



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AT 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Escalera called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Mr. Greg Galindo; Office Manager, Gina Herrera and District Counsel, Mr. 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 Hastings

2nd: President Escalera

	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: 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.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District’s Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2019.

Mr. Galindo provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2019.

Motion: Receive and file the Summary of Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2019.

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.

B. Statement of District’s Revenue and Expenses as for January 31, 2019.

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. Mrs. Herrera also provided some information on the 2018 District Audit process. Mr. Galindo added some information regarding 2018 year-end figures.

Motion: Receive and file the Statement of the District’s Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2019.

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.

C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities’ Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2019.

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 January 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.

8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration to Transfer Funds to CalPERS California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust.

Mr. Galindo summarized his staff report on the item and provided some background on the District's retiree benefits trust and the current value of the trust. There was discussion amongst staff and the Board on how the benefit trust is managed and the benefits from having the trust.

Motion: Authorize General Manager to Transfer Funds to CalPERS California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust Account in the amount of \$25,000 in each quarter of calendar year 2019, for a total contribution of \$100,000.

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. Update and Discussion on the District's Recycled Water Project.

Mr. Galindo provided a presentation on the District's Recycled Water Project. The presentation included a letter from Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (San Districts) on the current status of recycled water availability for the District's project. Mr. Galindo read the letter from the San Districts regarding the status of the 1211 Petition for a change of recycled water use for 56 acre-feet from the San Jose Creek Reclamation Facility. There was much discussion amongst the Board and staff on the probability of recycled water being available for the District's project. Mr. Galindo provided the background on the project and the different options that had been considered for the recycled water system and the final designed alignment of the recycled water system. Mr. Galindo also provided a table showing the summary of a cost analysis for the project. Mr. Galindo explained the cost difference between recycled water and the cost of producing groundwater that is over the District's production rights. During the presentation there was discussion amongst the Board and staff on the items presented. Mr. Galindo stated that the District will need to secure a loan for the recycled water project. After further discussion it was the consensus of the Board to have Staff move the Recycled Water Project forward to finalize bidding documents and to work with the Recycled Water Ad Hoc Committee on project specifics and the analysis of the project's costs.

No formal action was taken.

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.

Mr. Galindo also provided some photos of the completed Banbridge Pump Station Project. There was some discussion on certain aspects of the project and how the pump station will be operated.

Mr. Galindo summarized the table showing the current Nitrate levels at the District’s Well Field. He also reported that Well No. 5 is offline due to a failure of the VFD panel, which may need to be replaced. He stated that Well No. 2 and No. 3 are currently being used to supply the treatment plant. After further discussion, there was a motion by Director Hastings.

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

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.

10. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Galindo reported the following items:

- Staff provided a tour of the District’s Treatment Plant to City of La Puente Mayor, Valerie Munoz.
- Update on current legislative items that may impact the District.

11. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events.

There was discussion on the specifics of the upcoming Little League Opening Day event. Mrs. Herrera also 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

Mr. Ciampa provided information on various legislative items of interest. He also reported on a letter to AQMD that the Public Water Agencies Group signed onto, requesting a regulatory exemption for testing of emergency generators for water pump stations.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

President Escalera reported that he attended 3 events: SGVWA Quarterly Meeting; AGWA-AGWT 2019 Annual Conference; SCWUA Monthly Meeting.

Vice President Hernandez reported that he attended 1 event: AGWA-AGWT 2019 Annual Conference.

Director Barajas reported that he attended 2 events: AGWA-AGWT 2019 Annual Conference; SCWUA Monthly Meeting.

Director Rojas reported that he attended 2 events: SGVWA Quarterly Meeting; SCWUA Monthly Meeting.

B. Other Comments.

No additional comments.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Escalera adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Attest:

John P. Escalera, President

Greg B. Galindo, Secretary