



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 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 Escalera	Vice President Hernandez	Director Barajas	Director Hastings	Director Rojas
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

**Others Present**

**Staff and Counsel:** General Manager & Board Secretary, Mr. Greg Galindo; Office Manager, Gina Herrera and District Counsel, Mr. Jim Ciampa.

**Public:** Mike Holmes, Public Water Agencies Group’s Emergency Response Coordinator.

**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

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Galindo informed the Board that the format of the minutes has changed. He added, that if any of the Board members have any concern with the new format to please inform staff.

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Escalera

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### A. Summary of the District's Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2018.

Mr. Galindo provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2018.

Motion: Receive and file the Summary of Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2018.

1st: Director Hastings

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	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 for December 31, 2018.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District and explained the budget to date balances for various accounts.

Motion: Receive and file the Statement of the District's Revenue and Expenses as of December 31, 2018.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Escalera

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	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 December 31, 2018.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Industry Public Utilities' Water Operations and explained the budget to date balances for various accounts.

Motion: Receive and file the Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations' Revenue and Expenses as of December 31, 2018.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hastings

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Consideration of Rescheduling or Canceling the February 11, 2019, Regular Board of Directors Meeting.**

Mr. Galindo reported that the next regular scheduled meeting conflicts with the American Groundwater Trust conference that a couple of staff members and Board members will be attending. Mr. Galindo recommended that the Board cancel the February 11, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Motion: Cancel the February 11, 2019 Regular Board of Directors Meeting.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hastings

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**B. Discussion Regarding the Public Water Agencies Group and Its Emergency Preparedness Coordination Program.**

Mr. Galindo introduced Mr. Mike Holmes who is the Public Water Agencies Group's (PWAG) Emergency Response Coordinator.

Mr. Holmes provided a presentation (attached to these minutes) on PWAG and its Emergency Response Coordination Program.

During the presentation Mr. Ciampa and Mr. Galindo provided additional information on PWAG. There was also discussion amongst the Board, staff and Mr. Holmes on PWAG and its Emergency Response Coordination Program.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**C. Consideration of Declaring the District's Truck No. 25, a Ford F-150 Super Cab Pickup, as Surplus.**

Mr. Galindo summarized the staff report on the item and staff's recommendation.

After discussion there was a motion by Director Rojas.

Motion: Declare the 2008 Ford F-150 Super Cab Pickup Truck (Truck No. 25) as surplus and authorize staff to sell it through a public auction.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Escalera

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**D. Consideration of the Purchase of a 2019 Chevy Silverado Double Cab Pick-Up Truck.**

Mr. Galindo summarized the staff report supporting the recommendation to purchase a new pick-up truck.

After discussion on how the new truck would be primarily used, there was a motion by Director Rojas.

Motion: Approve the purchase of a new 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 double cab pickup truck from National Auto Fleet Group, for a price not to exceed \$28,428. In addition, authorize staff to equip the new truck with a light bar and radio equipment for an estimated additional cost of \$4,500.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hastings

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**E. Discussion Regarding Upcoming Community Events.**

Mr. Galindo presented a list of local community events and discussed with the Board of Directors the District’s participation in the events.

There was discussion amongst the Board and staff regarding the Director’s involvement in various events and the involvement of staff in the events. After additional discussion, direction was provided to staff and a motion was made by President Escalera.

Motion: Approve the District’s participation in the La Puente Little League Opening Day by having staff set up a booth at the event and providing some giveaways.

1st: President Escalera

2nd: Director Rojas

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**9. ENGINEERING AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER’S REPORT**

On behalf of Mr. Frausto, the Engineering and Compliance Manager, Mr. Galindo reported on various items within the report.

There was some discussion on the status of the Recycled Water Project and the possibility of placing the project on hold due to the lack of availability of recycled water.

Mr. Galindo presented some pictures of the Banbridge Pump Station Project.

Mr. Galindo also provided an update on the nitrate levels at the District’s well field. There was some discussion amongst the Board and staff on nitrate levels and the impact from rising basin water levels.

Motion: Receive and File the Engineering and Compliance Manager’s Report.

1st: Director Rojas  
2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

## **10. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Galindo reported the following item:

- An impromptu community event that took place at the La Puente Community Center on January 24, 2019. The event was a discussion on EPA’s superfund projects.
- The District sending a letter to the State Water Board commenting on AB 401, the State Water Board’s Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.
- The District potentially sending a letter to SCAQMD commenting on their proposed amended rule 140, which would add more requirements to existing regulations on asbestos-containing pipe.
- Mr. Galindo moved forward with a Water production rights lease of Mr. and Mrs. Tate’s annual production rights. The lease was appropriated for in the 2019 Budget.

## **11. 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.

## **12. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS**

No comments from Mr. Ciampa.

## **13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

### **A. Report on Events Attended.**

President Escalera reported that he attended SCWUA on January 24, 2019.  
Director Barajas reported that he attended SCWUA on January 24, 2019.  
Director Hastings reported that he attended SCWUA on January 24, 2019.  
Director Rojas reported that he attended SCWUA on January 24, 2019.

### **B. Other Comments.**

No additional comments.

## **14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No future agenda items were requested.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

President Escalera adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Attest:

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John P. Escalera, President

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Greg B. Galindo, Secretary