



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Rojas called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rojas led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| President Rojas | Vice President Barajas | Director Argudo | Director Escalera | Director Hernandez |
| Present Via Teleconference | Present Via Teleconference | Present Via Teleconference Entered Meeting at 5:32 p.m. | Present Via Teleconference | Present Via Teleconference |

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Office Manager, Gina Herrera; Customer Service and Accounting Clerk, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampietro; Water Treatment & Supply Supervisor, Cesar Ortiz and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa all present via teleconference.

Public: No members of the public were present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the Public.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

| | Rojas | Barajas | Argudo | Escalera | Hernandez |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Vote | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Motion carried by a vote of: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 08, 2021.

1st: President Rojas
 2nd: Director Hernandez

| | Rojas | Barajas | Argudo | Escalera | Hernandez |
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| Vote | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Motion carried by a vote of: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District’s and IPU’s Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2021.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2021.

Motion: Receive and File the Summary of Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2021.

1st: Director Escalera
 2nd: Director Hernandez

| | Rojas | Barajas | Argudo | Escalera | Hernandez |
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| Vote | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Motion carried by a vote of: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

B. Statement of District’s Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2021.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of January 31, 2021.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District’s Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2021.

1st: President Rojas
 2nd: Vice President Barajas

| | Rojas | Barajas | Argudo | Escalera | Hernandez |
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| Vote | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Motion carried by a vote of: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities’ Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2021.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Industry Public Utilities’ Water Operations.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations’ Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2021.

1st: Director Escalera
 2nd: Director Hernandez

| | Rojas | Barajas | Argudo | Escalera | Hernandez |
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| Vote | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Motion carried by a vote of: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration to Lease 325 Acre-Feet of Main San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Production Rights to the Industry Public Utilities.

Mr. Frausto provided the Board with a staff report explaining the benefits of leasing groundwater production rights as a way to provide savings to the District. Mr. Frausto also pointed out that it can offset the cost of water in 2021.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Enter Into a Lease Agreement with the City of Industry for 325 Acre-Feet of 2020-21 Main San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Production Rights at a Rate of \$800.80 per Acre-Foot.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Barajas

| | Rojas | Barajas | Argudo | Escalera | Hernandez |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Vote | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Motion carried by a vote of: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

B. Consideration to Lease 475 Acre-Feet of Main San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Production Rights to the Valley County Water District.

Mr. Frausto explained his memo also included information on the second lease.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Enter Into a Lease Agreement with the Valley County Water District for 475 Acre-Feet of 2020-21 Main San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Production Rights at a Rate of \$800.80 per Acre-Foot.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: President Rojas

| | Rojas | Barajas | Argudo | Escalera | Hernandez |
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| Vote | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Motion carried by a vote of: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto updated the Board with the rainfall averages over the last six months. He also informed the Board that the District posted an opening for a Part- Time Customer Service and Accounting Clerk.

10. OTHER ITEMS

A. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet.

11. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa reported that it will be highly probable that in March the utility workers will be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. He also informed them of numerous new Senate and Assembly bills that have been introduced.

12. CLOSED SESSION 5:53 p.m.

A. Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of government code section 54956.9. One case.

13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT 5:55 p.m.

Board met in closed session and the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of the matter and no reportable action was taken.

14. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

Director Escalera reported that he attended 1 event: AWWA Virtual Conference.

B. Other Comments.

None

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Rojas, President

Roy Frausto, Secretary