



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
FOR MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023, AT 4:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Hernandez led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Hernandez	Vice President Rojas	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Escalera
Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**Staff and Counsel:** General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Customer Service & Accounting Supervisor, Shaunte Maldonado; Customer Service and Accounting Clerk II, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello; and Water Treatment & Supply Superintendent, Cesar Ortiz all present. District Counsel, Thomas Bunn, present via conference call.

**Public:** None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments from the public.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: Vice President Rojas

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

2nd: Director Barajas

	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Escalera</b>
<b>Vote</b>	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 April 30, 2023.

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 April 30, 2023.

1st: Vice President Rojas

2nd: President Hernandez

	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Escalera</b>
<b>Vote</b>	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 April 30, 2023.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of April 30, 2023.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District's Revenue and Expenses as of April 30, 2023.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

### C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities' Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of April 30, 2023.

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 April 30, 2023.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Vice President Rojas

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

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

**8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Consideration of Lease of Main San Gabriel Basin Production Rights from Mary K. Partridge.**

Mr. Frausto discussed leasing groundwater from Ms. Mary K. Partridge early for the 2023-24 year.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Lease 335.39 Acre-Feet of 23-24 Main San Gabriel Basin Production Rights from Mary K. Partridge.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: Director Barajas

	<b>Hernandez</b>	<b>Rojas</b>	<b>Argudo</b>	<b>Barajas</b>	<b>Escalera</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 Job Description and Salary Range for the Human Resources Coordinator / Administrative Assistant Position.**

Mr. Frausto directed the Board to the staff report PowerPoint and discussed the necessity for a Human Resource / Administrative Assistant.

Motion: Approve the Proposed Job Description and Salary Range for the Human Resources Coordinator / Administrative Assistant Position.

1st: Director Barajas

2nd: Vice President Rojas

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

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

**C. Consideration of Investments of the District’s Reserve Funds.**

Mr. Frausto discussed the benefits of transferring the District’s funds to the LAIF account to potentially earn passive income.

Motion: Approve the Transfer of \$1,275000 from the Districts Checking Account to the Districts Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

**D. Consideration of Proposal from Evoqua Water Technologies for Single Pass Ion Exchange Resin Replacement Services.**

Mr. Ortiz provided a summary of the staff report regarding securing the contract with Evoqua Water for Single Pass Ion Exchange Resin Replacement Service.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Evoqua Water Technologies for Single Pass Ion Exchange Resin Replacement Services for \$135,414.74

1st: Vice President Rojas

2nd: President Hernandez

	Hernandez	Rojas	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
<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 Award of Contract to RC Foster Corporation for the Construction of the 111 Hudson PVOU Interconnection.**

Mr. Frausto discussed the different proposals received and the best contractor for the District in handling the PVOU IZ interconnection.

Motion: Award Contract to RC Foster Corporation for the Amount of \$286,618. In addition, authorize a 10% contingency amount of \$28,661.80 for the construction contract.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

**F. Consideration of Donation of Water to the La Puente Community Foundation.**

Mr. Frausto discussed periodically donating water to the various programs supported by La Puente Community foundation.

Motion: Donate Water to the La Puente Community Foundation.

1st: Director Barajas

2nd: Vice President Rojas

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

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

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

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

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

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Hernandez

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

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

**10. 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

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

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

**11. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Frausto reported on the Baldwin Park Key Well, an increase in Watermaster Administrative fees and Phase 1 of the Recycled Water Project. He also reported that Distribution Supervisor, Keith Bowman, has been with the District for 23 years.

**12. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. Upcoming Events**

Mr. Frausto announced the upcoming events if any of the Board Members were interested in attending.

**B. Information Items.**

Included in Board Packet.

**13. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS**

Mr. Thomas Bunn said he had nothing to report.

**14. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**A. Report on Events Attended.**

President Hernandez and Director Escalera both reported that they attended two events: (1) ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey and (2) SGVWA Breakfast  
Vice President Rojas reported that he attended one event (1) SGVWA Breakfast.

**B. Other Comments.**

Director Barajas wanted to say that the students at La Puente High School and Frankie are doing a fine job painting the mural.

**15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Attest:

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Henry P. Hernandez, President

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Roy Frausto, Secretary