



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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

Director Barajas entered the meeting at approximately 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call took place before oath of office.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Frausto administered the Oath of Office to Directors’ Cesar J. Barajas, John P. Escalera, and Henry P. Hernandez.

5. 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

Director Barajas entered the meeting at approximately 5:32 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Customer Service and Accounting Clerk, Vanessa Koyama; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello; Water Treatment & Supply Superintendent, Cesar Ortiz; Lead Customer Service & Accounting Clerk, Shaunte Maldonado and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa all present via teleconference.

Public: Gilbert Navarrete-Godoy was present via teleconference.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the Public.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Barajas

	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.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approval of Consent Calendar as presented.

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.

Director Argudo entered the meeting at approximately 5:42 p.m.

9. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Annual Cost of Living Adjustment for District Employees for an Effective Date of January 1, 2023.

Mr. Frausto recommended a 5% cost of living adjustment for staff for 2023.

Motion: Approve the recommended 5% Annual Cost of Living Adjustment for District Employees for an Effective Date of January 1, 2023.

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.

B. Review and Approval of the Proposed District Budget for Period Ending December 31, 2023.

Mr. Frausto gave an overview of the upcoming capital improvements and proposed budget.

Motion: Approve the Proposed District Budget for Period Ending December 31, 2023.

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. Approval of the 2023 Salary Schedule for an Effective Date of January 1, 2023.

Mr. Frausto discussed the proposed 2023 Salary Schedule.

Motion: Approve the 2023 Salary Schedule for an Effective Date of January 1, 2023.

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.

D. Consideration of Change Order No. 1 from W.A. Rasic Construction for Construction of the Nitrate Treatment System Project.

Mr. Frausto explained the needed change for additional work to the Nitrate Treatment System Project.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Approve Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with W.A. Rasic Construction to construct a peroxide containment system and fence relocation for the Nitrate Treatment System for an amount of \$41,953.

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.

10. 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 Operations and Maintenance Superintendent’s Report.

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.

11. 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: Director Escalera

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.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Frausto informed the Board of the status of the latest rainfall and WQA funding.

13. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events

B. Information Items

Recognition Awards Were Acknowledged.

14. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa said that he enjoyed the District's Christmas Luncheon and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

15. CLOSED SESSION

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended

Director Escalera reported that he attended 1 event: (1) Christmas luncheon at SCWUA.

Director Hernandez reported that he attended 1 event: (1) Christmas luncheon at SCWUA.

B. Other Comments

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

18. ADJOURNMENT

President Rojas adjourned the meeting at 6: 15 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Rojas, President

Roy Frausto, Secretary