

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
MAY 1, 2012**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on May 1, 2012 was called to order by Chairperson Saxon at 3:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Chairperson, Saxon presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Member Brazier
Member Fekete
Member Saxon
Member Rhyne
Member Prince
Member Strapac
Alternate Roth

Absent: Member Taufer

Also Present: District Engineer Lee, Wastewater/PM Superintendent Miller, Water Operations/CS Manager Atilano, and Assistant Rubio

No public members were present.

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

Mr. Saxon said Mr. Strapac would be late to the meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

*5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Lee deferred this agenda item to next month.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2012 DRAFT WATER POLICY**

Mr. Lee said due to last month's server issues he was significantly impacted regarding the ability to provide the ten pages a week of the updated Water Policy for review and comments. He mentioned he received administrative corrections and comments back from Mr. Strapac and asked the Committee Members to resend their comments via email. He said the original goal to have a draft Water Policy ready for the June 2012 Board Meeting was still his plan. He pointed out he would have to accelerate the schedule by sending out 20 pages a week requiring a shorter response time for review and Committee comments.

Mr. Lee suggested calling a Special Engineering Committee Meeting to accelerate the review of the Water Policy review. He suggested scheduling the meeting for May 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Saxon recommended inviting the Budget and Finance Committee Members to this meeting.

Mr. Strapac arrived at 3:14 p.m.

Ms. Rhyne pointed out the language in Paragraph 20-23 was confusing and was not sure of the intent. Mr. Lee said the intent was to say it was up to the customer to determine their water needs and not the District's responsibility. Ms. Rhyne suggested clarifying the language by adding "adequate for their use". She recommended changing Oceanside wastewater Treatment Plant to Wastewater Treatment Plant in Paragraph 30-26. She said there were a few administrative comments. Mr. Lee said they would be taken care of during the updates. Mr. Lee said he would be sending out the next batch of updated pages including the current Committee comments by May 4, 2012.

Mr. Saxon mentioned his concerns in regards to rushing through the Water Policy to meet the June 2012 deadline. Mr. Lee acknowledge the concerns and explained the additions of 3/4" and 5/8" meters were based on writing the policies to match those requirements in the District Water Policy and those policies have to be in place before the budget period starts on July 2012, otherwise the District would not be able to sell the smaller meters. He said unfortunately the District computer issues delayed the writing of these policies.

7. ENGINEERING UPDATE

Mr. Lee provided the following updates:

- The District server failed catastrophically mid-April 2012, there was no email or internal file access for two weeks. The main problem was identifying whether it was caused by a hardware or software issue. Currently there was full access to email and about 70% access to server files.
- The Morro Reservoir cover is 99% complete. The Contractor is currently working on the accessories. The Reservoir should be back on line by June 2012, if bacterial tests come back clean.
- The Pala Mesa Tank Phase 2 scaffolding which held the roof is being extracted. The Tank is scheduled to be wire wrapped within the next two weeks.
- Lift Station #2 is complete. The fence contractor shall begin within two weeks.
- State Revolving Fund Loan applications for Pala Mesa and Morro Reservoir are currently being processed by the State. The District will schedule an election for the public's approval to obtain these low rate loans in the amount of \$18M.

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

Mr. Lee suggested the following agenda items for the next engineering committee meeting:

- May 23, 2012 Special Engineering Committee Meeting to discuss the Water Policy.
- Possible Field Trip to Pala Mesa Tank.
- 2012 Draft Water Policy

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Kurt Saxon, Committee Chairperson

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary