



AGENDA

Adjourned Communications and Customer Service Committee Meeting

Board Room
3707 Old Highway 395
Fallbrook, CA 92028

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
1:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Bill Shute (Chair), Bill Stewart* (Vice Chair), Lisa Hoffman (or Alternate Hayden Hamilton), James Kozak, Julie Johnson, Alternate Harp, Alternate Cruz (*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Member Stewart may be participating remotely from 75 W. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA, 91360, which will be accessible to the public. All votes will be taken by verbal roll call.)
4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES**
5. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
6. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. March 18, 2025

9. COMMENTS & REQUESTS

- A. General Manager’s Comments
- B. Committee Member’s Comments

10. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

11. CROPSWAP UPDATE

12. COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

13. NEWSLETTER CONTENT PLANNING

14. LEGISLATIVE COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

15. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATED MEDIA STORIES

16. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

17. ADJOURNMENT - To Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE
COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
MARCH 18, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Adjourned Communications and Customer Service Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on March 18, 2025, was called to order by Chairman Shute at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Chairman Shute presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Member Shute, Member Stewart, Member Hoffman, Member Kozak, Member Johnson

Also Present: General Manager Wiley, Information Technology Specialist III Espino Administrative Analyst Weber, District Secretary Quintanar, Customer Service Supervisor Cruz

Also Present Via Teleconference or Video Conference:

T. Smith, Safety and Risk Management Officer Johnson, Operations Manager Gutierrez, Finance Manager Shilkov

4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

None were needed.

6. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

No changes were needed.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: To approve the Agenda as presented.

Action: Approve, Moved by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Stewart

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 5)

Ayes: Member Hoffman, Member Stewart, Member Shute, Member Kozak, Member Johnson

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 18, 2025

Motion: To approve the February 18, 2025 minutes as amended.

Action: Approve, Moved by Member Stewart, Seconded by Member Johnson

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 5)

Ayes: Member Hoffman, Member Stewart, Member Shute, Member Kozak, Member Johnson

Member Johnson requested clarification in the language on page 4 of the minutes. The language should reflect that the District offers an instant rebate, bringing the purchase price for the device down to \$49.00. The retail price is normally \$249.00.

9. COMMENTS & REQUESTS

- A. General Manager’s Comments
- B. Committee Member’s Comments

Mr. Wiley announced a tour of Diamond Valley Lake being planned for June 20, 2025. He also mentioned several developments underway in our area. The Havens, Ocean Breeze Ranch, Citro, and Horse Creek developments are moving forward, and Palomar College has begun construction of a 40,000-square-foot Student Center. The Pala Ranch development is experiencing delays. A brief discussion followed regarding plans for public buildings that might benefit the area and rehabilitation needed for Rainbow Water’s headquarters. Member Kozak inquired about participation in CFDs and the review and update of fees. Mr. Wiley responded that water and sewer capacity fees were brought up to date last year, and the rates are now linked to the Construction Cost Index for annual adjustments.

10. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Administrative Analyst Weber presented the draft plan, explained the process, and relayed gratitude for feedback and input that had been incorporated.

Member Johnson relayed that the Plan is very thorough and expressed her gratitude. Member Kozak complimented the presentation and content and relayed kudos to staff. She recommended a minor amendment to page 32 to reflect that resource materials are relatable up to K12. Member Stewart stated that the Plan is very clear, well organized, and presented. He complimented the staff, thanked the Committee, and remarked on the great improvement in the organization. Member Hoffman relayed that the Plan is easy to follow. Chairman Shute relayed that staff did a superb job, and as stewards of the plan, staff’s responsibility is to keep the Plan relevant. Regarding the target audiences, he asked that developers should also be included in some of the key messages.

Mr. Wiley acknowledged the efforts to develop the Plan and the Committee’s continual input, time, and effort. Ms. Weber relayed that this will be our guiding document and will be available on the District’s website, on the Transparency page. Chairman Shute suggested the eventual creation of dashboards to be shared and used as a tool. Member Stewart noted a correction needed on page 11, referring to the County Farm Bureau.

Motion: To approve the Plan and Recommend Board Adoption of the Strategic Communications Plan

Action: Approve, Moved by Member Stewart, Seconded by Member Johnson

Vote: Motion carried by a majority with Member Hoffman abstaining (summary: Ayes = 4)

Ayes: Member Stewart, Member Shute, Member Kozak, Member Johnson

11. COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

Ms. Weber announced a Job Fair at the Bonsall Community Center, on March 29th, sponsored by the School District, providing the opportunity to showcase Rainbow as a community partner. Member Kozak suggested internships, in addition to requesting volunteers for these events. Member Johnson announced that the Bonsall School District is currently working on an internship program. Mr. Wiley reported that the District has an internship program and has two interns, currently. The District is also looking into a program that transitions military personnel. The District is in support of participating as a partner for internships. Ms. Weber added that Rainbow staff have also visited classrooms to share information about careers in the water industry. Ms. Weber is in constant communication with several local schools, looking for the opportunity to make an impact and relay examples of practical applications.

The Avocado Festival will be held on April 13, 2025, and staff plans to attend to share information and an interactive game to teach “What Not To Flush.” High school students can earn community service hours by volunteering their time. Information about this event is in this month’s newsletter. Ms. Weber encouraged Committee and staff volunteers to donate their time.

A Wildfire Symposium will be held on May 3, 2025, at the Fallbrook Union High School. It is a free event, at which Rainbow Water will host an information table. Also in May, the District will be offering field trips for students. This will be a collaborative effort with the City of Oceanside, touring the San Luis Rey Wastewater Treatment Plant.

12. NEWSLETTER CONTENT PLANNING

The March newsletter was distributed last week, and highlights how to fix a leak, “Water Wise for Life” spring planting tips, collaboration of local water agencies to boost efficiency, and upcoming community events. Instructional videos on how to locate a water meter, how to find a leak, and how to turn off a water meter were shared with the Committee. These videos were created in-house, by staff. The April newsletter will include information on the “Water Wise for Life” tips, Earth Day, Grants awarded to Rainbow Water, the Wildfire Symposium, and construction/traffic notice. The May edition will include information on “Drinking Water Week,” a water quality update, the Avocado Festival recap, information about an upcoming blood drive, and a highlight on the District’s pump stations. Mr. Wiley added that staff will have the opportunity to speak with Darrell Issa and relay our needs for grants to fund wildfire preparedness infrastructure and pipeline replacements. Staff anticipates that some funding related to wildfire relief may be obtained at the state level.

Chairman Shute asked if staff can measure traffic QR codes in newsletters. Staff answered that, due to limited resources, we do not. However, we do receive data from MWD reflecting participation in programs such as Flume. Member Kozak noted that he had received positive feedback from members of the community regarding all the District’s efforts to interact with the community.

13. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATED MEDIA STORIES

Chairman Shute mentioned the City of San Diego’s current situation regarding rate increases and suggested future communication explaining the benefits of our efforts to keep costs down. He

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suggested a future article, perhaps upon the anniversary of the detachment, to share where we are and our rates in comparison to other areas in the County. Member Stewart mentioned Pure Water, which will have a huge impact on the amount of water sold in San Diego.

14. CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 496 (HURTADO): ADVANCED CLEAN FLEETS MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Wiley relayed that the California Special District's Association requested support for these efforts. He provided background on the purchase requirements and mandates for medium and heavy-duty vehicle purchases.

Motion: To approve and recommend submittal of a letter of support for Senate Bill 496.

Action: Approve, Moved by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Stewart

Vote: Motion carried by majority vote with Member Hoffman abstaining (summary: Ayes = 4)

Ayes: Member Stewart, Member Shute, Member Kozak, Member Johnson

15. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Committee requested feedback on the Strategic Communications Plan implementation, a recap of the Avocado Festival, the status of obtaining grant funds, and an update on CropSWAP. Call center metrics are provided quarterly.

16. ADJOURNMENT -To April 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Shute at 3:15 p.m.

Bill Shute, Committee Chairperson

Terese Quintanar, District Secretary

FALLBROOK & BONSTALL VILLAGE NEWS

All Bonsall schools earn Purple Star Award

April 12, 2025

For the fourth year in a row, Bonsall Unified School District has been recognized by the California Department of Education with the prestigious Purple Star Award, a designation given to schools that provide outstanding support to military-connected students and their families.

Of the more than 10,000 schools in California, fewer than 150 schools received the award for the 2024–2025 school year. All five school sites in the BUSD district received this honor.

This year's ceremony, held April 3 inside the multipurpose room at Bonsall West Elementary School due to rain, drew a large crowd of military families, students, educators, and local dignitaries. A slideshow of BUSD military families played in the background, adding a personal and heartfelt touch to the event.

Keynote speaker Sergeant Major Sherri N. Cook, USMC, addressed the crowd with grace and authenticity, reflecting on the importance of community in the lives of military families and praising BUSD's unwavering dedication to welcoming and supporting students in transition.

Dr. Heather Golly, Superintendent of BUSD, served as Master of Ceremonies and welcomed the audience with remarks that drew on her own experience as a military student. "This award represents the heart of our district, making every student, especially those from military families, feel seen, supported, and celebrated. The purple star award is an acknowledgment that our district is living up to its motto of "belong, believe, and achieve," Dr. Golly shared.

Student speakers, all from military families, included Quinn Northrop (Bonsall Elementary), Emma Schaffer (Sullivan Middle School), Harper Rose Cole (Bonsall West), and Bryce Camper-Dondey (Bonsall High School). Each shared personal reflections on moving frequently, facing challenges, and finding a sense of belonging within BUSD.



Keynote speaker Sergeant Major Sherri N. Cook, USMC and Dr. Heather Golly, BUSD Superintendent, take part in the Purple Star Award ceremony at Bonsall West Elementary.

Young Harper Rose Cole captivated the room with her eloquent introduction of Sergeant Major Cook, reading with poise the vocabulary usually reserved for students well beyond her years.

Allen Williams, Executive Director of Human Resources and Student Services, welcomed numerous distinguished guests, including representatives from the offices of County Supervisor Jim Desmond, Assemblymember Carl DeMaio, and Senator Brian Jones, along with the president of the Bonsall Chamber of Commerce, a board member from the Bonsall Education Foundation, North County Fire Protection District Chief Keith McReynolds, General Manager of Rainbow Municipal Water District Jake Wiley, and the president of the Bonsall Teachers Association. Bonsall Unified Board of Trustees Roger Merchat, Eric Ortega, Pascal Laporie, and Board President Larissa Anderson were also in attendance, showing their continued support for military-connected families in the community.

The evening closed with a joyful and heartfelt choral performance by Mrs. Stegmiller's Kindergarten class, reminding everyone why the district's commitment to military families matters so deeply.

FALLBROOK & BONSALL VILLAGE NEWS

CWA approves redistribution of Rainbow land property tax payments

Joe Naiman

March 24, 2025

The San Diego County Water Authority has approved the redistribution of property tax payments made by landowners within the Rainbow Municipal Water District boundaries.

A Feb. 27 SDCWA board vote approved the redistribution of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 revenue from the CWA to the Eastern Municipal Water District. The redistribution will be for property tax revenue from Rainbow landowners collected after Nov. 1.

The CWA collects a share of property tax revenue from property owners within the SDCWA boundary. Rainbow had been part of the CWA prior to detaching from the CWA and annexing into the Eastern Municipal Water District. The reorganization was effective Nov. 1.

In June 1978, the state's voters approved Proposition 13, which reduced taxes in two ways. The base amount of property tax was reduced to 1% of the assessed value (with additional taxes permissible upon voter approval), and assessed value is now based on a property's purchase price rather than on market value.

Proposition 13 also required a public vote to raise property taxes; previously a local government could change the tax rate by majority vote the way water rates and sewer rates are still set during the annual budget process.

After the passage of Proposition 13, the state legislature approved a formula to distribute property tax revenue on a pro rata basis to each agency based on tax collection in the three fiscal years prior to its passage.

Property tax payments are made to the office of the county tax collector, and the tax collector's office makes payments to each agency. The annual deadline to file a change of boundaries or revenue districts is Dec. 1, so the deadline for 2024-25 property tax payments was Dec. 1, 2023.

The Fallbrook Public Utility District also detached from the CWA and annexed to Eastern; that reorganization took effect Jan. 1, 2024. The property tax revenue the CWA received in 2024 included some from landowners in the FPUD area. On Nov. 21, the CWA board approved the reapportionment of property taxes collected within the FPUD boundaries after the detachment date.

The property tax will still be collected from Rainbow landowners, but the money will now be part of Eastern Municipal Water District revenues. Since Nov. 1, the CWA has received approximately \$111,270 in property tax revenues from the Rainbow area.

The 2025 property tax payment from Rainbow is expected to be distributed directly from the office of the County of San Diego Treasurer-Tax Collector to Eastern.

FALLBROOK & BONSTALL VILLAGE NEWS

Dexter Wilson to design Gopher Pump Station for RMWD

Joe Naiman

April 10, 2025

The Rainbow Municipal Water District has selected Dexter Wilson Engineering, Inc., to design Rainbow's Gopher Pump Station.

A 4-0 Rainbow board vote March 25, with Patti Townsend-Smith absent, approved a professional services agreement with Dexter Wilson for the design services of the Gopher Pump Station project. Dexter Wilson will prepare a design report which will outline the hydraulic requirements of the Gopher Pump Station, provide preliminary skid-mounted packaged pump system sizing, include site and building plans along with a mechanical plan and an electrical single-line diagram

The report will also outline the features of the pump station site lighting, building ventilation, security fencing, and communication protocols. The Dexter Wilson tasks will also include coordinating with San Diego Gas & Electric for new power service, hydraulic computer modeling as necessary to establish and confirm pump system suction and discharge parameters, surge analysis of the suction and discharge piping systems, and a noise study to ensure compliance with the county's Noise Ordinance.

"That's a reliability project," said Rainbow General Manager Jake Wiley. "It just provides some greater reliability during high-demand conditions and during emergencies."

In January 2021, Hoch Consulting, which is headquartered in Oceanside, was awarded the Rainbow contract to design the Hutton Pump Station in the 7200 block of West Lilac Road and the Turner Pump Station in the 31200 block of Rancho Amigos Road.

During that design, the project team determined that the design criteria did not include all information needed to model the demands in Rainbow's southern zone. Hoch and Rainbow staff proposed a macro approach to Rainbow's comprehensive hydraulic model to determine the sizing of the Hutton and Turner pump stations.

Due to Turner Pump Station infrastructure limitations, it was proposed to shrink the Turner Zone, expand the Hutton Zone, and create the Dentro De Lomas Pump Station in the 1900 block of Dentro De Lomas.

In December 2023, the Rainbow board awarded a \$5,657,500 contract to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, which is headquartered in Perris, to construct the West Lilac, Rancho Amigos, and Dentro

De Lomas pump stations.

The West Lilac Pump Station pumps to the Hutton Tank. The Rancho Amigos and Dentro de Lomas pump stations both pump to the Turner Tank, which required two pump stations because the existing suction side piping at the Rancho Amigos Pump Station could not accommodate the required flow.

The early design stages also included upsizing and extending waterlines to the Gopher Tank, but both Rainbow and Hoch staff were concerned about a pump station at the location adversely affecting the suction side during peak demand periods where customers could experience negative pressure conditions at their properties.

The district already has a mobile pump skid which is used for when the Rainbow Hills Reservoir is off-line. Rainbow staff conducted a one-year pump test with that pump skid, which was not designed to pump to the Gopher Tank but did so during the test period after Rainbow staff modified the pump skid and created temporary power to the site.

During the test period, Rainbow staff realized that a permanent pump station located off of Wild Acres Road adjacent to the Turner Tank could be a hub and pump to all three southern tanks rather than just the Gopher Tank, which would provide additional water supply reliability during high water demands, public safety power shutoff events, system shutdowns, or other planned or unplanned pump station outages in the southern zone.

"It adds reliability to our system," Wiley said.

During the testing period, a main break in Gopher Canyon Road required repair efforts. Rainbow staff determined that adjacent areas of the pipeline warranted replacement including increasing the diameter from eight to 12 inches to match the diameter of the surrounding pipeline.

The larger diameter allows capacity to be restored in the section of the distribution system downstream of the new Dentro de Lomas Pump Station, which enables that pump station to pump to the Gopher Tank if demands are within the range of the Rancho Amigos Pump Station in the Turner Zone.

Rainbow staff solicited project design proposals in November and received four responses. The California Government Code

requires professional services agreements to be awarded based on demonstrated competence and the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required rather on the lowest price.

A review panel ranked the proposals based on approach to requested work, team qualifications, relevant project experience, cost, and proposed schedule. Dexter Wilson, which is based in Carlsbad, was deemed to be the most qualified firm.

Dexter Wilson will be paid \$220,000 for the work. The 46-week timetable allows 15 weeks for district review at various phases.

FALLBROOK & BONSALE VILLAGE NEWS

Water districts approve four-agency mutual services agreement

Joe Naiman

March 7, 2025

A mutual services agreement between the Fallbrook Public Utility District, the Rainbow Municipal Water District, the Yuima Municipal Water District in Pauma Valley, and the Valley Center Municipal Water District was approved by the four district boards in February.

The Valley Center board voted 5-0 Feb. 18 to approve the agreement. On Feb. 24, the FPUD board voted 5-0 in favor of the agreement while the Yuima vote that day was 4-0 with one vacant seat. Rainbow's board addressed the agreement Feb. 25 and approved it on a 4-0 vote with Patti Townsend-Smith absent.

FPUD, Rainbow, Yuima, and Valley Center historically have been predominantly agricultural agencies and have been transitioning into a higher percentage of municipal and industrial water deliveries. The four districts have discussed shared services over the past 15 years, although the jurisdictional consolidation proposal in which FPUD and Rainbow would have merged (which was rejected by San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission in September 2015) delayed further action on functional consolidation and the detachment of FPUD and Rainbow from the San Diego County Water Authority which was completed in 2024 also postponed an emphasis on the four districts working together.

The concept is that the four districts might be able to reduce operational costs by combining resources and tasks.

Some shared services have already occurred. In September 2013, Rainbow approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Valley Center Municipal Water District to coordinate infrastructure for new development east of Interstate 15; in addition to common pipelines rather than separate pipelines (which reduce operations and maintenance costs as well as construction expenses), the collaboration allows for the districts to aid each other with appropriate reimbursement.

In September 2018, FPUD approved an agreement with the Valley Center Municipal Water District which provides the Valley

Center district with vector sewer flushing truck services including but not limited to grit removal and lift station maintenance. (The Valley Center district has a relatively new sewer collections system so that district does not need its own vector truck and can contract out for monthly maintenance. FPUD's older collection system requires more frequent use of a vector truck.)

In December 2019, the FPUD and Rainbow boards approved a Memorandum of Understanding to work with each other on new water resource development and emergency supply, and that MOU calls for the two districts to coordinate support for emergency supply through interconnects and available storage.

After Rainbow lost its vector truck due to California Air Resources Board regulations, a January 2022 FPUD board action approved a rental agreement which will allow Rainbow to use one of FPUD's vector trucks. In January 2023, the FPUD and Rainbow boards approved an initial Memorandum of Understanding to improve regional water supply reliability which also involves the Rancho California Water District, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and the City of Oceanside.

The latest mutual services agreement does not identify specific projects or programs and thus does not commit any agency to participation in a specific activity, but it allows the four agencies to explore potential cost savings through shared similar functions.

Preliminary discussions have included staff and equipment mutual aid during emergencies, joint use of equipment, joint purchase ownership of large or specialty equipment, exchanges of staff to meet interim needs during certain periods of operations (covering both major pipeline repairs and activity outside of normal hours), interagency cross training programs, water use efficiency and regulatory compliance with agency staff consultants, and joint federal and state lobbying.

If a specific program is identified, a more specific and detailed implementation agreement would outline how the effort would be conducted by the participating agencies.

FALLBROOK & BONSTALL VILLAGE NEWS

Rainbow approves 35-project capital improvement plan

Joe Naiman
April 10, 2025

A new five-year Capital Improvement Project plan for the Rainbow Municipal Water District was approved by the Rainbow board March 25.

The 4-0 vote, with Patti Townsend-Smith absent, covers 35 water and wastewater projects with total estimated expenses of \$68,112,520 between Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2029-30. The projects include pipeline replacements, electrical facilities updates, valve replacements, tank maintenance, new pump stations and rehabilitation of existing pump stations, district headquarters improvements, electric vehicle charging stations, and a water and wastewater master plan update.

“About 85% of that is rehabilitation and replacement,” said Rainbow General Manager Jake Wiley. “That really is the big focus.”

The School House Lift Station sewer project is the most expensive project on the list. The project anticipates \$10,500,000 of expenditures consisting of \$500,000 during Fiscal Year 2027-28 and \$10,000,000 in 2028-29.

The North River Road sewer replacement project which will upsize the diameter as well as replace the pipeline consumes \$9,550,000 of the five-year capital improvement budget. The district plans to spend \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2025-26, \$500,000 in 2026-27, and \$9,000,000 during 2027-28.

Rainbow’s headquarters building was constructed in the early 1970s, and the water capital improvement plan includes \$5,000,000 for rehabilitation of the district headquarters. The plan calls for spending of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-26, \$500,000 during 2026-27, and \$4,000,000 in 2027-28.

The Sarah Ann Community Pipeline Replacement Project is expected to cost \$200,000 during 2028-29 and \$4,000,000 in 2029-30. It will be concurrent with the Fallbrook Oaks sewer main and lateral replacement project which has planned 2029-30 expenses of \$1,650,000.

For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the five-year capital improvement plan budgets \$4,375,000 for water projects and \$1,125,000 for sewer projects. In addition to the North River Road sewer expense, the wastewater capital budget includes \$1,075,000 to replace the generators at the Rancho Monserate, Rancho Viejos, and headquarters B-plant lift stations.

The 2025-26 water expenditures include \$1,000,000 to replace 4,000 linear feet of pipeline along La Canada Road between Hillrise Road and Via Monserate, \$750,000 to develop water and wastewater master plans, \$700,000 for interior and exterior coating of the Turner and Gopher Canyon tanks, the \$500,000 district headquarters relocation expense, \$450,000 for vehicle and equipment acquisition, \$400,000 to install manual transfer switches at three pump stations (Morro Hills, Rainbow Hills, and Vallecitos), \$250,000 for isolation valve replacement, \$150,000 to replace and relocate pipeline along Eagles Perch Lane, \$100,000 for electric vehicle charging stations at the district headquarters, and \$25,000 to relocate Camino Del Rey infrastructure.

The \$7,431,520 anticipated water capital expenses for 2026-27 include \$1,920,000 for the Eagles Perch Lane pipeline improvements and \$1,023,520 for the Gopher skid pump station.

Other than the district headquarters amount, the largest planned expenditures in the \$15,336,000 water capital budget for 2027-28 are \$3,000,000 to enclose and add an emergency generator at the Lookout Mountain Pump Station, \$2,760,000 for Gopher Canyon pipeline improvements, and \$2,500,000 for Gomez Pump Station electrical upgrades.

The 2028-29 planned water capital expenses of \$4,290,000 include \$3,000,000 for Pala Mesa Fairways pipeline replacement. The 2029-30 water capital budget is currently \$8,305,000; in addition to the \$4,000,000 for the Sarah Ann Community Pipeline Replacement Project, the planned expenses include \$2,000,000 for the Emerald Hill pipeline replacement.

The North River Road sewer replacement accounts for the entirety of the \$500,000 wastewater capital budget for 2026-27 and the majority of the \$9,700,000 planned expenditures during 2027-28. The School House Lift Station expenses are the bulk of the \$12,000,000 anticipated spending for 2028-29. The wastewater capital budget for 2029-30 is \$5,650,000 with \$3,000,000 earmarked to convert the 15-inch gravity interceptor between Lift Station 1 and Lift Station 2 to a 21-inch force main.

The capital projects include expenses funded by developer fees as well as revenue from fixed charges on ratepayers’ bills, and state or federal grants may also provide some of the funding for the capital projects.