



**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, AT 4:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

*Director Argudo arrived to the meeting at 4:33 pm.*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

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	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Adopt Consent Calendar as Presented.

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	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 September 30, 2023.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the balances in each account and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.

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	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 September 30, 2023.

During this item, Director Argudo arrived to the meeting at 4:33 pm.

Ms. Maldonado provided a summary of the Districts Revenue and Expenses and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.

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, 0 Absent

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

Ms. Maldonado provided a summary of Industry's Revenue and Expenses and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Argudo

	<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, 0 Absent

**8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Consideration of Letter of Support for Mrs. Valerie Munoz on the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.**

Mr. Frausto noted that he met with Valerie Munoz, and she kindly asked if the Board could provide a letter of support to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.

Motion: Sign and Send the Letter of Support for Mrs. Valerie Munoz.

1st: Director Argudo

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, 0 Absent

**B. Consideration to Cancel the November 27, 2023, Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

Mr. Frausto suggested the cancellation of November 27, 2023, as the thanksgiving holiday is that weekend, along with the ACWA Fall Conference.

Motion: Cancel the November 27, 2023 Regular Board of Directors Meeting

1st: President Hernandez

2nd: Director Argudo

	<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, 0 Absent

**C. Consideration of Proposal from Civiltec Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Design of the Salt Lake Waterline Extension Project for the Industry Public Utilities (IPU) Waterworks System.**

Mr. Frausto went over the design of the Salt Lake Waterline Extension Project and his conversation with the City of Industry staff. Mr. Frausto proceeded to show the bids which showed Civiltec as the lowest bidder.

Director Argudo asked the clarifying question if all firms were provided with the same scope of work, to which Mr. Frausto stated yes.

Motion: Ratify Authorization of the General Manager to Secure Professional Engineering Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$58,900 from Civiltec Engineering, Inc.

1st: Director Argudo

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, 0 Absent

**D. Consideration to Complete and Mail a Notice of Intention to Opt-Out of the 3M and DuPont PFAS Settlement.**

Mr. Frausto noted that since the District has not been impacted by PFAS, it is recommend that the District opt out of the settlement agreement which allows us to be open to any future damages if the District ever incurs any damages. Mr. Ciampa also provided some guidance.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Work with District Counsel to Prepare a Written Notice to Opt-Out of the 3M and DuPont PFAS Settlement.

1st: Director Argudo

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, 0 Absent

**E. Consideration of Funding the District’s Internship Program.**

Mr. Frausto spoke to the success of the City of La Puente’s internship program and noted that it is coming to an end and suggested that the District fund the program for an additional six months, with hopes that the City of La Puente will have future funding.

Motion: Fund the Internship Program, as Recommended.

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, 0 Absent

**F. Discussion Regarding a 9/80 Schedule.**

Ms. Padilla gave a brief overview of the results for the 9/80 vote from staff and let the Board know that this item would come back for a formal vote. There was discussion only and no vote was taken.

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

Mr. Frausto presented on behalf of Mr. Zampiello and gave a summary on the recycled water projects and an update on the nitrate system.

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Vice President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	<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, 0 Absent

**10. TREATMENT AND SUPPLY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Ortiz summarized his report and gave a brief update on PVOU IZ & SZ and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.  
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, 0 Absent

## **11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Padilla went over social media analytics, upcoming events and the attendance of staff at past events and was available for any questions.

## **12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Frausto provided a summary to the Board on various topics, including Baldwin Park key well, PVOU IZ & SZ budget, amongst other topics, and gave a summary of his October activities.

## **13. OTHER ITEMS**

### **A. Upcoming Events.**

Ms. Padilla went over the upcoming events and verified the attendance of the Board to these events.

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

Included in the Board Packet.

## **14. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

None

## **15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

### **A. Report on Events Attended.**

President Hernandez and Director Escalera reported their attendance at SGVWA Meeting for Grace Napolitano and the AWWA Fall Conference. Vice President Rojas reported on his attendance at the AWWA Fall Conference.

### **B. Other Comments.**

None.

## **16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

President Henry P. Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 5:07 pm.

Attest:

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Henry P. Hernandez, Board President

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Roy Frausto, Board Secretary