



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025, 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	Absent	Present	Present

Director Argudo was not present during roll call and arrived at the meeting at 4:33 pm.

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Customer Service & Accounting Supervisor, Shaunte Maldonado, 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 Navarete was in attendance but did not make any comments.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

6. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. President

President Rojas nominated Vice President Escalera for the position of Board President; with no other nominations, President Rojas made the motion to elect Vice President Escalera to serve as President of the Board.

1st: President Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

B. Vice President

President Escalera nominated Director Barajas for the position of Vice President; with no other nominations, President Escalera made the motion to elect Director Barajas to serve as Vice President of the Board.

1st: President Escalera

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approval of Consent Calendar

1st: President Escalera

2nd: Director Rojas

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

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District’s Cash and Investments as of November 30, 2024.

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

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	President Escalera	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Hernandez	Director Rojas
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 November 30, 2024.

Ms. Maldonado provided a summary of the District’s revenues and expenses and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Vice President Barajas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Escalera	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Hernandez	Director Rojas
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 November 30, 2024.

Ms. Maldonado provided a summary of IPU’s revenues and expenses and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: President Escalera

2nd: Director Argudo

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

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

D. Summary of the District’s Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2024.

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

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

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

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

E. Statement of District’s Revenue and Expenses as of December 31, 2024.

Ms. Maldonado provided a summary of IPU’s revenues and expenses and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: President Escalera

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

F. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of December 31, 2024.

Ms. Maldonado provided a summary of IPU’s revenues and expenses and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Vice President Barajas

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

9. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approval of Attendance to Upcoming Conferences and Events.

Ms. Padilla presented the staff report on this item and was available for any questions.

Motion: Approve Attendance to Upcoming Conferences and Events.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Vice President Barajas

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

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

B. Approval of the Destruction of Records in Accordance with the Districts Record Retention Policy

Ms. Padilla presented the staff report on this item and was available for any questions.

Motion: Approve List of Records for Destruction.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

C. Approval of Fourth Amendment to the General Managers Contract

Mr. Frausto presented his contract to the Board, as previously negotiated at the 12/9/24 meeting.

Motion: Approve the Fourth Amendment to the General Managers Contract.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

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

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

D. Consideration of Award of Contract to WA Rasic for the Replacement of Two (2) PVOU-IZ Well Vault Lids.

Mr. Frausto presented the staff report on this item and was available for any questions.

Motion: Award Contract to WA Rasic and Authorize the General Manager a 10% Contingency Contract Amount

1st: Vice President Barajas

2nd: Director Argudo

	President Escalera	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Hernandez	Director Rojas
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. Zampielo presented his staff report and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Escalera	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Hernandez	Director Rojas
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 presented his staff report and was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Vice President Barajas

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

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Ms. Padilla went over Board reminders, public communication, and updates to social media and the website and was available for any questions.

13. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto presented his report and was available for any questions.

14. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events

Now that the list of events have been approved, the upcoming events list will be on the subsequent Board meetings agendas.

B. Information Items

Attached in the Board Packet.

15. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa provided a wildfire update, shared legislative updates, and informed the Board of scheduling conflicts for upcoming meetings.

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended

Mr. Rojas reported on his attendance to the Los Angeles County First District Consolidated Oversight Board (LACOB) Meeting.

Mr. Escalera reported on his attendance to the Southern California Water Utilities Association Monthly Luncheon.

Mr. Escalera also thanked the Board for nominating him as President.

B. Other Comments

None.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

President John P. Escalera adjourned the meeting at 5:18pm.

Attest:

John P. Escalera, Board President

Roy Frausto, Board Secretary