

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
OCTOBER 1, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on October 1, 2014 was called to order by Member Fekete at 3:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Member Fekete, presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Member Brazier
Member Fekete
Member Taufer
Member Rhyne

Absent: Member Saxon
Member Strapac
Member Prince

Also Present: Assistant Rubio
Acting District Engineer Kirkpatrick
General Manager Kennedy

There were no members of the public present.

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

There were no public comments.

5. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mr. Kennedy provided updates for the following projects:

- Beck Reservoir UV Facilities Project: Met with the Consultant to go over the 75% design submittal. There are a couple of issues to work through first is the site drainage due to the paving of the roof there will be concentrated storm water at high velocity which will have to be corrected. The second issue involves reviewing the cost benefit analysis of 2011 for UV versus Floating Cover. The consultant will provide an updated cost benefit analysis to validate the project and possibly save some funds. The goal is to provide the safest water at the lowest cost to the rate payers. Discussion ensued.
- San Luis Rey Alternative Ground Water Supply: There are almost 4,000 wells in the area and approximately two-thirds of the water from these wells water avocado groves; if the District goes after the ground water it could dry up some of the customers' wells, which may be counter-productive. There are a few agencies discussing the possibility of setting up a ground water management agency. The San Luis Rey is a non adjudicated basin of which the process to portion out the water would be conducted by setting up a watermaster similar to the Santa Margarita Watermaster. Developers and nurseries have approached

the District regarding the availability of recycled water. Due to the demand for recycle water and the need for future sewer capacity it would be worth considering reactivating the treatment plant. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Brazier suggested conducting a cost benefit analysis and informing the public that treatment plants have improved from a few years ago.

- RMWD Meter Fees: The District will be consulting out a rate and capacity analysis review to ensure the rate structures are properly set. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

***6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. September 3, 2014

ACTION:

Moved by Member Brazier to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Member Rhyne.

After consideration, the motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Brazier, Member Fekete and Member Rhyne.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: Member Taufer.

ABSENT: Member Saxon, Member Strapac and Member Prince.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING MOOSA MITIGATION BANK

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said a representative of the Moosa Mitigation Bank has asked the District to quit claim easements on sewer facilities not being used. She mentioned that the Moosa Mitigation Bank was formally the golf course around Bonsall Elementary School. She pointed out by agreeing to quit claim two easement the District could request wider easements on some of the current narrow easements. She mentioned the easements were dated back to 1966 and included unique terms. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kennedy recommended to the Engineering Committee to support staff with the negotiation for wider easements with Moosa Mitigation Bank representatives.

ACTION:

Moved by Member Brazier to recommend the General Manager and the District Engineer enter into negotiations for equitable trade of the abandon lines. Seconded by Member Rhyne.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Brazier, Member Fekete, Member Taufer and Member Rhyne.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Member Saxon, Member Strapac and Member Prince.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING REEVALUATING ENGINEERING FEES

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said the District's engineering fees have not been reevaluated since 2005. She provided a spreadsheet listing current fees, average staff time and recommended fees, in addition to comparisons with two other districts. She explained after the spreadsheet has been finalized it would be brought to the Board for approval.

Mr. Kennedy said appropriate studies would be conducted to establish fair rates and to ensure the costs related to development are not applied to the rate payers. He pointed out the fees would be established at the Boards discretion. Discussion ensued.

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

Mrs. Kirkpatrick suggested the following agenda items: CIP Update, Water Budget Report and Moosa Mitigation Quit Claim.

10. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION:

Moved by Member Fekete to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Member Rhyne.

Helene Brazier, Committee Member

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary