



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hernandez led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Office Manager, Gina Herrera; Customer Support & Accounting Clerk II, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello and District Counsel, James Ciampa all present via teleconference.

Public: There were no members from the public.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Public.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Hernandez

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

6. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. President

President Hernandez thanked staff and other board members for all of their assistance this past year. He then nominated Director Rojas for the position of Board President. With no other

nominations, President Hernandez made a Motion to Elect Director Rojas to serve as President of the Board.

- 1st: President Hernandez
- 2nd: Director Escalera

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Vice President

Director Escalera nominated Director Barajas to the position of Board Vice President, with no other nominations, Director Escalera made a motion to elect Director Barajas to serve as Vice President of the Board.

- 1st: Director Escalera
- 2nd: Director Argudo

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.
- 1st: Director Escalera
- 2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District’s Cash and Investments as of November 30, 2020.

Mr. Frausto summarized the District’s Cash and Investments for November 2020.

Motion: Receive and File the District’s Cash and Investments as of November 30, 2020.

- 1st: President Rojas
- 2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Statement of District’s Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2020.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the District’s Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2020. She highlighted that water sales have increased and we are on target to meet our budget number.

Motion: Receive and File the District’s Statement of Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2020.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: Vice President Barajas

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2020.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the City’s Revenues and Expenses and explained the budget to date balances for various accounts.

Motion: Receive and File the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations’ Statement of Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2020.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

9. ACTIONS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approval of Attendance of Upcoming Conferences and Meetings.

Mrs. Herrera presented a Staff memo, which listed meetings and conferences for the Board to consider approving for attendance for the year 2021.

Motion: Approve attendance for the Board to attend the meetings and conferences that were listed in the staff memo as presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Approval of 2021 Salary Schedule.

Mr. Frausto presented the Staff Salary Schedule for 2021 for Board approval.

Motion: Approve the 2021 Staff Salary Schedule.

1st: Director Hernandez

2nd: Director Escalera

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

C. Consideration to Execute a Letter of Commitment to Participate in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program through a Joint PWAG Effort.

Mr. Frausto explained the benefits of a Hazard Mitigation Plan with respect to qualifying for FEMA funds and provided a summary of the District’s commitment with PWAG to accomplish this effort.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Letter of Commitment to Participate in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Barajas

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

D. Consideration of a Three-Year Lease Agreement for 1,000 Acre-Feet per Year of Main San Gabriel Basin Production Rights from Canyon Water Company.

Mr. Frausto summarized the staff report on highlighted the benefits of leasing water as compared to replacement water costs.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Lease Agreement for 1,000 Acre-Feet Per Year of Main San Gabriel Basin Production Rights from Canyon Water Company.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

10. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto reported on the interviews that District Staff conducted at the end of December for the Water System Operator I position.

11. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events

Mrs. Herrera reiterated the upcoming approved events for Board member attendance.

B. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet

12. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa reported to the Board that Legislators are back in session.

13. CLOSED SESSION – Entered at 5:59 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.

14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - 6:10 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.

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Reports on Events Attended.

President Rojas stated that he attended the Board Oversight meeting on January 11, 2021.

B. Other Comments

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Rojas, President

Roy Frausto, Secretary