



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023, AT 5:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 Via Teleconference	Absent	Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference	Present Via Teleconference

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**Staff and Counsel:** General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Office Manager, Gina Herrera; 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:** Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Munoz.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Munoz spoke about the funds received and the 2023 reorganization of the Water Quality Authority.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Adopt Agenda as Presented.

1st: Director Escalera

2nd: President Hernandez

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

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

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Approve the Consent Calendar as Presented.

1st: President Hernandez  
 2nd: Director Barajas

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

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

Director Argudo logged back into Zoom at approximately 5:37 p.m.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**A. Summary of the District’s Cash and Investments as of December 31, 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 December 31, 2022.

1st: President Hernandez  
 2nd: Director Barajas

	Hernandez	Rojas	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Absent	Yes	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 December 31, 2022.**

Mrs. Herrera provided a summary of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the District as of December 31, 2022.

Motion: Receive and File the Statement of the District’s Revenue and Expenses as of December 31, 2022.

1st: President Hernandez  
 2nd: Director Barajas

	Hernandez	Rojas	Argudo	Barajas	Escalera
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Absent	Yes	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 December 31, 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 Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations’ Revenue and Expenses as of December 31, 2022.

1st: President Hernandez  
 2nd: Director Escalera

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

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

**8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Discussion of Internship Partnership with America’s Job Center of California.**

Mr. Frausto proposed the possible internship opportunities for job training at La Puente Valley County Water District available through America’s Job Center of California.

Director Argudo recused himself from the discussion.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a work site agreement with American Job Center of California.

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	Absent	Abstain	Yes	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of: 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent.

Vice President Rojas entered the meeting at approximately 5:53 p.m.

**B. Consideration of Possible Approval of Amendments to General Manager’s Employment Contract.**

Mr. Frausto provided the Board with additional information to the General Manager’s Employment Contract.

Motion: Authorize a 5-year extension to the General Manager s Contract.

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	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**C. Discussion of Brown Act Issues Regarding Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors.**

Mr. Ciampa updated the Board about AB361 and stated that it will be coming to an end at the end of February and remote meetings will go away without compliance, or the prior Brown Act Requirements.

Discussion only.

**D. Consideration of Proposal from NBS to Perform a Comprehensive Water Rate and Fee Study.**

Mr. Frausto referred to the staff report and discussed the proposal given by NBS to complete a water rate and fee study.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with NBS to perform a Comprehensive Water Rate and Fee Study for an Amount of \$45,990; and appropriate an additional \$5,000 as contingency for additional work that may be required in association with the water rate and fee study.

1st: President Hernandez  
2nd: Director Escalera

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

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

**9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

No Report.

**10. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. Upcoming Events**

Mrs. Herrera discussed upcoming events with the Board.

**B. Information Items.**

Included in Board Packet.

**11. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ciampa stated that his associate, Mr. Miller, is working on the license agreement with the City of La Puente regarding the mural that was discussed at the last board meeting.

**12. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**A. Report on Events Attended.**

None

**B. Other Comments.**

No Comments.

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Attest:

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Henry P. Hernandez, President

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Roy Frausto, Secretary