

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
OCTOBER 7, 2015**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on October 7, 2015 was called to order by Chairperson Prince at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Chairperson Prince, presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Member Prince
Member Brazier
Member Murray
Member Kirby
Member Ratican
Member Taufer
Alternate Robertson
Alternate Kirkpatrick

Absent: Member Stitle

Also Present: General Manager Kennedy
Assistant Rubio

Public members present were Ms. Rhyne and Mr. Carey.

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

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

*5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. September 2, 2015

Action:

Moved by Member Brazier to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Member Ratican.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Member Prince, Member Brazier, Member Taufer, Member Murray, Member Kirby, Member Ratican and Alternate Robertson
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Member Stittle

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SEWER POLICY

Mrs. Kirkpatrick provided copies of the old sewer policy along with a draft revision. She said the incorporated revisions would eliminate the two year term, clarify expired permits remain with the property and not with the District, and also when unconnected fees are not paid indicate how long before the permit expires and include notification procedures.

Mr. Murray suggested adding a sunset period to the last sentence of the revised policy regarding expired permits. Mr. Robertson suggested allowing 5 years total until it expires. Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Kirkpatrick agreed to include a sunset period to the policy. Mr. Kennedy suggested bringing a few options to the Board for determination. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kennedy mentioned there was not a rush to complete the sewer policy at this time, although committee review and feedback within the next couple of months would be appreciated. Mrs. Kirkpatrick would be revising the policy to include the above clarifications for review at the next committee meeting. Discussion ensued.

7. LAFCO UPDATE

Mr. Kennedy announced the LAFCO issue was over. He mentioned staff celebrated the victory and was ready to move on. He noted there were additional efforts by Mr. Ott and FPUD to disqualify Mr. Horn, although those efforts were subdued. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kennedy said the LAFCO transcript was available. He pointed out the vote was 5 to 3. Mr. Prince thanked Mr. Kennedy on behalf of all the committee members for all his work and instrumental efforts in pushing things forward. Mr. Kennedy responded that it was a team effort. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Taufer asked if there were any lessons learned. Mr. Kennedy responded although the District kept to itself and minded its own business it actually made the District isolated and weak politically. He mentioned the Board would be engaging more out in the community to strengthen the District. He also pointed out the District would be more careful when entering into a contract. Discussion ensued.

8. CIP UPDATE

Mr. Kennedy stated the Board approved the Water Reclamation Project and Mrs. Kirkpatrick was working on obtaining the grants. He said a draft copy of the San Luis Rey Groundwater Study has been provided for the committee to review. He noted the main pumping projection was almost 6K acre feet a year, although for the design it was started at 4K acre feet a year (3.6 MGD). He stated 4K acre feet a year was about 20 to 25% of the District's water demand. He pointed out depending on which options were selected the dollar amount would be between \$881 and \$920 per acre foot all in operating and capital costs. He said this was about 25% less than what the District pays for imported water. He explained the difference in having the City of Oceanside treat the water as opposed to the District was only \$40 an acre foot. He stated there

was a tangible benefit in having the ability within the District to produce drinking water and water for basic sanitation without any connections to the outside at potentially less cost. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kennedy asked for feedback on the San Luis Rey Ground Water Study at the next committee meeting. He mentioned that the District was still waiting on the legal analysis regarding the return flow rights.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick asked if anyone had questions regarding current CIP projects. Mr. Kennedy noted the tour after this meeting would include visits to some of the District's CIP projects.

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

The following agenda items were suggested for the next scheduled Engineering Committee Meeting: Sewer Policy, On-site Water Reclamation and Raw Water Treatment Study.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick mentioned Director Walker had requested to include Re-water Systems. Mr. Kennedy said there was a company that sells on-site water reclamation systems for gray water. Discussion ensued.

10. TOUR OF RMWD FACILITIES

The tour of RMWD facilities would include visits to the Horse Creek Ridge development, Beck Reservoir, Highway 76, Olive Hill pressure station, Morro Tank and Reservoir, Lift Station No. 2 and Ocean Breeze. The committee members left for the tour right after adjournment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Member Prince at 3:43 p.m.

Timothy Prince, Committee Chairperson

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary