



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2019 AT 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Escalera called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Escalera led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Escalera	Vice President Hernandez	Director Barajas	Director Hastings	Director Rojas
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Greg Galindo; Office Manager, Gina Herrera; Customer Service & Accounting Clerk, Vanessa Koyama and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa.

Public: No members of the public were present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hastings

	Escalera	Hernandez	Barajas	Hastings	Rojas
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 Escalera

2nd: Director Hastings

	Escalera	Hernandez	Barajas	Hastings	Rojas
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 Annual Cost of Living Adjustment for District Employees for an Effective Date of January 1, 2020.

Mr. Galindo reviewed the staff memo that was provided in the Board meeting packet and explained his recommendation for the annual COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment). Mr. Galindo recommended a 1.6% increase based various factors as identified in the staff memo.

After some discussion on the topic a motion was made by Director Rojas.

Motion: Approve a 1.6% COLA to be applied to all employee salaries and to salary ranges for each position, Effective January 1, 2020.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	Escalera	Hernandez	Barajas	Hastings	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Authorization of Annual Audit by Fedak & Brown LLP of the District's Financial Statements for Year Ending December 31, 2019.

Mr. Galindo reported that he received an engagement letter from Fedak & Brown LLP to perform an audit of the District's financial statements for year ending December 31, 2019. He stated that staff has been pleased with Fedak & Brown LLP's performance over the past three years and that their proposed fees for the 2019 annual audit are slightly lower than the 2018 annual audit. After some discussion a motion was made by Director Hastings.

Motion: Authorize Fedak & Brown LLP to Perform the Annual Audit of the District's Financial Statements for Year Ending December 31, 2019.

1st: Director Hastings

2nd: Director Barajas

	Escalera	Hernandez	Barajas	Hastings	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 261 Reestablishing the District's Investment Policy.

Mr. Galindo gave an overview of the proposed Resolution and Mr. Ciampa explained the reason for the recommended changes to the District's Investment Policy.

Motion: Adopt Resolution 261 Reestablishing the District's Investment Policy.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	Escalera	Hernandez	Barajas	Hastings	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

D. Discussion on the Draft 2020 District Budget

Mr. Galindo reviewed with the Board some of the updated projections for the 2019 year-end and highlighted various accounts in the draft 2020 Budget. He discussed the proposed 2020 capital improvement projects and the 5-year budget forecast. He stated that the Recycle Water and Nitrate Treatments Project will need to be completed. Mr. Galindo stated that he projects the need for a 3 million-dollar loan in order to complete both projects. Mr. Galindo also stated that the approval of the 2020 Budget will be on the next Board meeting agenda. After some discussion amongst the Board and staff, there was no formal action taken.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Galindo provided an update on the start date of District's new Operations and Maintenance Superintendent.

Mr. Galindo also reported on the following items:

- Recycled Water Project bid award.
- Upcoming SB 998 Policy.

9. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events.

Mrs. Herrera reviewed upcoming events with the Board and verified what events each member would be attending.

B. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet.

10. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa reported on the ACWA Fall Conference and on potential federal regulatory changes related to PFAS. He also informed the Board that he will not be attending the next Board meeting, but wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

President Escalera reported that he attended the City of La Puente Christmas Parade.

Vice President Hernandez reported that he attended the ACWA 2019 Fall Conference and the City of La Puente Christmas Parade.

Director Barajas reported that he attended the City of La Puente Christmas Parade.

Director Hastings reported that he attended the City of La Puente Christmas Parade.

Director Rojas reported that he attended SCWUA, the ACWA 2019 Fall Conference and the City of La Puente Christmas Parade.

B. Other Comments.

The Board thanked staff for their work in participating in the La Puente Christmas Parade.


12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

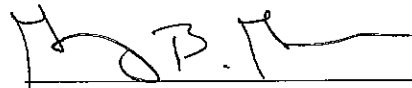
13. ADJOURNMENT

President Escalera adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Attest:



John P. Escalera, President



Greg B. Galindo, Secretary