



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 AT 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hernandez led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Hernandez	Vice President Hastings	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Greg Galindo; Office Manager, Gina Herrera; Customer Service and Accounting Clerk, Vanessa Koyama, and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa all present via teleconference.

Public: Mr. Chris Brown from Fedak and Brown and Ms. Lisa Rodriguez were also present via teleconference.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Rojas

	Hernandez	Hastings	Barajas	Escalera	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: President Hernandez

	Hernandez	Hastings	Barajas	Escalera	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, 2020.

Mr. Galindo provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments as of May 31, 2020.

Motion: Receive and File the Summary of Cash and Investments as of May 31, 2020.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Escalera

	Hernandez	Hastings	Barajas	Escalera	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, 2020.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of May 31, 2020. Mrs. Herrera along with Mr. Galindo explained that water sales have been lower than normal due to precipitation along with impacts from Covid-19.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District's Revenue and Expenses as of May 31, 2020.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Vice President Hastings

	Hernandez	Hastings	Barajas	Escalera	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, 2020.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Industry Public Utilities' Water Operations and stated that it was a little lower than normal as the fiscal year is ending.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations' Revenue and Expenses as of May 31, 2020.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Hernandez

	Hernandez	Hastings	Barajas	Escalera	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

8. PRESENTATION BY FEDAK & BROWN LLP OF THE DISTRICT’S 2019 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Brown discussed the 2019 audit that he completed for La Puente Valley County Water District. He stated that the financial statements were found to be an unmodified clean opinion. He was also happy to report that he did not identify any material weakness within the District’s Internal Control Structure.

9. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Acceptance of the District’s 2019 Audited Financial Reports.

Mr. Galindo summarized on the Fedak & Brown report. He explained a little more on the expense and revenue statement and the breakdown of the operating revenue.

Motion: Authorize the Acceptance of the District’s 2019 Audited Financial Reports.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Hernandez

	Hernandez	Hastings	Barajas	Escalera	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Consideration of Customer Appeal of Water Usage Charges.

Mr. Galindo explained to the Board the situation that had occurred with our customer, Ms. Lisa Rodriguez. He explained the water tier prices in regard the customer’s big leak. He stated that La Puente Valley County Water did do an adjustment on the customer’s bill and thought that it was a fair adjustment. Although Ms. Rodriguez thanked Mr. Galindo for a quick response, she still felt the bill should be reduced by fifty percent due to her parents fixed income and medical bills. After some discussion and consideration, the Board agreed to reduce the charges labeling it a ‘unique situation’.

Motion: Authorize the Acceptance of the District’s 2019 Audited Financial Reports.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	Hernandez	Hastings	Barajas	Escalera	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

10. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Zampiello reported on various items in his report. He reported on the field guys and their staggered start times in response to Covid-19 as well as keeping the staff safe with the help and guidance of the CDC. He also gave an update on the progress of the Recycle Water Project and gave details about the flushing system to Mr. Escalera. After some discussion a motion was made by President Hernandez.

Motion: Receive and File the Operations and Maintenance Superintendent’s Report.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Hastings

	Hernandez	Hastings	Barajas	Escalera	Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

11. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Galindo stated that he was pleased in resolving the water usage appeal with Ms. Rodriguez. He also restated to the District the staff’s work schedule and procedures in response to Covid-19 and said things were running smoothly.

12. OTHER ITEMS

A. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet.

13. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

No Comments.

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

None attended.

B. Other Comments.

Mr. Escalera asked that the meeting be closed in memory of Linda Morales. She was the wife of Gabriel Morales, a lifelong resident of La Puente and who Mr. Escalera attended grammar school with.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items.

16. CLOSE SESSION 6:49 p.m.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

One Case.


17. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION 6:53 p.m.

Board met in closed session and the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of the matter and no reportable action was taken.

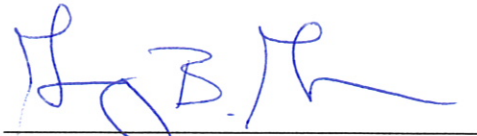
18. ADJOURNMENT

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Attest:



Henry P. Hernandez, President



Greg B. Galindo, Secretary