

## RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: April 8, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:	Marla Casley, Doug Keeler, Mindy Kephart, James Burrington, and Erik Westerholm
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	Devin Thompson, Ian Kimball, Manuel Balesteri, and Ron Davis
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:	Jim McLaughlin
STAFF PRESENT:	Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, Brian Scott, and Eric Carlson
AUDIENCE PRESENT VIA ZOOM:	Michael

Marla Casley opened the Board Meeting at 5:30 pm.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Jamie confirmed that we added an executive session meeting on April 15, 2026.

### **REVIEW ITEMS**

1. The minutes from March 11, 2026, were presented for approval. Doug Keeler moved to approve of the minutes as presented. Erik Westerholm seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
2. The financial reports for March 2026 were presented for approval. Doug Keeler moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. James Burrington seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.
3. March 2026 Financial Report Review: Marla Casley reviewed 3 transactions and approved the March 2026 audit trail report. The missing checks report for March 2026 was reviewed and approved, check numbers are 2455-2504 and there were no breaks in sequence. There was one new vendor: Western Mobile Storage.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

### **BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD**

None

### **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

1. Jamie asked the board if they were interested in hosting the same three social engagements in the next fiscal year as we did this year. The annual Pine Ridge appreciation dinner, a night at the Drifters Baseball game, and sponsoring the SUB Light of Liberty

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celebration. General consensus was to host the Pine Ridge dinner and to sponsor the Light of Liberty celebration at the same sponsorship level as done previously.

4. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2026-04, A Resolution Awarding A Professional Services Contract For The Design Of Well #6 to RH2 Engineering, INC. Jamie reviewed the scope of the project and the professional services agreement. Doug Keeler moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-04. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye.

Marla Casley closed the regular meeting and opened the Budget Committee meeting at 5:53.

Marla Casley called for nominations for Budget Committee Chairperson. Doug Keeler moved to appoint Ian Kimball as Budget Committee Chairperson. Erik Westerholm seconded the motion. Motion passed. Casley – Aye, Keeler – Aye, Burrington – Aye, Westerholm – Aye, Kephart – Aye, Kimball – Aye, Thompson – Aye, Davis – Aye, Balesteri - Aye.

Ian Kimball called for the Budget Officer's Message.

Jamie reviewed the budget that was presented in writing to the Board and Budget Committee. The review was an overall look at what the budget entails and will follow up with an in-depth review page by page. The following are some budget recommendations and projects.

1. Staff COLA estimated at 3% based on the Consumer Price Index.
2. Renew existing employee benefits.
3. Materials and Services budget reflects normal inflation.
4. Continue to save in the Resilience Fund and the Capital Replacement Reserve Fund.
5. Resources and requirements overview of the overall \$4,400,000 budget.

Jamie presented a review of historical water demand and rates and how we predict future water rates based on weather forecasts, 2026 is expected to be a hot and dry summer. Jamie also reviewed the Water Master Plan infrastructure plans and the 10-Year Capital Plan projects.

The budget committee discussed several rate increase scenarios based on Steve Donovan's Rate Study recommendations. It was discussed that a larger rate increase now would provide for lower increases in subsequent years, or a lower increase that could remain steady in subsequent years. Jamie will provide income projections based on the models at next month's meeting.

Along with the rate discussion the budget committee discussed the creation of a customer assistance fund to help low-income households. Jamie and Jodi have been working on creating the program but do not have anything to provide at this meeting. The budget committee agreed that

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funding a program up to a maximum of \$5,000 could be included in the budget at this time with the specifics of a program coming at a later date.

### **BUDGET DOCUMENT REVIEW**

#### **Page 1 – Water Operating General Fund – Resources**

Review of the \$4,400,000 income and budget recommendations.

#### **Page 2 – Water Operating General Fund – Requirements Recap**

Review and summary of the expenses and the category recaps.

#### **Page 3 – Water Operating General Fund – Requirements Detail**

Review and summary of the Water Fund expenses, including personnel, materials and services, capital outlay, transfers, and contingencies. Some planned projects include looping two dead end mains, replacing two fire hydrants, two well replacements, control system upgrades, and potentially replacing the backhoe and trailer.

#### **Page 4 – Fire Protection Fund – Resources and Requirements**

Review of the fire protection contract and what the service covers for our customers. Rates are set based on assessed property values, with Rainbow paying our prorated share of the fire department's budget based on the assessed value of Rainbow's customers compared to city customers.

#### **Page 5 – Capital Reserve Fund – Resources and Requirements**

Review of the fund balances and for what specifically this fund is used. The goal is to continue saving and building funds.

#### **Page 6 – Resilience Fund – Resources and Requirements**

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Ian opened the public testimony portion of the budget discussion and called for public comment at 7:27 pm. Hearing no comments, he closed public testimony at 7:27 pm.

Ian closed the Budget Committee Meeting at 7:30 pm

Marla opened the regular session Board Meeting at 7:30 pm.

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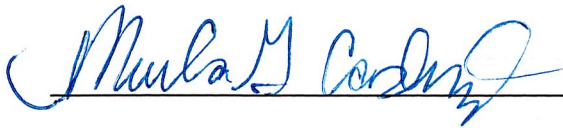
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The next scheduled meetings are:

Board Meeting for Executive Session will be held April 15, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Board and Budget Committee Meeting #2 will be held May 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Marla Casley closed the meeting at 7:33 pm.

 5/13/2026

Minutes approved:

Date: