



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 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 Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera
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 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

No comments from the Public.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	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: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 14, 2022.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District’s Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2022.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2022.

Motion: Receive and File the Summary of Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2022.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Rojas

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

B. Statement of District’s Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2022.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of January 31, 2022.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District’s Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2022.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Rojas

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

Director Argudo entered the Board Meeting

C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities’ Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2022.

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 January 31, 2022.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Rojas

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	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 278 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 278, Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency to continuing Remote Teleconferencing of Board of Director’s Meetings.

Motion: To Extend the Approval of Resolution 278 through March 28, 2022.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Escalera

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Consideration to Lease 350 Acre-Feet of Main San Gabriel Groundwater Production Rights to the Industry Public Utilities.

Mr. Frausto discussed the District’s Annual Lease Agreement with City of Industry Waterworks.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Enter into a Lease Agreement with the Industry Public Utilities for 350 Acre-Feet of 2021-22 Main San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Production Rights.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto highlighted on the latest news regarding the fifteen percent allocation from State Water Project and a proposed Act to Amend AB2163.

10. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events.

B. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet

Mrs. Herrera stated that she had nothing to report other than Director Escalera will be attending the AGWT -AGWA conference at the end of March.

11. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa informed the Board on numerous new Senate and Assembly Bills that have been introduced and moving forward.

12. CLOSED SESSION 5:55 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.

13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT 5:57 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 MEMBERS COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

B. Other Comments.

Director Escalera closed the meeting in Memory of Mr. Charlie Aguirre, former Board Member as well as a great friend. He will be well remembered for his commitment to the many community causes and organizations in the City of La Puente.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Rojas, President

Roy Frausto, Secretary