up significantly. He stated although there was a public relations firm in place to work with RMWD on this matter, should this reach petition or voting stage(s), the Communications Committee may be called on to assist RMWD.

Mr. O'Leary asked whether or not there was public comment allowed at the LAFCO Advisory Committee. Mr. Kennedy confirmed a place for public comment was on the LAFCO Advisory Committee's agenda.

Mr. Kennedy pointed out should this matter go to a vote it appears from his outreach with the public the RMWD ratepayers will most likely vote against it.

Mr. Daily stated Camp Pendleton was starting some experiments with energy and there was some question as to whether or not RMWD and FPUD would have some interest in putting their smaller reservoirs on stored energy. He stated should either district be interested, he would be happy to help facilitate meetings with the appropriate personnel. Discussion followed.

9. UPCOMING NEWSLETTER TOPICS

Mr. O'Leary inquired about the status of the alternative water resources study. Mr. Kennedy provided an update on what steps have been taken and what will be taking place in the near future especially in light of the new developments coming into RMWD.

Mr. Daily asked about the status as to how RMWD wants to deal with delinquent accounts. Mr. Kennedy stated although the Administrative Code needs to be updated, he wants to work with the Budget and Finance Committee as far as how this should be addressed properly. He said once the policy has been clarified and updated, the public will be notified appropriately.

Discussion ensued regarding the handling of repeat offenders on delinquent accounts. It was noted there were some of these involving large sums of money as well as numerous smaller accounts. Mr. Kennedy reiterated delinquent account policies will be addressed by the Budget and Finance Committee and then by the RMWD Board of Directors; therefore, it will not be ready until the March or April edition of the newsletter.

Ms. Washburn noted the January 2015 newsletter was pretty much done with the exception of announcing the Board officers and representatives which will be selected at the January 6, 2015 Special Board meeting.

Mr. O'Leary suggested the February 2015 newsletter have a bio on the new Board Member, Tory Walker.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Kennedy solicited the committee for ideas as to what the domain name should be for the potential website. Discussion followed.

10. REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF RMWD RELATED MEDIA STORIES

This item was not discussed.

11. LIST OF SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

There were no suggested items.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action:

Moved by Member O'Leary to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Daily.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES:	Member Daily, Member O'Leary, Member Romani, and Member Meadow
NOES:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	None

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Dorothy Romani, Committee Chairperson

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary

* *Due to technical difficulties, there is no audio recording of this meeting.*