



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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**

<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Absent	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; Water Treatment & Supply Superintendent, Cesar Ortiz; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello, and District Counsel, Andy Turner all present via teleconference.

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Barajas

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

## 7. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Consideration of Cancellation of the December 27, 2021 Regular Board of Director's Meeting.

Mr. Frausto suggested with all the holiday activities, it would be best to cancel the December 27, 2021 Regular Board of Director's Meeting.

Motion: To Approve the Cancellation of the December 27, 2021 Regular Board of Director's Meeting.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

### B. Consideration of Annual Cost of Living Adjustment for District Employees for an Effective Date of January 1, 2022.

Mr. Frausto referred to his Staff Report to discuss the recommended Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

Motion: To Approve a 5.9% Annual Cost of Living Adjustment for District Employees for an Effective Date of January 1, 2022.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Rojas

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

### C. Review and Approve the Proposed District Budget for Period Ending December 31, 2022.

Mr. Frausto referred to the Staff Report and discussed the District's objectives and goals in relation to the Budget.

Motion: To Approve the Proposed District Budget for Period Ending December 31, 2022.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Barajas

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
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<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes
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Motion carried by a vote of: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent.

**D. Consideration of the 2022 Salary Schedule for an Effective date of January 1, 2022.**

Mr. Frausto summarized the table for the 2022 Salary Schedule with the Board.

Motion: To Approve the 2022 Salary Schedule for an Effective Date of January 1, 2022.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

**E. Consideration of Resolution 276 Proclaiming a State of Emergency Persist, 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 276, Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency to Continue Remote Teleconferencing of Board of Director’s Meetings.

Motion: To Approve Resolution 276.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: Vice President Barajas

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

**8. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Zampiello informed the Board on the report he provided in the Board Packet.

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

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Frausto reported on the progress of the District’s new Website.

**9. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. Upcoming Events**

Mrs. Herrera reminded everyone about the District’s Holiday Luncheon coming up.

**B. Information Items.**

Included in the Board Packet.

**10. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS**

Mr. Turner had nothing to report. He wished the Board and Staff a Happy Holiday Season.

**11. CLOSED SESSION - 6:01 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.

**B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation.**

Position: General Manager

**12. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - 6:11 p.m.**

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

**13. ACTION ITEM**

**A. Consideration of Possible Adjustment to General Manager’s Compensation.**

The Board discussed a possible adjustment to the General Manager’s Compensation.

Motion: To Approve a 10% increase, which includes the Approved 5.9% COLA, to the General Manager’s Compensation. The General Manager’s Salary will be adjusted from \$173,400.00 to \$190,740.00 effective January 1, 2022.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Barajas

	<b>President Rojas</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

**14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**A. Report on Events Attended**

Director Escalera reported that he attended 1 event: (1) ACWA Fall 2021 Conference at the Pasadena Convention Center.

**B. Other Comments**

No Other Comments

**15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Attest:

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William R. Rojas, President

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Roy Frausto, Secretary