

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 16, 2006
6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Directors Steve Rubin and Walt Kelly were present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

C. MINUTES:

Minutes of July 12, 2006 were read and approved.

D. REQUEST FOR VARIANCE:

Mr. Gomez addressed the committee regarding a previously denied request for variance of fence/wall setback requirement on Calle Cuero Road. The Committee reviewed photos provided by Mr. Bloom and General manager Holmes. Discussion included desire of homeowner to cover backflow devices and height of water meter installation. Director Rubin noted need to have wall constructed further from edge of pavement for future utility installation and possible widening of roadway as current road was less than 20' wide.

ACTION: Committee recommended that a variance be denied.

E. ROADWAY DESIGN STANDARDS:

General Manager Holmes reported that the proposed changes to the design standards and notice of changes were currently being reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. John Rogers, district resident, made suggestions to the committee that would allow for flexibility in enforcement of proposed road and shoulder width standards on a case by case basis. Committee took Mr. Rogers suggestions under advisement.

F. PROJECT PROGRESS:

General Manager Holmes updated the committee on status of work currently under construction and design. Holmes reported that work on Via Tornado (FEMA) was near completion and Calle Uva (FEMA) should be complete near the end of the month; Buena Vista rehabilitation work was scheduled to begin on August 23; Buena Loma should begin construction in early September and Sandia Creek Rehabilitation should begin in mid September.

General Manager Holmes reported that the plans were complete for the Rehabilitation of Via Vaquero north of Sandia Creek and both plans and specifications would be presented to the Board at the September meeting.

GM Holmes also reported to the Committee that IPS, INC. had formally requested that its bid for the FEMA work on Via Santa Rosa be withdrawn. Holmes stated that the contractor had made an error in the bid and that District Legal Council had reviewed the matter and recommended that IPS, INC. be allowed to withdraw the Bid. GM Holmes reported that two other responsible bids were received and staff would recommend that the Board award the contract to the next low bidder, Reyes Construction at next weeks Board Meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned @ 7:05 PM.

Rob Holmes, General Manager

ATTEST:

Steven P. Rubin, Chairman
Engineering Committee