

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
APRIL 28, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on April 28, 2026, was called to order by President Hamilton at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. President Hamilton presided.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Hoffman, Irvine

Also Present: General Manager Wiley, Legal Counsel Smith, Administrative Services Manager Harp, Information Technology Manager Khattab, District Secretary Quintanar, Administrative Analyst Weber, Chief Operations Manager Gutierrez, Finance Manager Shilkov, Engineering & CIP Manager Williams, Sr. Project Manager Tamimi, Administrative Analyst Montano, Safety and Risk Management Officer Johnson, Deputy Operations Manager Coffey, Utility Worker III Demary, Sr. Wastewater Utility Worker Lopez, Human Resources Specialist Ramirez, Wastewater Superintendent Zuniga, Information Technology Technician Melton, Systems Operator Cancino, SCADA Technician Buntin, Utility Worker III Hand, Information Technology Specialist Espino, Construction/Maintenance Supervisor Nunez, Public, Sr. Fleet Mechanic Del Rio, Utility Line Locator Sjuneson, Sr. Meter Services Technician Taylor, Customer Service Representative Snyder

**Also Present in Person,
Via Teleconference or**

Video Conference: Administrative Analyst Barrow, Robert Porr, Adam Bauer (Fieldman), Jon Monday, Julie Johnson, Donnie Dabbs, Rodney Smith, Public

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (Government Code §54954.2)**

There were no changes.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: To approve the Agenda as presented.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Mack, Seconded by Director Townsend-Smith

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

Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Irvine, and Hoffman

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Monday addressed the Board to speak of excessive water pressure that has caused flooding inside and outside of his home. The recent flood in his home caused extensive damage and upon investigation it was determined that the water pressure on his property was at 180 psi. He expressed his displeasure with the denial of his claim for damages and urged the District to alert their customers of the need to monitor their pressure.

Julie Johnson addressed the Board to comment on the "Grow with the Flow" Plant Giveaway Program held at RMWD. It was an excellent community event, involving volunteers and high school students. She opined that it was very well organized and the communication about the program was excellent. She was impressed with the quality of the plants as well. In the goal of serving the community, Rainbow Water did an excellent job, with participation at all levels.

Donnie Dabbs, owner of Briggs Tree Company explained that he has been farming 150 acres for over 20 years, leasing property from Rainbow MWD for about 23 years. He spoke of previous discussions of his purchase of the property, which stalled for several reasons in years past. He relayed his continued interest in purchasing that property.

7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

A. Justin Demary-20 Years

General Manager Wiley relayed that Justin is a leader; always responsive, reliable, and represents an excellent skill set that is critical for District operations. He received the pillar Ambassador Award at the previous awards banquet because he has exhibited a relentless pursuit for serving the District and our customers. Mr. Wiley congratulated him on reaching his 20 year milestone, presented him with a plaque and a custom-made belt buckle.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing Regarding Vacancy Rates in Each Bargaining Unit in Accordance with AB2561 and Annual Staffing Analysis

President Hamilton declared the public hearing open at 1:33 p.m. Administrative Services Manager Harp reported that the bargaining units were offered the opportunity to speak on this subject, but declined. She continued by reporting on turnover metrics, demographics, overtime, and Rainbow's unique recruiting and selection techniques. As of December 31, 2025, we had no vacancies. Of concern is the short tenure of staff between the ages of 25 and 34, lean staffing, succession planning, and overtime. She presented a multi-year staffing plan that includes additional staff and internal promotions. Costs associated with staffing recommendations will be incorporated into the draft budget for review and consideration.

With no other questions or comments offered, the hearing was closed at 2:12 p.m.

Motion: To approve Option 2, receive and file the report without approving staffing recommendations.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Irvine, Seconded by Director Hoffman

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

Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Irvine, and Hoffman

9. PRESENTATION

A. La Cañada Pipeline Replacement Project Update

Construction & Maintenance Supervisor Nunez provided a report on the progress with replacing 3,860 linear feet of existing 8" watermain located on La Cañada Road, between Hillrise, and Via Monserate. Staff performed this replacement project in-house, in phases. Staff has performed pipeline tie-ins, hydrant and service installations, pipe installation, potholing and installation of pressure reducing stations. Staff is also providing quality control inspections in accordance with the District's Standards & Specifications. Mr. Nunez acknowledged staff's dedication and hard work to make great progress and communicate with residents in the area.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF:

1. March 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. April 7, 2026, Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
3. April 14, 2026, Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Minor Facilities Constructed by Customers (Districtwide)
5. Six (6) Year Update to the Sewer System Management Plan
6. Sewer Service Agreement with Neighborhood's Verdeaux at the Havens, LLC for the Havens Development (Division 1)
7. Joint Agreements to Improve Major Subdivisions for the Ocean Breeze Development Tract Map No. 5615-2 (Division 1)

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including the March 24, April 7, April 14, 2026, meeting minutes, NOCs, an update to the SSMP, a sewer service agreement with the Havens, and joint agreements for the Ocean Breeze development.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Irvine, Seconded by Director Townsend-Smith

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

Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Irvine, and Hoffman

President Hamilton called for a break at 2:23 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

11. ACTION ITEMS

- ### A. Consider Award of a Construction Contract to LC Paving and Sealing, Inc. in the Amount of \$345,366 for Paving Restoration Associated with the La Canada Pipeline Replacement Project (Division 3)

Motion: To approve

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Irvine, Seconded by Director Mack

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

Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Irvine, and Hoffman

- ### B. Consider Approval of the District's 5-Year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Water & Wastewater Plan

Engineering and CIP Manager Williams acknowledged Engineering Department staff for their efforts to prepare the five-year project list and explained that each year, the list is reviewed and reprioritized as part of the budget planning process. The vast majority of the \$40M in planned projects are rehabilitation and pipeline and valve replacements. The priority, funding methods, timing, regulations, and challenges for each of the proposed water and wastewater projects were relayed in detail, and staff answered questions. Some pipeline replacement projects and the isolation valve replacements will be completed in-house.

Director Mack suggested mailing a letter to local residents to inform them of upcoming projects.

Motion: To approve Option 1, to approve the District's 5-Year Water and Wastewater CIP Plan for incorporation into the Draft FY 26/27 Budget

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Irvine, Seconded by Director Hamilton

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

Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Irvine, and Hoffman

- C. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to the Administrative Code Chapter 5.09 – District Vehicle Policies

Safety and Risk Management Officer Johnson explained the efforts to update and condense several existing policies with language that would more efficiently enable future updates. President Hamilton requested the opportunity to review the redline.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 26- Authorizing amendment to Chapter 5.09 of the Administrative Code – District Vehicle Policies

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hamilton, Seconded by Director Townsend-Smith

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

Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Irvine, and Hoffman

- D. Consider Appointment of Two Bonsall Unified School District - Rainbow Municipal Water District Joint Powers Financing Authority (JPA) Representatives and an Alternate Director, and Adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to Section 2.03.010 – Compensation

General Manager Wiley reminded the Board about recent action taken by Rainbow Water and the Bonsall Unified School District (BUSD) to create the JPA. He relayed that the BUSD Board of Trustees appointed two representatives and an alternate, and that the Superintendent was appointed as one of the regular representatives.

Director Hoffman nominated Director Irvine as a representative and Director Irvine nominated Director Hamilton as a representative and Director Hoffman as the alternate.

Motion: To appoint Directors Irvine and Hamilton as the BUSD-Rainbow JPA Representatives and Director Hoffman as the alternate representative.

Action: Approve, moved by Director Hoffman, Seconded by Director Mack

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

Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Irvine, and Hoffman

- E. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Community Facilities Agreement Related to a Proposed Community Facilities District to be Established by the Bonsall Unified School District-Rainbow Municipal Water District Joint Powers Financing Authority for the Neighborhoods Verdeaux at The Havens, LLC

General Manager Wiley explained that the Memorandum of Understanding presented is between the developer, BUSD and Rainbow Water. It defines the intent to form a Community Facilities District (CFD). It does not bind the District to form the CFD.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No.

Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hoffman, Seconded by Director Hamilton

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

Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Irvine, and Hoffman

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no questions about the information provided in the meeting packet.

13. REPORTS & COMMENTS

General Manager Wiley relayed his appreciation for the efforts of Amanda Weber, Ramon Zuniga, and Robert Gutierrez to complete the SSMP.

Along with the Mutual Services Agreement partners, an appropriations request package was prepared and United States Representative Issa has included it in his package. About \$13.4M in water and wastewater projects were requested. District staff is also working on the solar energy evaluation and is reviewing newly received information from the Opterra group. Information on this effort will be presented to the Board in May. Water sales are on track with budget, as we are experiencing an average rainfall year. Metropolitan Water District (MWD) adopted its biannual Budget 2027-2028, which included a 6.2% per year increase.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the update included in the meeting packet regarding a Court of Appeal decision confirming that an EIR's water supply assessment need only provide decisionmakers with sufficient information to make an informed decision evaluating the pros, cons and risks of supplying a project's water needs.

Director Townsend-Smith requested a new appraisal of the property being leased to Donnie Dabbs. There was brief discussion regarding updated property information and discussion by the ad hoc committee.

General Manager Wiley shared that LAFCO has distributed a draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and offered to share it with those interested.

Recently, EMWD and WMWD have both arranged with the SDCWA for a transfer of 10,000 acre-feet of IAD water over the next twenty years.

14. REQUESTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

There were no requests.

15. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Director Mack requested discussion of meeting item order on agendas. Several items will also be discussed in a future closed session.

16. CLOSED SESSION

The Board and appropriate staff adjourned to closed session at 3:41 p.m. to discuss:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Water Purchase, Agency Negotiator Jake Wiley, Negotiating Partners: Eastern MWD/SDCWA, Under Negotiation: Agreement Terms
- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Water Purchase, Agency Negotiator Jake Wiley, Negotiating Partners: Silvertip, Under Negotiation: Agreement Terms
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code §54957.6 and §54957 Agency Designated Representatives Jake Wiley and Karleen Harp; labor negotiations for: Rainbow Employee Association, & Rainbow Association of Supervisor and Confidential Employees

The Board reconvened to open session at 4:49 p.m. General Manager Wiley reported that there was no reportable action taken.

- 17. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m., to a regular meeting on May 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.



Terese Quintanar, District Secretary



Hayden Hamilton, Board President