

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
MARCH 2, 2016**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on March 2, 2016 was called to order by Chairperson Prince at 3:01 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 Stitle  
Member Ratican  
Member Taufer  
Member Murray  
Member Brazier  
Member Kirby  
Alternate Robertson  
Alternate Kirkpatrick

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** General Manager Kennedy  
Assistant Rubio

There were five public members present: Mr. & Mrs. Mahr, Mr. Marmett (District ratepayers), Mr. Warren and Mr. Joseph (Atkins Consultants).

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

Mr. Kennedy asked to move Mr. and Mrs. Mahr's question to Agenda Item 10.

**COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

\*5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 3, 2016

**Action:**

***Moved by Member Stitle to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Member Taufer.***

***After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:***

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

Discussion went to Item #10.

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT 2016 COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

Mrs. Brazier said she would like to stay on the committee, although not as an officer. Mr. Prince asked if anyone would like to be a Vice Chairperson. Mr. Stitle volunteered.

**Action:**

***Moved by Member Robertson to appoint Member Stitle as Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Member Murray.***

***After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:***

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

**Action:**

***Moved by Member Stitle to elect Member Prince as Chairperson. Seconded by Member Kirby.***

***After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:***

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

**7. DISCUSSION REGARDING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Kennedy said the Board approved detailed recommendations from the Strategic Plan and one of those items included yearly joint committee meetings with the Board. He asked the committee members to prepare a list of specific items for discussion and to work together on the scheduling. Discussion ensued.

## 8. MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mrs. Kirkpatrick provided copies of the Draft Master Plan's missing appendices. She directed the committee members' attention to the Atkins Consultant Representatives for comments and questions regarding the Draft Mater Plan. Discussion ensued.

***Alternate Member Robertson left at 4:00 p.m.***

Mr. Kennedy explained that California State requires urban water suppliers to update their Urban Water Management Plan, which contains detailed evaluation of the water supplies necessary to meet customer demands; whereas the Master Plan reviews the facilities more than the sources of water. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ratican brought up a few comments for discussion and recommended that all edits be highlighted to facilitate the review.

Mr. Kennedy asked if there were any comments on the CIP list. He explained the CIP list needs to be released to the Budget and Finance Committee for planning purposes. Discussion ensued.

**Action:**

***Moved by Member Stitle to approve the CIP list. Seconded by Member Brazier***

***After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:***

**AYES:** Member Prince, Member Brazier, Member Taufer, Member Stitle, Member Ratican, Member Murray, Member Kirby and Alternate Member Kirkpatrick.

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

## 9. SAN LUIS REY GROUNDWATER UPDATE

Mr. Kennedy said a specialist water rights attorney obtain by the District has been assisting with streamlining the Ground Water Sustainability (GSA) process. He pointed out there has been revised legislation on how to form GSAs, which multiple agencies would be working through. He mentioned the next step would be to complete the ground water assessment report and obtain the Board's approval. Discussion ensued.

## 10. STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS MANUAL

Mr. Kennedy introduced Mr. and Mrs. Mahr as current District ratepayers with a property containing a locked off meter. He mentioned during the cost of service study for the new rate structure the attorneys reviewed Prop 218 and it was determined that waiving the service fees for locked off meters was not consistent with the California Constitution and to continue the same practice would subject the District to potential law suits from all the ratepayers that do not have locked meters. He pointed out the options available for Mr. and Mrs. Mahr would be to pay the service fee, reduce the size of the meter or terminate service. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kennedy said Mr. and Mrs. Mahr had requested to downsize their meter for two 1-inch meters per current District policy, although they are also requesting to hook up their two parcels to one lateral, which would not comply with the District's standards. He pointed out District standards only allow one service lateral per property. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mahr said he has been a member of the District since 1973 and never thought he would have to address the District under these circumstances. He pointed out he went from a \$62 bill for a locked off meter to a \$411 bill, which was very upsetting. He stated he could not afford the new fixed charges on his locked meter, therefore he has elected the option to downsize his current meter to two 1-inch meters. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kennedy said the question here was whether to allow two parcels to hook up to the same lateral. He mentioned having two parcels served by one lateral would pose a certain amount of risk, such as low pressure and low flow issues. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ratican suggested when Mr. and Mrs. Mahr decide to sell the lots they should ensure there was a reservation for easement on the lot that does not have the service. He also recommended the requirement of a written maintenance agreement between the two lots. Mr. Kennedy replied the District would ensure those items would be stipulated as part of the conditions. Discussion ensued.

**Action:**

***Moved by Member Prince to recommend to the Board to approve the two 1-inch meters on a single lateral. Seconded by Member Kirby.***

***After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:***

**AYES:** Member Prince, Member Taufer, Member Stitle, Member Ratican, Member Murray, Member Kirby, Alternate Member Robertson, and Alternate Member Kirkpatrick

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Member Brazier

**ABSENT:** None

Mrs. Kirkpatrick provided a handout summarizing the comments received by the committee members regarding the Draft Standards and Specifications Manual. She said any additional comments must be submitted soon, since she plans to bring the final draft to the Board next month.

**Action:**

***Moved by Member Robertson to include the proposed changes and any other changes on the Standards and Specification Manual and recommend to the Board for approval. Seconded by Member Stitle.***

*After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:*

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

Discussion went to Item #6.

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

The recommended agenda items for the next scheduled Engineering Committee Meeting were vacating Golf Green Estates easements and agenda changes.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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**Timothy Prince, Committee Chairperson**

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**Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary**