

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

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

Directors Present: Hoffman, Irvine

Staff Present: General Manager Wiley, Information Technology Manager Khattab, Engineering and CIP Manager Williams, Chief Operations Officer Gutierrez, Safety and Risk Management Officer Johnson, District Secretary Quintanar, Administrative Analyst Montano, Administrative Analyst Barrow, Sr. Project Manager Tamimi, Administrative Services Manager Harp

Additional Attendees: Judy Nelson, Carol Wilson, Rodney Smith

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Smith relayed that Brian Brady, previously with Rancho Water, is utilizing artificial intelligence to help with CIP planning and offered to share information. Mr. Wiley will contact Rancho Water to follow up. Mr. Smith also reported that the Bureau of Reclamation recently shared proposed operations concerning the Colorado River which included a new methodology in their planning process. He invited attendees to visit his blog for additional information.

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Mutual Aid Agreement Between Rainbow Municipal Water District and Rancho California Water District**

Safety and Risk Management Officer Johnson and General Manager Wiley explained the purpose and benefits of having a plan for mutual aid in place. Rancho Water is a good partner, with similar stock for facilities and similar challenges. Mr. Johnson added that combined safety training has also been discussed.

B. **Engineering and Information Technology Department Office Space Modular Building**

Staff explained that the District currently leases the modulares being used by Engineering staff and Operations staff from two different companies. The Engineering modular trailer will be replaced with a new, larger modular space. A tenant improvement to Building 2 was estimated at \$3M, not currently feasible. After careful review, staff recommended purchasing the modular space planned for the use of Engineering and IT staff, as opposed to leasing. Discussion ensued regarding future improvements and space utilization.

C. Eagles Perch Waterline Project Update

Mr. Wiley explained that there are two pipeline replacements planned for this year: La Cañada and Eagles Perch. Work on the La Canada commenced yesterday. Eagles Perch is near Camino Del Rey, and waterline breaks have caused extensive damage. The pipeline is being relocated so that it does not cross private property. Funding for design is in the current budget, and the construction will be included in next year's budget. The 2019 design was revived and enhanced, bringing benefit to both local residents and the District. Discussion ensued regarding outreach to affected customers.

D. As-Needed Services Expenditures Summary

Staff answered questions regarding information included in the packet.

4. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.