

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
JUNE 3, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on June 3, 2014 was called to order by Member Fekete at 3:02 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Member Fekete, presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Member Brazier
Member Fekete
Member Taufer
Member Rhyne
Member Prince

Absent: Member Saxon
Member Strapac

Also Present: District Engineer Plonka
Assistant Rubio

There were two members of the public present.

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

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

*5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A. May 6, 2014

Action:

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

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Brazier, Member Fekete, Member Taufer, Member Rhyne and Member Prince.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Member Saxon and Member Strapac.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) UPDATE

Mrs. Plonka provided a handout listing the project updates with the following brief summaries:

- Beck Reservoir: Finalized the Preliminary Design Report; and in addition attended a progress meeting with CDPH on May 9, 2014 in which there were a few new changes requested by CDPH. RMWD will respond to the new requirements by memo to keep the project as planned.
- Lift Station 1: Meeting this week to review the Conceptual Design Report for the 10% design.
- Valley Center Regional Infrastructure Coordination: Attended a meeting regarding the lift station and writing an RFP for hydraulic analysis of the sewer trunk line.
- Moosa Creek Mitigation Bank: Consultant is aware RMWD does not want wetlands on top of the pipelines. Next meeting planned for June 2014 with the Army Corp. of Engineers.

Ms. Rhyne asked if RMWD was extending a sewer line up to Fire Station 5. Ms. Plonka responded yes.

Ms. Brazier asked for the status of Palomar College Project. Mrs. Plonka responded there has not been any movement on the project.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LAFCO UPDATE

Mrs. Plonka asked Mrs. Brazier to provide an update regarding LAFCO, due to the fact she did not attend last month's Board Meeting.

Mr. Fekete said RMWD's update mailer was well done. Ms. Brazier said the ad hoc committee provided the information for the update. She pointed out the ad hoc committee tries to provide non-confrontational but factual information to counteract the misinformation that was available in the public. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Brazier said RMWD received an official notice from LAFCO that FPUD filed the second reiteration of the reorganization. She said the ad hoc committee was working on a response to the application by FPUD to take RMWD over. She mentioned when the response was completed it would be presented to the Board and then sent to LAFCO. She pointed out RMWD has until July 11, 2014 to submit an appeal in the form of a resolution. She added any member of the public may also send a letter to LAFCO expressing their opinion. She said RMWD hired a LAFCO consultant and the ad hoc committee was interviewing potential public affairs consultants to assist in providing accurate information regarding RMWD. She continued the Board agreed that in view of past misinformation regarding RMWD it was important to provide truth and facts to the public informing them that RMWD is a financially responsible cooperative working Board endeavoring to ensure RMWD has a solid future and are endeavoring that the rate payers pay the least possible money for the best service possible. Ms. Rhyne mentioned FPUD has a public affairs person publishing misleading information in the Village News for the past year regarding RMWD. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Brazier pointed out the JPA Agreement was initiated legally by our legal counsel who in turn became the JPA's legal counsel. She explained the JPA Agreement included a provisional "Escape Clause" should either agency wish to withdraw. She said RMWD followed the Escape Clause to the letter with accuracy meeting the obligations; unfortunately FPUD was not content to accept the withdrawal and has taken the position of hostile takeover. Mr. Carlstrom said the hostile takeover would dissolve RMWD policies, procedures and assets. Discussion ensued.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLY MOVING ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING DAY

Ms. Brazier said Mr. Strapac suggested moving the Engineering Committee Meetings to another day due to the fact he was required to attend City Council Meetings on the same day as the Engineering Committee Meetings. She recommended changing them to the first Wednesday of the month at the regular 3:00 p.m. time. Mr. Fekete suggested changing the meetings to an earlier time. Ms. Brazier stated two of the committee members would not be able to attend earlier meetings. Discussion ensued.

Action:

Moved by Member Prince to change the Engineering Committee Meetings to the first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Member Brazier.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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

Ms. Plonka's suggested agenda items for the next scheduled Engineering Committee Meeting were LAFCO and CIP Updates.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Action:

Moved by Member Brazier to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Member Rhyne.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Member Brazier, Member Fekete, Member Taufer, Member Rhyne and Member Prince.

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Member Saxon and Member Strapac.

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Karl Fekete, Committee Member

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary