MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
JULY 28, 2026

CLOSED SESSION 12:15 P.M.

President Hamilton called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., and the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (2 cases)

The Board resumed open session at 1:01 p.m. There was no reportable action.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on July 28, 2026, was called to order by President Hamilton at 1:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. President Hamilton presided.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith (attended remotely), Irvine, Hoffman

Also Present: Legal Counsel Smith, Administrative Services Manager Harp, Information Technology Manager Khattab, District Secretary Quintanar, Chief Operations Manager Gutierrez, Finance Manager Shilkov, Sr. Project Manager Tamimi

Also Present in Person,
Via Teleconference or
Video Conference: Risk Management Officer Johnson, and one member of the public.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

There were none.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: To approve the Agenda as presented.
Action: Approve, Moved by Director Mack, Seconded by Director Irvine
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 5)
Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Hoffman, and Irvine

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF:
   1. June 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
   2. July 7, 2026, Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar as presented; the June 23 and July 7, 2026, Minutes
Action: Approve, Moved by Director Irvine, Seconded by Director Hamilton
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 5)
Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Hoffman, and Irvine

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing Board Member Compensation and Amending Section 2.03.010 of the Administrative Code – Remuneration and Reimbursement Policy

President Hamilton opened the public hearing at 1:06 p.m. President Hamilton provided information on the purpose of the hearing and history of Board compensation. He opened the meeting to public comments, and there were none.

The public hearing was closed at 1:08 p.m., and the matter was opened for Board discussion and consideration. Director Mack voiced support for increasing the number of compensated meetings per calendar month to eight. Director Irvine stated that additional clarification should be added to the policy regarding out of town travel. Director Townsend-Smith voiced support of increasing the compensated meetings to eight and that there should be no limit on out of town conferences. Director Hoffman was in agreement with increasing the number of meetings and for clarification to the travel policy.

Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 26-12 Establishing Board Member Compensation and Amending Section 2.03.010 of the Administrative Code – Remuneration and Reimbursement Policy
Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hoffman, Seconded by Director Townsend-Smith
Vote: Motion carried by majority vote, Hamilton and Irvine opposed (summary: Ayes = 3)
Ayes: Directors Mack, Townsend-Smith, Hoffman

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Job Classifications and Monthly Pay Ranges for District Employees and the General Manager Effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027

Ms. Harp explained that clerical corrections had been made and that there were no substantive changes.

Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 2026-11 Establishing Job Classifications and Monthly Pay Ranges for District Employees & General Manager Effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027
Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hoffman, Seconded by Director Hamilton
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 5)
Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Hoffman, and Irvine

B. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending and Updating Administrative Code Section 1.02.020 – Conflict of Interest

Administrative Services Manager Harp explained that the proposed edits are to incorporate the newly approved job classifications to the Conflict of Interest code and to remove the requirement for Standing Committee Members to file the 700 Form. Responding to President Hamilton, District Secretary Quintanar explained the differences in the disclosure categories defined and assigned in the Code.

Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 26-13, Amending and Updating Administrative Code Section 1.02.020 – Conflict of Interest
Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hamilton, Seconded by Director Irvine
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 5)
Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Hoffman, and Irvine

C. Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending and Updating Administrative Code Section 4.01.140 – Service Awards

Administrative Service Manager Harp reported that the proposed changes are to align the Administrative Code with recently negotiated and Board-approved service awards with two of the District's bargaining units, to ensure consistent awards District-wide. In addition to the adjustment in the award amount for each continuous service milestone, per the terms of the approved MOUs, the District is shifting from a gross-up practice to ensure the net amount aligned with the award. From now on, all applicable payroll taxes will be deducted from awards, simplifying payroll administration.

Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 26-14, Amending and Updating Administrative Code Section 4.01.140 – Service Awards
Action: Approve, Moved by Director Hamilton, Seconded by Director Mack
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Ayes = 5)
Ayes: Directors Hamilton, Mack, Townsend-Smith, Hoffman, and Irvine

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Administrative Services Manager Harp provided an update on the recruitment process for the Engineering department. Twenty applications have been received, and the recruitment brochure is posted on the District's website. The brochure very clearly describes the skills that the District is seeking.

Directro Hamilton asked for clarification about the Station Road flow graph included in the meeting packet. Chief Operations Manager Gutierrez explained that the construction of the Stallion

Metering Facility has been delayed, and the two flow meters at Lift Station 2 are being utilized to estimate the flows in the meantime.

Sr. Project Manager Tamimi provided an update on the easements obtained as part of the Eagles Perch Project outreach efforts. Director Irvine suggested the District offer to visit residences to provide notarial services and to encourage participating residents to assist.

11. REPORTS & COMMENTS

Mr. Gutierrez reported that staff has moved into the new modular office space.

In regard to Line NN, the highline has been disconnected and the contractor is working to connect the east to west line. He estimated the work would be completed in the next couple of weeks.

There was a fire in Division 5 last week, which burned about 35 acres and was close to the Gomez Pump Station.

Legal Counsel Smith provided a verbal summary of the information included in the meeting packet, in regard to CARB-Advanced Fleet Regulations. Mr. Gutierrez added that we are still proceeding with the previous direction to integrate electric vehicles into the District's fleet.

President Hamilton reported that the CSDA recently discussed SB122, which adds sales tax to development software which could have some financial impact to the District. The CSDA is also concerned with AB1383, which affects PERS by increasing benefit caps for all members, and reduces retirement age from 57-55. CSDA opines that it violates the PERS Restoration lact. The District can register objections by August 24, 2026. He also relayed that the CSDA is offering training on August 24, 2026. The CSDA also provided a grants update, one of which is the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to provide low interest loans for infrastructure.

12. REQUESTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

There were none.

13. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m. to a regular meeting on August 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Hayden Hamilton, Board President

Terese Quintanar, District Secretary