

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on September 5, 2018 was called to order by Chairperson Prince at 3:02 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 Taufer, Member Brazier, Member Marnett, Member Nelson (Arrived at 3:03 p.m.)

**Also Present:** General Manager Kennedy, District Engineer Strapac, Associate Engineer Powers, Acting Operations Manager Gerdes, Administrative Analyst Gray, Right-of-Way and Facilities Coordinator Brown

**Absent:** Member Robertson, Member Ratican, Alternate Kirby.

Three members of the public were present. Mr. Sorbello, Director Gasca (Arrived at 3:16 p.m.), Julie Johnson (Arrived at 3:27 p.m. and left at 4:26 p.m.).

4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

Alternate Nelson entered at 3:03 p.m. and was invited to take a voting seat.

5. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (Government Code §54954.2)**

Mr. Kennedy said Item 12 would be moved after the approval of the minutes. Ms. Brazier added and before Item 8.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments.

**COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

\*7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 1, 2018

**Motion:** Approve the minutes as written.

**Action:** Approve, Moved by Member Stitle, Seconded by Member Brazier.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 6).

**Ayes:** Member Prince, Member Stitle, Member Brazier, Member Taufer, Member Marnett, Alternate Nelson.

**Absent:** Member Ratican, Member Robertson, Alternate Kirby.

*Discussion went to Item 12.*

**8. TANK FALL PROTECTION UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL BIDDERS**

Mr. Strapac provided a copy of Superior Tank Solutions' proposal and pointed out the proposed cost was slightly less than Suez's proposal. He said Superior Tank Solutions informed him that with a 5% difference in cost it would be to the District's advantage to proceed with Suez on the welded tanks and let Superior Tank Solutions handle the bolted tanks. He pointed out that Suez currently has the painting, finishing and warranty contract with the District. He explained the logistics, warranty and financial issues involved if the District contracted the tank fall protection with two companies. Discussion ensued.

Tom stated that this item would be added to next month's committee meeting.

**9. DRAFT RIGHT-OF-WAY POLICY REVIEW (PRESENTED BY KIM BROWN, RMWD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND FACILITIES COORDINATOR)**

Ms. Brown presented information and handouts for the committee to begin reviewing and provide feedback. She said the handouts consisted of the Right-of-Way policy revision, the current easement policy and the draft revision to the easement policy. She briefly went over the documents and mentioned the use of other district's policies as sources to develop the draft. Discussion regarding current easement issues and regulations ensued.

Mr. Kennedy ask the committee to review the draft policy and provide any comments. He said this item would be added to next month's committee meeting. He asked Mrs. Gray to post the documents on the website and in the monthly newsletter after the second round of reviews.

**10. CORROSION PROTECTION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL UPDATE**

Mr. Strapac stated that the District was planning on publishing the Corrosion Protection RFP on September 10, 2018. He said this RFP was for a consultant to provide a Corrosion Protection Program for the District. He mentioned there were not many professionals that specialized in the corrosion protection field. He said when the program was completed the District would begin the implementation of the pipeline priority list for corrosion protection, as part of the CIP. Mr. Kennedy said this item would be brought back to the committee next month.

**11. SEWER FLOW MONITORING STATUS**

Mr. Kennedy said this item would be brought back next month. Mrs. Gray presented two videos of a sewer blockage before and after cleaning and repairs.

**12. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE TO ORDINANCE NO. 17-07**

Mr. Powers went over the District's policy regarding variances to the admin code and described the application process. Discussion ensued regarding the meter sizes and variance regulations.

Mr. Kennedy mentioned the variance application process would require an agreement between the customer and the District to maintain the water usage to a set limit. He said conditions would be set if the customer went over the set limits. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Brazier asked who would monitor and adjudicate when the set usage limits were reached. Mr. Kennedy stated a note would be placed in the customer's account file and it would be the function of the Engineering Department to track the variances on an annual review. Discussion ensued.

**Motion:**        **Recommend to the Board to approve the variance and have this item added to the September 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Agenda for Board action.**

**Action:**        **Approve, Moved by Member Alternate Nelson, Seconded by Member Brazier.**

**Vote:**         **Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 6).**

**Ayes:**         **Member Price, Member Stille, Member Brazier, Member Taufer, Member Marnett, Alternate Nelson.**

**Absent:**        **Member Ratican, Member Robertson, Alternate Kirby.**

*Discussion went to Item 8.*

**13. LIST OF SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The following agenda items were suggested:

- Tank Fall Protection
- Easement Policy
- Sewer Flow Monitoring
- Corrosion Protection Program

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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**Timothy Prince, Committee Chairperson**

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**Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary**