



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, MARCH 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	Absent	Present Via Teleconference

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Customer Service and Accounting Clerk, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampielo; Water Treatment & Supply Superintendent, 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: Director Escalera

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent.

Director Argudo entered the meeting at approximately 5:33 p.m.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District’s Cash and Investments as of February 28, 2022.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the balances in each account provided in the Summary of Cash and Investments.

Motion: Receive and File the Summary of Cash and Investments as of February 28, 2022.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

	Rojas	Hernandez	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

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

Director Barajas entered meeting at approximately 5:34 p.m.

B. Statement of District’s Revenue and Expenses as of February 28, 2022.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of February 28, 2022.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District’s Revenue and Expenses as of February 28, 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.

C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities’ Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of February 28, 2022.

Mr. Frausto 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 February 28, 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. Discussion on In Person Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Frausto held a discussion to hear each Board Member’s view in continuing remote teleconferencing for Board Meetings. The Board all agreed to continue remote teleconferencing and no formal action was taken.

B. Discussion on the Districts Supplemental COVID-19 Paid Leave Policy.

Mr. Frausto gave an overview of the staff report regarding the proposals for the supplemental COVID-19 paid leave policy.

Motion: Approve the District’s Supplemental COVID-19 Paid Leave Policy.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Barajas

	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.

C. Consideration of Resolution 279 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 279, Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency to continue remote teleconferencing of Board Meetings.

Motion: Approve Resolution 279.

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.

D. Consideration of Nominees for the Special District LAFCO Representative and LAFCO Alternate for the Term Expiring May 2022.

Mr. Frausto reviewed the election process for the Special District LAFCO Representative and the Alternate candidate for the Board to consider. It was a unanimous to cast vote for Jerry Gladbach for LAFCO Representative. It was a four to one vote for Mr. Melvin Matthews for the Alternate.

E. Authorization to Purchase two New Variable Frequency Drives (VFD).

Mr. Ortiz addressed the pros and cons in repairing versus purchasing a new variable frequency drive at the District’s Treatment Facility.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to purchase two new Variable Frequency Drives (VFD).

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.

F. Consideration of Increase in the Board of Directors’ Per Day of Service Compensation.

Mr. Frausto provided a memo with an overview which allows for a 5% increase to the Board of Director’s Per Day of Service Compensation from \$162.87 to \$171.01. Unless there is a formal action taken to “not” accept the increase, the 5% increase will be automatically applied to the Director’s compensation effective on the next payroll.

No formal action was taken.

9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto updated the Board with the status of Well #3 at the Treatment Plant and the Booster Pump at Main Street.

10. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events

Mr. Frausto discussed the upcoming events with the Board.

B. Information Items.

Included in Board Packet.

11. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa stated that Governor Newsom issued a new order regarding the State’s current drought situation.

12. CLOSED SESSION 6:01 p.m.

A. Conference with legal counsel – Existing Litigation

Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9

13. CLOSED SESSION 6:06 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.

President Rojas reported that he attended one event: (1) SCWUA Luncheon.

Director Escalera reported that he attended one event: (1) SCWUA Luncheon.

B. Other Comments.

No Comments.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Rojas, President

Roy Frausto, Secretary