

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**

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

Directors Present: Hoffman (attended remotely), Irvine

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

Additional Attendees: Carol Wilson, Pierre Domercq

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Change Order to Ardurra for Engineering Support Services (Districtwide)

Engineering and CIP Manager Williams provided background on services provided by Ardurra over the past four years. The District utilizes these services to assist with developer and customer projects. Mr. Williams provided additional detail about some of the ongoing large development projects in the design and construction phases, such as the Havens Phase II, North River Farms, and Ocean Breeze Ranch.

As Ardurra looks after the District's best interests, has been extremely responsive, and its services are almost completely driven and funded by developer and customer project administration fees, staff will be requesting a change order in the amount of \$600,000. This Change Order (CCO#9) would extend the contract through December 2027. The Committee was in support of presenting the item to the Board of Directors for approval.

Director Hoffman requested an update on the County's progress on the proposed improvements for Camino del Rey. There is concern for flooding with the anticipated El Nino. Staff will provide an update at the next Committee meeting and Director Hoffman may also contact the County for a status update.

- B. Award of Three Agreements for On-Call Asphalt Paving Services (Districtwide)

Chief Operations Manager Gutierrez explained the need for these services, the selection process, and the reasons for having multiple contracts in place. Cost breakdowns provided by each vendor

were carefully reviewed, and staff will be requesting the Board's authorization to enter into contracts with three Professional Service Agreements with paving contractors. Actual costs will be based on services provided. The District also benefits from its contract with Perrault, which provides base materials for job sites. The Committee was in support of presenting the item to the Board of Directors for approval.

C. Amendment To Chapter Eight of the District's Administrative Code – Connection and Meter Charges

Mr. Williams explained the proposed amendments, which detail the process for removal and abandonment of a water meter and related facilities to meet industry standards and ensure the safety of the District's infrastructure. The Committee was in support of presentation to the Board of Directors for approval.

D. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Minor Facilities Constructed by Customers (Division 5)

Mr. Williams explained that this item pertains to the installation of a 1-inch water service at 746 Verde Avenue, constructed by Draves Pipeline, Inc. Following acceptance by the Board and filing of the Notice of Completion, a one-year warranty period commences where all required maintenance and upkeep of the facilities is the responsibility of the customer. Installation costs for the project totaling \$22,250 will be added to the District's total valuation. The Committee was in support of presenting the item to the Board of Directors for approval.

E. Bridlewood Pressure Issue Update

Staff provided an update to the request for assistance with water pressure concerns relayed by Robert Lin at a previous meeting. Upon investigation, it was determined that a pressure regulator on the customer's irrigation system had been malfunctioning. The issue has since been resolved and the fire hydrant at the highest elevation in the area has a pressure of 70 PSI. A pressure station will eventually be installed at Bridlewood as a long-term solution. To do so, the Board of Directors could add the project to the CIP schedule during the mid-year budget adjustment consideration and the work would be performed by in-house staff.

4. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.