

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
JULY 23, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on July 23, 2024 was called to order by President Hamilton at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. President Hamilton presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Directors Hamilton, Mack, and Dale

**Also Present:** General Manager Wiley, Legal Counsel Smith, Chief Financial Officer Aragon, District Secretary Quintanar, Engineering and CIP Program Manager Williams, Administrative Services Manager Harp, Information Technology Manager Khattab, Construction and Meters Supervisor Lagunas, Member Nelson, Administrative Analyst Weber, Sr. Project Manager Tamimi, Utility Worker III Ortiz, Operations Manager Gutierrez, Colin Kemper and Valerie Aires of SDCWA, and Jeffrey Morris of DPMG Law (arrived at 1:35 p.m.)

**Absent:** Directors Townsend-Smith, and Johnson

**Also Present Via  
Teleconference or**

**Video Conference:** Administrative Assistant Montano, Administrative Analyst II Barrow, Safety and Risk Management Officer Johnson

One member of the public was present in person.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

There were no changes.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion**

**To approve the Agenda as presented.**

**Action: Approve, Moved by Director Mack, Seconded by Director Dale**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 3)**

**Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, and Dale**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Instructions for providing public comment were verbalized for members of the public attending remotely. There were no requests to comment.

## **7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Bryan Ortiz – 5 Years
- B. Chad Williams – 5 Years

Mr. Wiley announced that Utility Worker III, Bryan Ortiz has reached his five-year milestone with the District. He brings value to the construction team, and has been promoted twice. He has also achieved his D4 and T2 certifications in a very short amount of time, and is a highly respected member of our team. Mr. Wiley relayed his appreciation and congratulated him.

Mr. Wiley also relayed appreciation and congratulated Engineering and CIP Manager, Chad Williams for reaching his five-year anniversary. He noted achievements spanning from small matters such as window air conditioning unit installations to management of multi-million dollar projects. He described him as “the guy that gets things done.” He is always willing to step up for any task, and is the first person willing to sacrifice his time for the betterment of the team.

## **8. PRESENTATION ON THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY PIPELINE 5 RELINING SAN LUIS REY CANYON PROJECT**

Colin Kemper, Senior Engineer of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) explained a breakdown of existing pipe types within their system, the expected service life of each type, the challenges of the prestressed concrete cylinder pipe, and equipment designed to listen for the popping noise of prestressed wires breaking.

Mr. Kemper explained the composition of prestressed concrete cylinder pipe, and the relining process. Through the relining process, about 3” of pipe diameter is lost. Pipeline 5 is in Northern San Diego County, near the SR76 and I-15, traversing the San Luis Rey Canyon and straddling SR76. Approximately 9,000 linear feet of 96-inch diameter pipe constructed in the 1980’s will be relined, via four access points located in the vicinities of Sage Road, north of the SR76, near Dulin Road, and off Lilac Road. Construction will begin in September 2024 and completed in the summer of 2025. Residents in those areas may encounter heavy machinery, crews, and work being done from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, for the majority of the project. Nearby property owners have been informed of the project, additional information is available on the SDCWA’s website, informational mailers will be sent to the community, and signage will be provided to direct customers to the SDCWA for questions. Rainbow MWD has no active connections to Pipeline 5, and no water service interruptions are anticipated. There may be some traffic control needed on SR76 and near the Lilac location.

Mr. Kemper will share outreach materials to be incorporated into future newsletters and the Rainbow Municipal Water District’s website.

## **9. COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES**

- A. Budget and Finance Committee
- B. Engineering and Operations Committee
- C. Communications and Customer Service Committee

Member Nelson reported that the Budget and Finance Committee did not meet this month and have cancelled the August meeting also. The Engineering and Operations Committee also did not meet but will meet again in August.

Ms. Weber provided a summary of the Communications and Customer Service Committee meeting, and provided Poster Contest art submissions. Student winners attended the meeting and were awarded with certificates, promotional items, and art supplies. She also provided a presentation summarizing the CropSWAP program submissions and use of funding. Discussion followed regarding ongoing outreach and various rebates.

## 10. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of the June 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of the Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Minor Facilities Constructed by Customers

***Motion:***

***To approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

***Action: Approve, Moved by Director Mack, Seconded by Director Dale***

***Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 3)***

***Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, and Dale***

## 11. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider Adoption of An Ordinance Amending And Updating Administrative Code Section 1.02.020 – Conflict Of Interest

***Motion:***

***To approve adoption of Ordinance No. 24-11, Updating Administrative Code Section 1.02.020 – Conflict Of Interest.***

***Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hamilton, Seconded by Director Mack***

***Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 3)***

***Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, and Dale***

- B. Consider Approval of a Purchase Order With Courtesy Chevrolet For Two Trucks To Replace Units 13 & 60

Mr. Gutierrez requested the purchase of two trucks. One is a locator's truck to be replaced by the same type of truck. The second is the wastewater duty truck. Both trucks will soon exceed 200 thousand miles, and are backup vehicles for duty personnel. The trucks are basic stock, designed for work by municipalities. Staff made every effort to find the best price, and a local dealership was able to offer that. Mr. Gutierrez explained how idle time is calculated as equivalent hours for the existing vehicle engines. Being under 8,500 pounds, these trucks don't fall within the electric vehicle rule. There are no immediate needs for medium or heavy duty trucks. However, we're working with SDGE for charging infrastructure for the future. There may be future legislation to ease electrical vehicle mandates.

***Motion:***

***To approve a Purchase Order With Courtesy Chevrolet For Two Trucks To Replace Units 13 & 60.***

***Action: Approve, Moved by Director Mack, Seconded by Director Hamilton***

***Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 3)***

***Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, and Dale***

## 12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Operations Report
- B. Engineering Report
- C. Administrative Services Report
- D. Finance Report

Mr. Gutierrez reported on the commissioning of the Thoroughbred Lift Station, explained the backups, sensors, fail safes, and security measures, and exhibited a section of reinforced pipe for the force main. He explained that the 12" clay pipe under SR76 is in a steal casing, and that a reinforcing liner (CIPP) and Primus Liner were installed to extend the life of the pipe and reduce headloss.

Mr Aragon reported that the District sold slightly less than 10,000 acre feet of water during the last fiscal year and that recent water sales have increased.

## 13. REPORTS & COMMENTS

- A. Legal Counsel's Report

Mr. Smith briefed the Board on a recent Supreme Court decision limiting regulatory authority by overturning the "Chevron doctrine" and brief discussion followed.

- B. General Manager's Report

Mr. Wiley shared information on future events being planned, including the Thoroughbred Lift Station ribbon cutting on September 4, 2024, and a tour of Padre Dam MWD's Advanced Water Purification Project on September 5, 2024. He also reported on that staff is drafting a legislative policy for future guidance with supporting or opposing proposed legislation. Recently, the District joined several other local agencies on a multi-agency letter expressing concerns regarding Senate Bill 1255. He recapped the "Take Your Kids to Work" day, recently hosted by the District, announced his vacation next week, and provided an update on the progress of construction of the three new pump stations, which are projected for completion in October.

The San Diego County Water Authority took action in June to adopt a small rate increase to cover Metropolitan Water District charges and salary increases. Action on an additional rate increase of 10 or 11 percent was deferred to the next meeting.

- C. Board Reports

Director Mack reported on his attendance of a meeting which included personnel from the fire department, school district, other water agencies, and the State Treasurer Fiona Ma.

## 14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

***Motion:***

***To approve attendance of the ACWA Region 9 Water Workforce Development Solutions event being hosted on August 13, 2024, for Directors Dale and Johnson.***

***Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hamilton, Seconded by Director Mack***

***Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 3)***

***Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, and Dale***

**15. LIST OF SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

There were no items requested.

**16. CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 2:21 p.m., to address the following:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: Chris Waite vs. Rainbow Municipal Water District and SDCWA Financing Corporation, Case No. 37-2020-00034882-CU-OE-CTL

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 2:50 p.m., and Legal Counsel Smith reported that a settlement had been reached. Once fully executed, the settlement agreement will be available for any interested parties.

- 17. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m. by President Hamilton to a regular meeting on August 27, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

  
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**Hayden Hamilton, Board President**

  
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**Terese Quintanar, District Secretary**