



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Rojas called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Rojas led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President Rojas	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera	Director Hernandez
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 Service and Accounting Clerk, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello; Water Treatment & Supply Supervisor, Cesar Ortiz and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa all present via teleconference.

**Public:** No members of the public were present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### A. Summary of the District's and IPU's Cash and Investments as of October 31, 2021.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments as of October 31, 2021.

Motion: Receive and File the Summary of Cash and Investments as of October 31, 2021.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: Director Hernandez

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

### B. Statement of District's Revenue and Expenses as of October 31, 2021.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of October 31, 2021.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District's Revenue and Expenses as of October 31, 2021.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

### C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities' Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of October 31, 2021.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Industry Public Utilities' Water Operations.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations' Revenue and Expenses as of October 31, 2021.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Consideration of Resolution 275 Proclaiming a State of Emergency Persists, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors.**

Mr. Frausto proposed the adoption of Resolution 275, Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency to continuing remote teleconferencing of Board Meetings.

Motion: To Approve Resolution 275, Re-Authorizing Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Barajas

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**B. Consideration of a Three-Year Contract Extension with Trojan UV for UV System Maintenance and Performance Guarantee.**

Mr. Ortiz discussed the need to extend the Districts contract with Trojan UV.

Motion: To Approve Three-Year Contract Extension with Trojan UV.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Rojas

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**C. Consideration of Proposal from W. A. Rasic Construction for the Construction of a Nitrate Treatment System.**

Mr. Frausto referenced his Staff report informing the Board of the history of Nitrate in Los Angeles County, and the future steps the La Puente Valley County Water will be taking. He informed the board that W. A. Rasic was the lowest bidder for the construction of the Nitrate Treatment System.

Motion: To Award a Contract to W.A. Rasic Construction for the Construction of the Nitrate Treatment System and Authorize the General Manager to Enter into a Construction Contract with W. A. Rasic Construction in the Amount of \$999,750.00. In Addition, Authorize a Contingency Amount of \$ 149,962.50 for the Contract.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**D. Consideration of Proposal from Hunter Electric Service for Electrical Services and Installation of Control Systems for the Nitrate Treatment System.**

Mr. Zampiendo discussed the proposal from Hunter Electric to maintain and support the electrical control panels and instruments associated with the installation of the Nitrate Treatment System.

Motion: To Authorize the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Hunter Electric in the Amount of \$277,227.38.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**E. Consideration of Proposal from So Cal SCADA Solution for SCADA Programming and Integration Services for the Nitrate Treatment System.**

Mr. Zampiendo discussed the proposal from So Cal SCADA to upgrade the District’s SCADA System.

Motion: To Authorize the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with So Cal SCADA Solutions in the Amount of \$60,880.00.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**F. Consideration of Fedak & Brown LLP Professional Auditing Services to Audit the District’s Annual Financial Statements for Year 2021.**

Mrs. Herrera provided the District’s history with Fedak & Brown LLP and explained to the Board the benefits of continuing Professional Services with them.

Motion: To Authorize the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Fedak & Brown LLP to Perform Professional Auditing Services of the District’s Annual Financial Statements of the Year 2021.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Escalera</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**9. WORKSHOP ON THE 2022 DISTRICT BUDGET**

Mr. Frausto reviewed the District’s 2022 Budget along with various Capital Improvement Projects.

## **10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Frausto stated he had nothing additional to report.

## **11. OTHER ITEMS**

### **A. Upcoming Events.**

Mrs. Herrera discussed the protocols for the City of La Puente Christmas Parade. She also informed the Board of the District's Annual Christmas Luncheon.

### **B. Information Items.**

Included in Board Packet

## **12. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ciampa stated he had nothing to report and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

## **13. CLOSED SESSION - 6:31p.m.**

- A. Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of government code section 54956.9. One case.

## **14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - 6:32 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.

## **15. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

### **A. Report on Events Attended.**

President Rojas and Director Escalera both reported that they attended the Nitrate Ad hoc Committee Meeting on November 15, 2021.

### **B. Other Comments.**

No Additional Comments.

## **16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board was in agreement to place the cancellation of the December 27, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on the next Agenda.

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Attest:

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William R. Rojas, President

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Roy Frausto, Secretary