



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020 AT 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hernandez led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

William R. Rojas

4. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Hernandez	Director Argudo	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, Roy Frausto; Office Manager, Gina Herrera; Customer Support & Accounting Clerk, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello and District Counsel, James Ciampa all present via teleconference.

Public: There were a few members of the public listening via teleconference. No names were given.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Public.

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 23, 2020.

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Barajas

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Approval of Item 7 section B, C, D, E

Mr. Frausto gave an update on the Water Sales Report.

Motion: Approve Item 7 section B, C, D, E.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: Director Rojas

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director 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 Annual Cost of Living Adjustment for District Employees for an Effective Date of January 1, 2021.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary on the cost-of-living adjustment and recommended a 2 % COLA increase.

Motion: Board Discretion.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Authorization of Annual Audit by Fedak & Brown LLP for the District's Financial Statements for Year Ending December 31, 2020.

Mrs. Herrera provided information regarding the District's relationship with Fedak & Brown. Mrs. Herrera also went over guidelines with respect to timelines on when a change in the lead audit partner or auditing firm is required.

Motion: Authorize Fedak & Brown LLP to Perform the 2020 Financial Audit.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Director Rojas

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

C. Review and Approve the Proposed District budget for Period Ending December 31, 2021.

Mr. Frausto outlined the 2021 budget document for the LPVCWD. He then highlighted the District’s projected revenues and expenses along with the CIP projects budgeted for the 2021 budget year.

Motion: Approve the Proposed District Budget for Period Ending December 31, 2021.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Hernandez

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

D. Consideration of Proposal from Evoqua Water Technologies to Purchase the Nitrate Removal Ion Exchange Treatment System.

Mr. Zampiello recapped the proposal from Evoqua Water Technologies along with a background summary of the Nitrate Treatment System. In addition, Mr. Frausto added information regarding the performance guarantee.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to proceed with the purchase of the Nitrate Removal Ion Exchange System Equipment from Evoqua Water Technologies LLC (Evoqua), for an amount not to exceed \$947,663.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Director Rojas

	President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto stated that he had nothing more to add.

10. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events

B. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet

11. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa stated that he had no comments.

12. CLOSED SESSION 6:15p.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.

13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT 6:40 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.

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Reports on Events Attended.

B. Other Comments

President Hernandez welcomed Mr. Argudo to the Board and said he looked forward to working with him. Mr. Argudo also stated that he looked forward to working with the Board. Mr. Escalera reported on the event he attended.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Attest:

Henry P. Hernandez, President

Roy Frausto, Secretary