



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 09, 2023, 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 Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Barajas</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>
Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Absent	Absent	Present Via Teleconference

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**Staff and Counsel:** General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Office Manager, Gina Herrera; Customer Support & Accounting Clerk II, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello; Water Treatment & Supply Superintendent, Cesar Ortiz; Lead Customer Service & Accounting Clerk, Shaunte Maldonado and District Counsel, James Ciampa and Reid Miller all present via teleconference.

**Public:** Gilbert Godoy, Community Service Director Alex and mural artist Franky were present via teleconference.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Presentation by City of La Puente Council Member Gabriel Quinones Regarding Art Murals.**

Mr. Quinones gave information about art murals done by an artist known as Franky and the idea of Franky painting a mural on the La Puente Valley County Water District’s wall.

Director Barajas entered the meeting at approximately 5:38 p.m.

Director Argudo entered the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Quinones shared an idea of a mural art project and asked if the District would like to collaborate with the City of La Puente on the project. He introduced Franky to express and convey his ideas for the murals.

## 6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Vice President Hernandez

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

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

## 7. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### A. President

Director Escalera nominated Vice President Hernandez for the position of Board President. With no other nominations, President Rojas made a Motion to Elect Vice President Hernandez to serve as President of the Board.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Rojas

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

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

### B. Vice President

President Hernandez nominated Director William Rojas to the position of Board Vice President. With no other nominations, President Hernandez made a motion to elect Director Rojas to serve as Vice President of the Board.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

## 8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: Vice President Rojas

2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

## 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### A. Summary of the District's Cash and Investments as of November 30, 2022.

Mr. Frausto summarized the District's Cash and Investments for November 30, 2022.

Motion: Receive and File the District's Cash and Investments as of November 30, 2022.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Vice President Rojas

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

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

### B. Statement of District's Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2022.

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the District's Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2022.

Motion: Receive and File the District's Statement of Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2022.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Escalera

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

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

### C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 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 Industry Public Utilities Water Operations' Statement of Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2022.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Hernandez

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

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

## 10. ACTIONS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

**A. Consideration of Purchase of UV Lamps for the Trojan UV Treatment System Located at the District’s BPOU Groundwater Treatment Facility.**

Mr. Ortiz presented the staff memo to the Board and discussed the purchase of UV Lamps to replace Lamps on the BPOU Trojan UV Treatment System.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Purchase UV Lamps from Trojan Technologies for a Price of \$53,810.07.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Vice President Rojas

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

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

**B. Approval of Attendance of Upcoming Conferences and Meetings.**

Mrs. Herrera presented the Conference and Events Schedule for 2023 for Board approval.

Motion: Approve the 2023 Upcoming Conferences and Meetings.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Escalera

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

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

**C. Authorization of Annual Audit by Fedak & Brown LLP for the District’s Financial Statements for Year Ending December 31, 2022.**

Mrs. Herrera explained the benefits of entering into an agreement with Fedak & Brown LLP to perform the District’s annual audit.

Motion: Authorize Fedak & Brown LLP to Perform the 2022 Financial Audit.

1st: Vice President Rojas

2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

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

Mr. Zampiello updated the Board on the current water levels and projects.

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

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

## **12. TREATMENT AND SUPPLY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Ortiz updated the Board on water quality, compliance, and operations.

Motion: Receive and File the Treatment and Supply Superintendent’s Report.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

## **13. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Frausto reported on the current rain fall and snowpack report. He also reported that La Puente Valley Water did receive funding from the Water Quality Authority.

## **14. OTHER ITEMS**

### **A. Upcoming Events**

None

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

Included in Board Packet

## **15. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ciampa also reported to on the snowfall and reported that Legislature is back in session.

## **16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

### **A. Reports on Events Attended.**

President Rojas stated that he attended the Board Oversight meeting on January 09, 2023.

### **B. Other Comments**

Director Escalera thanked Vice President Rojas on a fine job as President for the past 2 years. He also stated that he would like to close the meeting in memory of Mr. William ‘Bill’ Klinakis. He was a contractor for the city of La Puente for many years and was also involved with the community.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**18. CLOSED SESSION – Entered at 6:22 p.m.**

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators – Board of Directors  
Unrepresented employee: General Manager.

**19. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - 6:43 p.m.**

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.

**20. ACTION ITEM**

- A. **Consideration and possible approval of amendments to General Manager’s Employment Contract.**

After much discussion among the Board Members, Director Argudo made a motion.

District Attorney, Jim Ciampa, reiterated the motion made by Director Argudo.

Motion: To provide a 10% salary increase to the General Manager effective immediately, to direct staff to look at Social Security contributions, the deferred compensation plan aspect, and the extension of the contract term for a period to be brought back to the Board at a later date.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Vice President Rojas

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

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

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

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Henry P. Hernandez, President

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Roy Frausto, Secretary