



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the La Puente Valley County Water District was held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office, 112 N. First St., La Puente, California.

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

President Rojas led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present:

William Rojas, President; John Escalera, Vice President; Charles Aguirre, Director; John Escalera, Director; Henry Hernandez, Director.

Staff Present:

Greg Galindo, General Manager; Gina Herrera, Office Manager; Roy Frausto, Engineering and Compliance Manager and Roland Trinh, District Counsel.

Others Present:

Mr. Cesar Barajas.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Adoption of Agenda:

President Rojas asked for the approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Director Aguirre, seconded by Director Hastings, that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Rojas, Escalera, Aguirre, Hastings and Hernandez.

Nays: None.

Consent Calendar:

President Rojas asked for the approval of the Consent Calendar.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 27, 2018.
- B. Approval of District Expenses for the Month of August 2018.
- C. Approval of City of Industry Waterworks System Expenses for the Month of August 2018.
- D. Receive and File the District's Water Sales Report for August 2018.
- E. Receive and File the City of Industry Waterworks System's Water Sales Report for August 2018.
- F. Receive and File the August 2018 Water Production Report.

Motion by President Rojas, seconded by Vice President Escalera, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Rojas, Escalera, Aguirre, Hastings and Hernandez.

Nays: None.

Action/Discussion Items:

- A.** Consideration of Water Donation for the Servant Arms' Community Enhancement Program to be Held on September 15, 2018, at La Puente Park.
- Mr. Galindo reported that he received a request from the Executive Director of Servant Arms, which is a local non-profit organization, for a donation of water with respect to a community event that will be held on September 15, 2018, at the La Puente Park.

After discussion about this event, motion by President Rojas, seconded by Director Hernandez, to approve a donation of 30 cases of water to the Servant Arms' Community Enhancement Program.

Motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Rojas, Escalera, Aguirre, Hastings and Hernandez.

Nays: None.

- B.** Consideration of Rescheduling the September 24, 2018, Regular Board of Director's meeting.
- Mr. Galindo reported that the next regular board meeting conflicts with an upcoming conference, which a few directors will be attending. Staff recommends the Board consider canceling or rescheduling the September 24, 2018, regular board meeting. He added that there are no action items that would require the Board to meet on September 24, 2018.

After some discussion, motion by President Rojas, seconded by Vice President Escalera, to cancel the September 24, 2018, Regular Board of Director's Meeting.

Motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Rojas, Escalera, Aguirre, Hastings and Hernandez.

Nays: None.

- C.** Update on Water Quality at the District's Well Field.
- Mr. Galindo reported that Nitrate levels at the District's wellfield have been increasing at an accelerated rate over the last six months. He stated that Nitrate levels are below the maximum contaminant level (MCL), but are now on average about 80% of the MCL, which is about 10% higher than Nitrate levels over the last several years.
 - Mr. Galindo added that staff tracks Nitrate levels closely and the recent change in Nitrate levels is on a more accelerated increasing trend.
 - Mr. Galindo presented several graphs showing the Nitrate levels in the District's groundwater sources and levels at the effluent of the District's groundwater treatment plant.
 - Mr. Galindo and Mr. Frausto also provided the public notice that would be required to be distributed if the District were to ever exceed the Nitrate MCL.
 - Mr. Galindo stated that staff recommends that we obtain a proposal for a preliminary design report for a nitrate treatment system.
 - Mr. Galindo also provided an overview of potential issues with the BPOU Project and the BPOU Project Agreement.
 - Mr. Galindo believes the first step is to have a preliminary design report (PDR) for a nitrate treatment system. He added that he estimates the cost for the PDR to be \$80,000, which would be a cost to the District.
 - There was much discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the change in Nitrate levels and options to address the increasing Nitrate levels.

After further discussion, motion by President Rojas, seconded by Vice President Escalera, to direct staff to obtain a proposal for a preliminary design report for a nitrate treatment system and bring back to the Board for consideration.

General Manager's Report:

- Mr. Galindo had no report.

Information Items:

- A. Upcoming Events.**
 - Mrs. Herrera provided an update of the upcoming events in 2018. She verified with the Directors who will be attending the next few events.
- B. Correspondence to the Board of Directors.**
 - Included in the Board Meeting Agenda Packet.

Attorney Comments:

- Mr. Trinh had no comments.

Board Member Comments:

- A. Report on events attended.**
 - No events attended.
- B. Other Comments.**
 - The Board congratulated Mr. Cesar Barajas for his appointment to the La Puente Valley County Water District's Board of Directors.

Future Agenda Items:

No Future Agenda Items.

Adjournment:

With no further business or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

William R. Rojas, President

Greg B. Galindo, Secretary