



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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, Greg Galindo; Office Manager, Gina Herrera and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa.

Public: Marty Paz (Customer).

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Paz commented that he questioned the accuracy of the water use shown on his past water bills and requested an explanation addressing his concerns. Mr. Galindo stated that he would contact Mr. Paz to schedule an appointment to review his bill and provide a response to his questions.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda 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.

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	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 May 31, 2019.

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

Motion: Receive and File the Summary of Cash and Investments as of May 31, 2019.

1st: Director Hastings

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

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of May 31, 2019. Mrs. Herrera along with Mr. Galindo explained that water sales have been trending low due to rain and conservation efforts.

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

1st: President Escalera

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.

C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities’ Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of May 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. She also informed the board that we are approaching fiscal year end for Industry Public Utilities and will be making year end entries over the next couple of months.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations’ Revenue and Expenses as of May 31, 2019.

1st: Director Rojas

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. Discussion Regarding the District’s Board Member Code of Conduct Policy.

Mr. Galindo reported that the District’s Board Members Guidelines for Conduct policy document that was adopted in April of 2014. He then explained that staff would like the Board to consider potential changes to this policy document. After some discussion President Escalera created an ad hoc committee, consisting of himself and Director Rojas to review and make recommendations on changes to the policy for the Board to consider. There was no formal action taken by the Board on this item.

B. Update on State Legislative Items.

Mr. Ciampa reviewed and provided information to the Board on several legislative items that may have an impact on the District. The following legislation was discussed:

Water Tax – AB200, SB414 & SB101

AB 134 – Safe and Affordable Drinking Water – failing systems

AB 9 – Employment Discrimination statute of limitations

AB 51 – Sexual Harassment waiver

AB 405 – Sales Tax Exemption for Water Treatment Chemicals – mention that it is dead

AB 756 – PFAS/PFOS

AB 841 – PFAS/PFOS

AB 945 – Public Agency Investments

AB 1184 – Public Records Act

AB 1414 – Water Conservation – Water Use Efficiency Reporting

AB 1415 – Water Use Efficiency Reporting Fines

AB 1736 – Public Contracting

SB 13 – ADUs

SB 134 – Water Loss

SB 413 – WQA

SB 598 – Financial Reporting (very brief mention)

SB 668 – Emergency Preparedness Planning

Mr. Galindo added supplemental information on some of the legislative items and reported on federal legislative items that the San Gabriel Valley Water Association was tracking.

There was discussion amongst the Board, Counsel and staff on several of the items, but no formal action was taken by the Board.

9. ENGINEERING AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Galindo reported that as the Board was made aware prior to the meeting, Mr. Frausto’s wife Angie had passed away on Sunday. He added that staff will be attending the funeral service and the

office will be closed to allow staff to attend if the service is during a work day. Mr. Galindo then reported on various items that were included in the Engineering & Compliance Manager’s Report.

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

1st: Director Hastings

2nd: Director Rojas

	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 on crisis communication training that he and Office Manager, Gina Herrera had attended. He also provided some information on water rates of the other two water purveyors that provide water to residents of La Puente.

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.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

Director Rojas reported that he attended 1 event: L.A. County 1st District Oversight Board Meeting.

Director Hernandez reported that he attended 1 event: AWWA-ACE 2019 Annual Conference.

B. Other Comments.

Close the meeting in honor of William Hastings, brother of Director David Hastings also in the honor of Angelica Frausto, Wife of Compliance & Engineering Manager Roy Frausto.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Schedule a Legislative Update Workshop in June.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Escalera adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m. in honor of William Hastings, brother of Director David Hastings and in the honor of Angelica Frausto, Wife of Compliance & Engineering Manager, Roy Frausto.

Attest:

John P. Escalera, President

Greg B. Galindo, Secretary