



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, MARCH 08, 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

| President Rojas | Vice President Barajas | Director Argudo | Director Escalera | Director Hernandez |
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| 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, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello; Water Treatment & Supply Supervisor, Cesar Ortiz and District Counsel, James 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 Hernandez

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

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

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

7. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration of a Letter in Support of Assembly Bill 703 (Rubio), Related to Enhancing Public Access Through Teleconferencing in a Public Meeting Setting.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of a letter in support of Assembly Bill 703 (Rubio). He explained that AB703 allows the continuation of public meetings through enhanced teleconferencing access, similarly to the existing Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom. Mr. Ciampa added that ACWA and many other water companies are in favor of the bill.

Motion: Authorize the Board President to Execute a Letter in Support of Assembly Bill 703 (Rubio).

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Barajas

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

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

B. Consideration of Proposal from Evoqua Water Technologies for Single Pass Ion Exchange Resin Replacement Services.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the staff report and the procurement process for the SPIX resin and advised that Evoqua Water Technologies was the lowest qualified bidder for the SPIX resin replacement services.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Evoqua Water Technologies for Single pass Ion Exchange Resin Replacement Services for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$455,771.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: President Rojas

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

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

C. Discussion on COVID-19 Updates.

Mr. Frausto updated the Board on where La Puente Valley County Water stands in terms of being eligible in getting the vaccine. He also went over all staff protocols for COVID-19 and a guideline for when the lobby will reopen.

8. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zampiello went over the Nitrate and Well levels and indicated that with the current rainfall status, we are still well below average.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Frausto briefed the Board on the current situation with the job posting and discussed PWAG agreements.

10. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events

Mrs. Herrera informed the Board that the ACWA Spring Conference will still be held virtually. She also stated that the June event may possibly be held virtually as well.

B. Information Items.

Included in the Board Packet.

11. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa discussed and went over new legislative laws that may impact the District.

12. CLOSED SESSION Entered at 6:09 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 Ended at 6:23 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 MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended

President Rojas reported that he attended 1 event: First District Consolidated Oversight Board Meet.

B. Other Comments

No Comments.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Rojas, President

Roy Frausto, Secretary