

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on February 5, 2013 was called to order by Chairperson Saxon at 3:04 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 Strapac
Member Rhyne
Member Prince
Member Taufer

Absent: Alternate Roth

Also Present: District Engineer Plonka, Finance Manager Buckley, Executive Assistant Washburn, Assistant Rubio

Public member present was Mr. Griffiths.

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

There were no comments.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

*5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. November 6, 2012

Action:

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

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Brazier, Member Fekete, Member Saxon, Member Strapac,
Member Rhyne and Member Prince.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Member Taufer and Alternate Roth.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STAFFING CHANGES**

Mrs. Plonka informed the Engineering Committee Members that Mr. Lee was no longer with the District. She said she was promoted to District Engineer which included Waste Water Services. Mr. Saxon asked if the District would be hiring another engineer. Mrs. Plonka responded no. She said the District would be considering hiring consultants temporarily. She mentioned she had reached out to FPUD for assistance with engineering services.

Ms. Brazier asked if the District would be going back to outsourcing more work leading to more costs. She pointed out as a rate payer the District has benefited by the lower costs and hands on position of in-house engineers as opposed to outsourcing. Mrs. Plonka said due to the staffing shortage the ability to perform design work was no longer possible. She said design work would be outsourced and Ms. Rebueno and she would be the Project Managers. Mr. Saxon said based on his knowledge the District was not designing any major projects in-house anyways and the CIP pipeline projects are not fundable and as a result are not being designed. Mrs. Plonka agreed that the major projects would continue to be outsourced.

Ms. Rhyne said she needed to clarify a question she had received. She said based on the information provided by the District it was understood Mr. Lee had been fired. Ms. Washburn responded based on the information provided by Mr. Lee and Mr. Seymour in forum he left in an amicable manner agreeable with the District and was not fired.

Ms. Brazier clarified she was not opposed to outsourcing in all instances. She explained this District came from a place where all its engineers were outsourced and everything was controlled from the outside at a high cost.

Mr. Taufer arrived at 3:16 p.m.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ENGINEERING UPDATE

Mrs. Plonka provided the following CIP updates:

- The Alternative Water Source Feasibility Study has been finalized and will be added on the agenda for future meetings to determine which projects the District may consider moving forward with. Mr. Saxon asked whether the consultant would be providing an executive summary with recommendations. Mrs. Plonka mentioned there was a summary included in the report.
- CWA Shutdown was completed in January 2013.
- Morro Chloramination System should be finished by the end of the month bringing the reservoir in compliance with CDPH and closing out the Morro Reservoir Project.
- Beck Reservoir the water line should be drained and the connection severed by the end of the week per CDPH requirement. Beck should be off line until the Board provides direction. Discussion ensued.
- Waste Water Outfall Project consultant currently working on environmental issues.
- Waste Water and Water Models have been outsourced for calibration. Planning to have the models calibrated by this summer and maintained in-house with the exception of the new developments.

- Highway 76 is going well. The consultant working on providing options for the movement of additional pipe lines. Project will continue for approximately 4 years.
- Campus Park Lift Station this new lift station will serve 3,200 EDUs in support of Pankey Road and Highway 76. The lift station will be modeled off of Lift Station #2's (LS#2) design with a few modifications. Mrs. Plonka said she asked Mr. Bebee the District Engineer from FPUD to be the Project Manager for this project. Mr. Bebee will bill his time to the project from the developer fees. She pointed out the design of LS#2 required two wet wells because it was not possible to excavate deep enough and the unintended consequence worked out well due to staff being able to perform maintenance without taking the station off line. She said all future lift stations will incorporate the two wet well design. She said Lift Station 1 has become a priority due to all the new development. Mr. Saxon asked how the District plans to solve the I&I issues from the past where the flow going to Oceanside had been close to capacity and the possibility of exceeding the capacity with the new developments. Mrs. Plonka pointed out the worst areas of I&I were the Waste Water Outfall, Horse Ranch Creek and Highway 76 which are all being replaced. Discussion ensued.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Plonka provided the following development updates:

Campus Park West (Pappas) still needs to annex into the District. The District currently has a pre-annexation agreement with the developer. The timeline to break ground on the infrastructure is 3 to 4 years out.

Campus Park - Horse Creek Ridge (Passerelle) moved the timeline up by 6 months and are scheduled to break ground on the infrastructure by May 2013 and start home building by July 2013. The developer plans on building 250 homes per year for 5 years, and also plan to install recycle water lines.

Warner Ranch timeline to break ground on the infrastructure is 5 to 6 years out.

San Luis Rey Downs also has a development planned by the golf course.

Mrs. Plonka said the District would probably be doubling the sewer size and increasing the water size by about 1/3 within the next 10 years.

Mr. Saxon asked from a staffing stand point during the development plan checking process would the District outsource the work or take care of it in-house. Mrs. Plonka responded the work would stay in-house or if needed assigned to FPUD. Discussion ensued.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

Ms. Plonka said the Engineering Committee should make a recommendation to the Board regarding the Board committee member assignment.

Action:

Moved by Member Rhyne to recommend assignment of Ms. Brazier as the Board member representative to the Engineering Committee. Seconded by Member Prince.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

**AYES: Member Fekete, Member Saxon, Member Strapac, Member Rhyne,
Member Taufer and Member Prince.**
NOES: None.
ABSTAINED: Member Brazier.
ABSENT: Alternate Roth.

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

Mrs. Plonka suggested discussion of the Alternative Water Feasibility Study and CIP project updates.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Kurt Saxon, Committee Chairperson

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary