



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, MAY 13, 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	Absent	Present	Present

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Public: Christopher Brown, Fedak & Brown LLP; Cindy Byerrum, Platinum Consulting; Ed Chavez, Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ed Chavez provided comment on the recent ACWA Conference and thanks the District for its cooperation on regional projects.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	Escalera	Hernandez	Barajas	Hastings	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hastings

	Escalera	Hernandez	Barajas	Hastings	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.

7. PRESENTATION BY FEDAK & BROWN LLP OF THE DISTRICT’S 2018 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Chris Brown, Partner with Fedak & Brown LLP, provided a presentation of the Districts 2018 Audited Financial Report (presentation enclosed). There was discussion between Mr. Brown, the Directors and staff on various item presented by Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown thanked District staff and the District’s consultant on their cooperation during the audit process. Mr. Galindo highlighted some information provided in the Management Letter to the Board from Fedak & Brown. The Board of Director’s thanked Mr. Brown and his firm for their work on the Audit.

There was no formal action taken.

Director Barajas arrived at 5:47 p.m.

8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Acceptance of the District’s 2018 Audited Financial Report.

Mr. Galindo provided some additional information on the 2018 District Audited Financial Report. Mr. Galindo pointed out that a revision to Section 11 of the report is needed to update the information related to the Puente Valley Operable Unit Intermediate Zone Project. He stated that there are no changes required to the numbers provided in the report, but changes to the narrative related to the project were needed.

Mr. Galindo also thanked Office Manager, Gina Herrera and Cindy Byerrum from Platinum Consulting for their work and coordination with Fedak and Brown during the audit process. After some discussion a motion was made by Director Rojas.

Motion: Receive and File the 2018 Audited Financial Report with proposed revision to Section 11.

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. Consideration of a Lease of Main San Gabriel Basin Water Production Rights from Mary K. Dawes.

Mr. Galindo summarized his staff report on this item. He also presented an analysis depicting the cost savings derived from water production rights leases over several years. Mr. Galindo explained the timing of the payment of leases and how the District accounts for them each year. After some discussion between the Board and staff on groundwater rights leases and groundwater basin condition, a motion was made by Director Rojas.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Lease 335.39 Acre-Feet of Main San Gabriel Water Production Rights from Mary K. Dawes.

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. Discussion Regarding the District’s Summer Newsletter.

Mr. Galindo provided an update on the timing of the District’s summer newsletter and the items that may be included. There was some discussion amongst the Board and staff on the timing of the newsletter.

There was no formal action taken

9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Galindo reported that he will be on vacation from May 29th through June 6th.

10. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events.

Mrs. Herrera reviewed upcoming events with the Board and verified which events each Board Member would be attending.

B. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet.

11. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa reported on various legislative items that are of interest to the District.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

President Escalera reported that he attended 2 events: Kiwanis Downtown La Puente Car Show; ACWA 2019 Annual Spring Conference.

Vice President Hernandez reported that he attended 2 events: Kiwanis Downtown La Puente Car Show; ACWA 2019 Annual Spring Conference.

Director Hastings reported that he attended 2 events: Kiwanis Downtown La Puente Car Show; ACWA 2019 Annual Spring Conference.

Director Rojas reported that he attended 2 events: Kiwanis Downtown La Puente Car Show; L.A. County First District Consolidated Oversight Board Meeting.

B. Other Comments.

President Escalera thanked staff for their efforts on the 2018 Audit. Director Rojas thanked staff on pursuing groundwater rights leases.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Escalera adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Attest:

John P. Escalera, President

Greg B. Galindo, Secretary