



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, MAY 24, 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
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 Service and Accounting Clerk, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello; 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: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	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.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District's and IPU's Cash and Investments as of April 30, 2021.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments as of April 30, 2021.

Motion: Receive and File the Summary of Cash and Investments as of April 30, 2021.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: President Rojas

	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. Statement of District's Revenue and Expenses as of April 30, 2021.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of April 30, 2021.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District's Revenue and Expenses as of April 30, 2021.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: Director Hernandez

	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.

C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities' Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of April 30, 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 April 30, 2021.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Rojas

	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.

8. PRESENTATION BY FEDAK & BROWN LLP OF THE DISTRICT’S 2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Chris Brown, Partner with Fedak & Brown LLP, provided a presentation of the District’s 2020 Audited Financial Report. After Mr. Brown’s presentation, he closed by saying that he was happy to report that he found no material weaknesses within the District’s internal control structure.

9. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Acceptance of the District’s 2020 Audited Financial Report.

Mr. Frausto requested that based on the presentation given by Mr. Chris Brown, to Receive and File the District’s 2020 Audited Financial Report.

Motion: Receive and File the District’s 2020 Audited Financial Report.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director 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. Discussion of the 2021 Salary Survey and Approval of the 2021 Salary Schedule.

Mr. Frausto provided a presentation to discuss the findings of the 2021 Salary Survey after surveying various water agencies.

Motion: To Approve the revised 2021 Salary Schedule Effective June 1, 2021.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director 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.

C. Consideration of Compensation Adjustment for the District’s General Manager.

Mr. Frausto explained that based on the direction from (9, B) the minimum salary for the General Manager was increased to \$173,400.00.

Motion: Adjust the Compensation for the District’s General Manager to the minimum salary level, based on the newly adopted Salary Schedule to be Effective June 1, 2021.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director 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.

D. Consideration of a Letter of Support for the FY22 appropriations request recently submitted by the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.

Mr. Frausto recapped from last Board Meeting the request from Ms. Valerie Munoz to support the letter in the Board Packet to Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Execute Letters of Support.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	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.

E. Discussion Regarding the District’s Recycled Water Project.

Mr. Frausto provided a more detailed cost analysis for an alternative for the Recycled Water Project to power up the Pump Station.

Discussion only, no formal action was taken.

10. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENTS’S REPORT

Mr. Zampielo gave an overview of the report he provided in the Board Packet.

Motion: Receive and File the Operations and Maintenance Superintendent’s Report.

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.

11. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto stated that he had nothing to report.

12. OTHER ITEMS

A. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet

13. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa updated the Board on SB223 and stated that it has not passed as of yet.

14. CLOSED SESSION 6:31 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.

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT 6:51 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.

16. ADDITIONAL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Ciampa discussed several alternative solutions to acquire an easement at the property located at 525 Parriott Place, La Puente. One of the alternatives is to commence an eminent domain action that would require a Public Hearing and is what the recommendation is by staff. After more discussion, the Board motioned to have a Public Hearing.

Motion: Motion for Mr. Ciampa to set a Public Hearing on June 14, 2021.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	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.

17. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

Director Escalera reported that he attended 1 event: (1) Virtual ACWA Spring Conference Meeting.

President Rojas reported that he attended 1 event: (1) Salary Survey Ad hoc Meeting.

Director Barajas reported that he attended 1 event: (1) Salary Survey Ad hoc Meeting.

B. Other Comments.

None

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

19. ADJOURNMENT

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Rojas, President

Roy Frausto, Secretary