

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on September 7, 2016 was called to order by Chairperson Prince at 3:00 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 Ratican, Alternate Marnett

**Absent:** Member Murray, Member Kirby, Alternate Robertson,

**Also Present:** General Manager Kennedy, Associate Engineer Powers, Eng. Tech Rubio

There were no members of the public present.

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

There were no additions/deletions/amendments to the agenda.

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

There were no comments.

**COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

\*6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 3, 2016

Mr. Stitle recommended corrections to the minutes.

**Motion:** Accept the minutes pending corrections.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Ayes = 5).

**Ayes:** Member Prince, Member Stitle, Member Taufer, Member Brazier, Member Ratican.

## **7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WATER RECLAMATION PLANT PRE-DESIGN REPORT**

Mr. Kennedy said the Water Reclamation Plant Pre-design Report was discussed at the Board Meeting and was also reviewed by Mr. Gillingham from Atkins. He said Mr. Gillingham's critique was that the report did not compare the cost against the baselines and shared concerns on the reliability of long term investment for water sales, generally avocados, for the next 30 years may be unreliable. He mentioned another aspect was the potential of entering into an indirect potable reuse project with Oceanside by continuing to send wastewater there and producing potable water without the risk of building the infrastructure. He said there was an upcoming meeting scheduled at the City of Oceanside to discuss the possibility of including the District in an upcoming study. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Taufer asked how the recycled water project would be funded. Mr. Kennedy responded the District would enter into a water purchase agreement with the City of Oceanside. He said the City of Oceanside would float bonds to pay for the infrastructure. He pointed out recycle water was not a commercial money maker unless it was used for cemeteries, golf courses or nurseries. He stated recycle water was a high risk project and prior to making an investment decision to add purple pipes there needs to be more review/studies to ensure the use of recycled water. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ratican mentioned his concern regarding the environmental documents required regarding the river basin study and that there were time restrictions to consider, which could delay a study up to a year. Mr. Kennedy said staff would be looking into the timeline restrictions soon. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kennedy concluded that the Water Reclamation Plant Pre-design Report overall was underwhelming. Ms. Brazier agreed saying it met very minimal standards. Discussion ensued.

## **8. HOUSEKEEPING THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

Ms. Brazier said the committees have been in existence since 2007 and the Administrative Code entries were made at that time with the intention of being amended as needed. She pointed out the Committee Section in the Administrative Code, which says "Only members of the committee are entitled to make second, or vote on any motion or other action of the committee." She said this has not been the practice lately. She explained they have been alternates making motions, voting and seconding, when it was very clear that only members were entitled to do so. She stated the practice in most committees has been, although it was not in the Administrative Code, that until and unless there was a lack of a quorum alternates remain alternates. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Recommend to the Board an examination of the Committee Section in the Administrative Code to clarify the role of the alternates on the occasions when they become members of the committee.**

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

**Mr. Kennedy suggested after the roll call of the committee meeting to establish the seating of the alternates. Mr. Prince agreed. Discussion ensued.**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Ayes = 5).**

**Ayes: Member Prince, Member Stitle, Member Taufer, Member Brazier, Member Ratican.**

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

The following items were suggested for next month:

- Update on the discussions with Oceanside.
- Board decision on the committee structure.
- Capacity fee update.
- Space planning study.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting.**

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

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**Timothy Prince, Committee Chairperson**

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**Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary**