



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 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; Engineering and Compliance Manager, Roy Frausto and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa.

Public: Alfonso Contreras, Vice President of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and Maria Contreras, City Treasurer of the City of Baldwin Park.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Contreras said hello to the Board and also provided information on the water level of the Main San Gabriel Basin.

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: 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 July 30, 2019.

Mr. Galindo provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments as of July 30, 2019.

Motion: Receive and File the Summary of Cash and Investments as of July 30, 2019.

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.

B. Statement of District’s Revenue and Expenses as for July 30, 2019.

Mr. Galindo provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of July 30, 2019 and explained the budget to date balances for various accounts. He provided some information on proposed amendments to the 2019 Budget that the Board would be considering later in the meeting.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District’s Revenue and Expenses as of July 30, 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 July 30, 2019.

Mr. Galindo 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 July 30, 2019.

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.

8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Sponsorship of the La Puente Jr. All American Football Opening Day Event on September 14, 2019.

Mr. Galindo reported to the Board that a request was submitted for the District to consider sponsoring the La Puente Jr. All American Football Opening Day Event on September 14, 2019. Mr. Galindo explained that he is not sure if he will have enough staff to support setting up a booth and having staff present at the entire event. Mr. Galindo recommended that the Board consider approving staffing a booth at the event if possible and to approve a donation of \$200 in the form of sporting goods store gift cards and \$100 dollars in the form of bottled water. He also expressed that there was interest by the organizer to have to Board members attend the event if possible. After some discussion a motion was made by Director Rojas.

Motion: Approve staffing a booth at the La Puente Jr. All American Football Opening Day Event, if possible, depending on staff scheduling; and to approve a donation of \$200 in the form of sporting goods store gift cards and \$100 dollars in the form of bottled water.

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 Notice of Completion for the District’s 5th Street Waterline Improvement Project.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the staff report on the item. Mr. Frausto provided some additional information on the cost of the project, paving requirements of the City and the project schedule. He also presented some pictures that were taken of the construction process. After some discussion amongst the Directors and staff, a motion was made by Director Rojas.

Motion: Accept the Work Performed by Doty Bros. Construction Company for the 5th Street Waterline Improvement Project as Complete and Authorize the Filing of the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder’s Office.

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. Consideration to Cast Election Ballot for ACWA’s Region 8 Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 Term.

Mr. Galindo reported that in the Board agenda packet is a ballot for the District to cast for the election of ACWA Region Board of Directors. He explained the voting process and how the Chair and Vice Chair of each ACWA Region serve as members of the ACWA Board of Directors. He stated that a nominating committee has recommended a slate of candidates that the District can either concur with or choose not to concur with and vote for candidates as the Board chooses. Mr. Galindo added that since there is a local candidate from Upper San Gabriel Valley

Municipal Water District that is a candidate for Vice Chair, who is not on the recommended slate, the Board should consider not concurring with the recommended slate and casting the ballot by choosing Steve Blois for the Chair, Anthony Fellows from Upper District for Vice Chair and the five candidates listed for the Board Member positions. After some discussion amongst the Directors, a motion was made by President Escalera.

Motion: Cast Ballot for ACWA’s Region 8 Board of Directors choosing Steve Blois for the Chair, Anthony Fellows for Vice Chair and the five candidates listed for the Board Member positions.

1st: President Escalera

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.

D. Consideration of Amendments for the District’s 2019 Budget.

Mr. Galindo provided a summary of his staff report on the item. He reviewed the reasons for each proposed Budget amendment. Director Rojas asked why are amendments necessary and why the District doesn’t wait until the end of the year and then report the Budget variances. Mr. Galindo responded that it is good practice to amend the Budget when obvious variances are identified and demonstrates that financial controls are in place. After additional discussion amongst the Directors and staff, a motion was made by President Escalera.

Motion: Approve the Proposed Budget Amendments.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hastings

	Escalera	Hernandez	Barajas	Hastings	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

9. ENGINEERING AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto reported on various items that were included in his report. There was some discussion amongst the Board and Staff on some of the items included in the report.

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

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.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Galindo reported on the following items:

- Update on the new billing system upgrade process.
- PVOU Shallow Zone Operations Agreement status.
- Main San Gabriel Basin groundwater levels.

11. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events.

Mr. Galindo 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 reported upcoming sexual harassment prevention training that his firm is planning. He also provided an update on the AQMD asbestos rule revision process.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

President Escalera reported that he attended 3 events: SGVWA Quarterly Meeting; Sexual Harassment Prevention Training at San Gabriel County Water District and the WRD Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling grand opening.

Vice President Hernandez reported that he attended the WRD Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling grand opening.

Director Barajas reported that he attended the SGVWA Quarterly Meeting.

Director Hastings reported that he attended the SGVWA Quarterly Meeting.

B. Other Comments.

No additional comments.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future items.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Escalera adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Attest:

John P. Escalera, President

Greg B. Galindo, Secretary