

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
APRIL 7, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Regular Engineering and Operations Committee (E&OC) Meeting was held in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028, with remote public participation information listed on the Agenda. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Hoffman, Irvine

Staff Present: General Manager Wiley, Information Technology Manager Khattab, Engineering and CIP Manager Williams, Chief Operations Officer Gutierrez, Safety and Risk Management Officer Johnson, District Secretary Quintanar, Administrative Analyst Montano, Administrative Analyst Barrow, Sr. Project Manager Tamimi, Administrative Services Manager Harp, Deputy Operations Manager Coffey, Finance Manager Shilkov, Construction/Maintenance Supervisor Nunez

Additional Attendees: Ryan Booth, Julie Johnson, Rodney Smith, public

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julie Johnson relayed her appreciation for the professional meeting packet materials. Ryan Booth, a customer residing on Camino Del Rey, addressed the committee regarding the Eagles Perch project. He commented that the project is long-awaited and has his full support, along with that of his neighbors, and offered to assist with communication and coordination efforts to obtain easements needed for the project.

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Eagles Perch Project Update**

Engineering and CIP Manager Williams explained that the District is working with land surveyor and a firm specializing in right-of-way acquisition. Neighbors will be very helpful in acquiring easements from landowners. A fire hydrant will be added in the area and remove all the public pipelines from private property. General Manager Wiley reported that all the lines are being relocated into existing roadways. The design work is complete, meters are relocated, and the acquisition of easements is the next step. Existing roads will also be repaired. This is our priority, and is a \$2M pipeline replacement project. Because easement acquisition will take some time, a trial run will be performed by installing active leak detection monitors on valve cans. Mr. Booth mentioned that a survey had been completed and survey points have been filed with the County of San Diego. He again offered to assist with communication with neighboring residents.

**B. La Canada Pipeline Replacement Project Update**

Construction/Maintenance Supervisor Nunez reported that the pipeline has experienced several breaks in recent years. He shared photos documenting ongoing efforts to replace

approximately 3,800 linear feet of 8-inch waterline, parallel to the existing line. Multiple crew members and various pieces of equipment are currently engaged in the project.

The work is taking place along La Canada Road between Hillrise and Via Monserate, with the primary goal of upgrading infrastructure to improve system reliability and maintain water quality in the area. The existing pipeline is being abandoned in place, and no nighttime construction activities are occurring. Staff has maintained consistent communication with local residents throughout the project.

To date, staff has been working for 69 days and have made significant progress. Upon completion of the project, an outside contractor will repave the street.

**C. Review of the Draft 2026 Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP)**

General Manager Wiley explained that the draft update is a regulatory requirement and includes substantial revisions. The Plan, which is updated every six years, outlines the sewer system, including spill response protocols, system capacity, and overall condition, and was completed in-house by staff.

He commended the Rainbow team for their diligence and exceptional effort in preparing the document. The Board is expected to consider adopting the Plan later this month to meet the May submittal deadline.

**D. Review of the District's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Water & Wastewater**

Staff explained that each year, the five-year project 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. Engineering and CIP Manager Williams provided details, such as priority, funding methods, timing, regulations, and challenges, and staff answered questions about each of the proposed water and wastewater projects. Some projects, specifically the Rainbow Glen and Integrity Court pipeline replacements and the isolation valve replacements will be completed in-house. Ms. Johnson relayed her support of the priority of the projects.

**E. Administrative Code Updates to Chapter 5.09 – District Vehicle Policies**

Safety and Risk Management Officer Johnson explained that the Chapter 5.09 of the Administrative Code, addressing use of vehicles, needed to be updated and consolidated. The proposed policy amendments consolidate existing provisions into broader policy sections that address vehicle use, assignments, responsibilities, and reporting requirements in a more streamlined format. Detailed operational requirements, such as inspection procedures, driver compliance monitoring, and reporting protocols, will be maintained in the District Vehicle Use Policy Appendix "C" of the employee handbook, which can be updated administratively by the General Manager as operational needs evolve.

**4. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.**