



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT 112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025, AT 4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Escalera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Customer Service & Accounting Supervisor, Shaunte Maldonado, HR Coordinator/Admin Assistant, Angelina Padilla; Water Treatment & Supply Superintendent, Cesar Ortiz; and District Counsel, James Ciampa were present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Valerie Munoz, Water Quality Authority Representative and Mayor of the City of La Puente, made a brief comment greeting the Board.

Resident, Georgene Navarrete, was in attendance but did not make a comment.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

	President Escalera	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Hernandez	Director Rojas
Vote	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 February 28, 2025.

Mr. Frausto provided a summary of the balances in each account 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.

B. Statement of District's Revenue and Expenses as of February 28, 2025.

Ms. Maldonado provided a summary of the District's revenues and expenses 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.

C. Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water Operations Revenue and Expenses as of February 28, 2025.

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Director 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

8. PRESENTATION – WATER SYSTEM PREPAREDNESS AND RELIABILITY

Mr. Roy Frausto presented a water system preparedness and reliability PowerPoint presentation to the Board and discussed the actions the District is taking to stay resilient in disasters.

9. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration of an Increase to the Board of Directors' Per Day of Service Compensation.

The Board was presented the ordinance that increases their per diem each year by 5%. As there were no objections, the increase will take effect automatically, and no motion was required.

B. Consideration of Sponsorship Request from La Puente Women's Club.

The Board was briefed on information submitted by the La Puente Women's Club, included in the Board packet, regarding their sponsorship request. After some discussion, the Board felt the request lacked clarity and raised unanswered questions, as representatives from the Women's Club were not present to provide further details. Director Rojas made a motion to deny the request, which was seconded by Director Escalera. The vote was as follows:

Motion: Deny Request

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Escalera

	President Escalera	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Hernandez	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

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

Director Argudo made a sub motion to reconsider the request, and table it to the next meeting, seconded by Vice President Barajas the vote was as follows:

Motion: Reconsider the Request, and Table it to the Next Meeting

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Escalera

	President Escalera	Vice President Barajas	Director Argudo	Director Hernandez	Director Rojas
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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

C. Consideration of Sponsorship Request from La Puente Little League – Padres Team.

The Board was briefed on information submitted by the La Puente Little League – Padres, included in the Board packet, regarding their sponsorship request. The Board discussed, and ultimately came to the conclusion that the request didn't align with the District's Sponsorship Policy.

Motion: Deny Request

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: President Escalera

	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 Maintenance Contract from Wigen Water Technologies for the PVOU-IZ and PVOU-SZ.

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Approve the Quarterly Service Contract Visits for the IZ and SZ Treatment Facilities.

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

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

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Industry Public Utilities for 300 Acre-Feet of 2024-25 Main San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Production Rights.

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

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Frausto briefed the Board on an incident that occurred at the PVOU site. He also gave a brief update on some legislative bills that pertain to the Water Industry.

11. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events

Ms. Padilla went over upcoming events.

B. Information Items

None.

12. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa notified the Board that he will not be at the Board meetings for the next 3 months and Mr. Reed Miller will attend in his place.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended

None.

B. Other Comments

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into closed session at 5:25 pm to discuss the following items:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant Subdivision (D)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]:

IN RE: AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAMS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION, U.S. Multi-District Litigation,

U.S. District for the District of South Carolina, MDL No. 2873

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mr. Ciampa provided the following report for Item 14a, stating that the Board voted 4 in favor, with Director Argudo recusing himself from the decision. The Board voted to accept the claim, refer the claimant to the District's insurance provider, ACWA JPIA, and directed legal counsel to provide notice of the action taken.

Mr. Ciampa gave the following report for Item 14b, stating that the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances and no reportable action was taken.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President John P. Escalera adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Attest:

John P. Escalera, Board President

Roy Frausto, Board Secretary