



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024, AT 4:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rojas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; HR Coordinator/Admin Assistant, Angelina Padilla; Operations & Maintenance Superintendent, Paul Zampiello; Water Treatment & Supply Superintendent, Cesar Ortiz; and District Counsel, James Ciampa were present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident, Georgene Navarrete, was in attendance along with Dr. Shope, who gave a presentation.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda as presented.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Adopt Consent Calendar as Presented

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District’s Cash and Investments as of March 31, 2024.

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

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Vice President Escalera

2nd: Director Argudo

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Statement of District’s Revenue and Expenses as of March 31, 2024.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the District’s revenue and expenses and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: President Rojas

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	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 March 31, 2024.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of IPU’s revenue and expenses and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: President Rojas

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	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 Lease of Main San Gabriel Basin Production Rights from Valley County Water District.

Mr. Frausto provided an overview of the staff report and highlighted that leasing the water is a cost saving to the District.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Lease 600 Acre-Feet of 23-24 Main San Gabriel Basin Water Production Rights from Valley County Water District.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: President Rojas

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. Consideration to Lease 300 Acre-Feet of Main San Gabriel Groundwater Production Rights to the Industry Public Utilities.

Mr. Frausto provided an overview of the staff report and highlighted that out of the 600 Acre-Feet leased from Valley County Water District, 300 Acre-Feet would then be subleased to the City of Industry.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Industry Public Utilities for 300 Acre-Feet of 2023-24 Main San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Production Rights.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

C. Consideration of Sponsorship of EcoVoices Water Education Programs.

Mr. Frausto introduced Dr. Shope to the Board, noting that he has previously worked with the District to educate schools within the District's service area about its functions. Dr. Shope then gave a brief presentation, outlining his program and explaining his methods.

Director Argudo made a motion to request that the Board consider sponsoring Dr. Shope at his original requested amount of \$4,500 and to direct staff to work with him for the 100-year event.

Motion: Authorize Sponsorship of EcoVoices Water Education Programs up to an Amount of \$4,500 and Direct Staff to Work with Dr. Shope for the 100-year Event.

1st: Director Argudo
2nd: President Rojas

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

D. Consideration to Cancel the May 27, 2024, Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Mr. Frausto asked the Board to consider cancelling the regularly scheduled board meeting due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Motion: Cancel the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting of May 27, 2024.

1st: Director Barajas
2nd: Director Argudo

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

E. Special District Leadership Foundation - Transparency Certificate of Excellence Approved.

Ms. Padilla notified the Board that the District has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence for being fully transparent as well as open and accessible to the public and other stakeholders.

Motion: Receive and File
1st: President Rojas
2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

9. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zampielo summarized his report, highlighting the well levels and the completion of the nitrate system. He also presented the Board with pictures of the valve lid replacement project.

Motion: Receive and File
1st: Vice President Escalera
2nd: President Rojas

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	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 highlighted that PVOU IZ-2 started rehab, and that the

electrical work for the RO system will be starting soon.

Motion: Receive and File

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Rojas	Vice President Escalera	Director Argudo	Director Barajas	Director Hernandez
Vote	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 upcoming staff participation events and notified the Board of social media and website updates.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Frausto provided a summary to the Board on various topics, including the Baldwin Park key well, rainfall, the nitrate treatment system and notified the Board that Mary K. Patridge unfortunately passed away in January but hopes that we can continue to work with her son. He also congratulated Keith Bowman on 24 years of service.

13. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events.

Ms. Padilla went over the upcoming events and confirmed the Board's attendance to these events.

B. Information Items.

None.

14. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa noted that the ACWA conference had great informational panels and overall was a good conference.

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

President Rojas, Vice President Escalera, Director Hernandez and Director Argudo reported their attendance to the ACWA conference.

B. Other Comments.

None.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President William R. Rojas adjourned the meeting at 5:17 pm, in memory of lifelong resident, Judy Perez.

Attest:

William Rojas, Board President

Roy Frausto, Board Secretary