

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 1, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on October 1, 2024, was called to order by Member Nelson at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. Chairperson Nelson presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Members Nelson, Marnett, McKesson, and Dale

**Also Present:** General Manager Wiley, Operations Manager Gutierrez, District Secretary Quintanar, Information Technology Manager Khattab, Engineering and CIP Program Manager Williams, and Chief Financial Officer Aragon,

**Also Present Via Teleconference or Video Conference:**

Senior Project Manager Tamimi, and Administrative Assistant Montano

Member of the public, Mr. Lothar Bock was in attendance. Mr. Bock introduced himself. He provided information on his background and expressed an interest in participating as a Committee Member. The committee appointment process was explained and he was invited to attend future meetings.

4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

There was no need for seating an alternate.

5. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes requested.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

***Motion:***

***To approve the Agenda as presented.***

***Action: Approve, Moved by Member Dale, Seconded by Member McKesson***

***Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4)***

***Ayes: Members Nelson, Marnett, McKesson, and Dale***

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present, and no comments submitted.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 6, 2024

***Motion:***

***To approve the Minutes as presented.***

***Action: Approve, Moved by Member Dale, Seconded by Member McKesson***

***Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4)***

***Ayes: Members Nelson, Marnett, McKesson, and Dale***

**9. COMMENTS & REQUESTS**

- A. General Manager's Comments
- B. Engineering & CIP Program Manager's Comments
- C. Operations Manager's Comments
- D. Committee Member's Comments

General Manager Wiley reported on a previous Engineering and Operations Committee item addressing the tank maintenance contract with USG. Staff issued a notice to terminate in line with the 90-day requirement and subsequently met with USG. In that meeting, concerns, action items, and potential future contract terms were discussed. A follow-up meeting is scheduled tomorrow. General discussion regarding a future contract ensued.

Mr. Wiley provided a status update on the progress of the three pump stations, in anticipation of the detachment from the SDCWA. He also reported on a meeting he and Director Dale attended with a presentation given by Department of Water Resources' Director Karla Nemeth regarding the Delta Conveyance Project.

Mr. Williams talked about the continued coordination and push to commission the pump stations. Regarding the headquarters building, staff is seeking options and resolutions to the challenges with Building No. 2 and other maintenance items.

Mr. Gutierrez reported on the operations of the Thoroughbred Lift Station. Coordination continues regarding the commissioning of the pump stations, each of which have unique adjustments and needs. If necessary, staff is prepared to respond to customers regarding any potential water quality concerns that may arise with the transition. He also provided an update and answered questions about the pipeline replacement work in Gopher Canyon Road.

**10. BOARD ACTION UPDATES**

Mr. Williams reported on items approved by the Board of Directors on August 27, 2024, and September 24, 2024.

**11. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

(Items 12 and 13 were addressed prior to Item 11.) Mr. Williams provided a detailed presentation on current and future projects. The West Lilac, Rancho Amigos and Dentro De Lomas Pump Stations are on target for completion this month. \$500,000 has been budgeted for District Headquarters HVAC and roof upgrades, this year. An ad hoc committee has been established to review options to address future building plans. District-wide and ongoing and future projects include pressure reducing stations, isolation valve installations, manual transfer switches, the Camino Del Rey Waterline Relocation, SDCWA Connections 1, 8, 9, and 10 acquisition, SDCWA Connections 3, 6, 7, and 11 interim decommissioning, FPU D Maravilla to RMWD Maravilla (Morro Tank), the FPU D Olive Hill to RMWD Olive Hill (Morro Reservoir), La Canada pipeline replacement and pressure reduction, Gopher Skid Pump Station, the Water and Wastewater Master Plan, and the Rancho Monserate, Rancho Viejo, and Headquarters emergency generators. General discussion followed and staff answered Committee Member questions.

12. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC TO CONSTRUCT UNDERGROUND FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S EASEMENT (DIVISION 5)**

Mr. Tamimi explained the need for the 6-foot wide easement in Magee Road. This matter has been discussed internally and reviewed by the District's Legal Counsel. A deposit covering all costs associated with the work on this matter was provided by SDG&E. SDG&E's conduit will have a seven-foot distance from our steel line and will be crossing over our line. However, staff will review the need to add easement language to protect our steel line from corrosion. Brief discussion followed and staff answered the Committee's questions.

**Motion:**

**To recommend Board of Director's approval of the Grant of Easement for San Diego Gas and Electric to construct underground facilities within the District's easement**

**Action: Approve, Moved by Member McKesson, Seconded by Member Marnett**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4)**

**Ayes: Members Nelson, Marnett, McKesson, and Dale**

13. **NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCADA UPGRADE PROJECT (DISTRICTWIDE)**

Mr. Khattab explained details of the project. There was one change order in the amount of \$33,275, bringing the total project cost to \$381,275. Mr. Gutierrez added that redundancies have been added, providing enhanced modernization and support for off-site camera footage and water level monitoring.

Member Dale requested additional information be included in the meeting packet detailing change orders, in the future.

**Motion:**

**To approve Option 1: to Accept the SCADA Project, Approve Filing the Notice of Completion, and Add installation costs of \$381,275 to the District's valuation**

**Action: Approve, Moved by Member Dale, Seconded by Member McKesson**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 4)**

**Ayes: Members Nelson, Marnett, McKesson, and Dale**

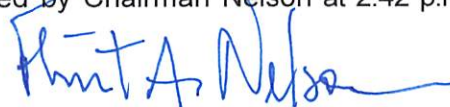
14. **AS-NEEDED SERVICES EXPENDITURES SUMMARY**

The information in the packet was reviewed.

15. **SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The Committee requested a Tank Maintenance Contract update, expenditures related to the Gopher Canyon Road Pipeline replacement, and updates on pump station commissioning.

16. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Nelson at 2:42 p.m. to Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.



**Flint Nelson, Committee Chairperson**



**Terese Quintanar, District Secretary**