



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT 112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA MONDAY, APRIL 14, 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; and District Counsel, Reid Miller were present.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents, Georgene Navarrete and Martha Rodriguez were in attendance but did not make any comments.

#### 5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt Agenda

1st: President Escalera

2nd: Director Rojas

	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

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

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

## 7. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Tabled Item – Reconsideration of Sponsorship Request from La Puente Women’s Club

The Board was briefed on the sponsorship request submitted by the Women’s Club, with representative Martha Rodriguez in attendance to provide additional information. The Board discussed the appropriate funding amount, noting that the initial request of \$6,000 would significantly impact the overall sponsorship budget. Following further discussion, including input from legal counsel, Director Argudo made the following motion:

Motion: Under the policy, \$1,000 would be allocated as a contribution toward the purchase of a waterless tank heater, with the understanding that the District will enter into an agreement with the organization specifying the use of the funds for that purpose. The motion also directed the General Manager to place an item on a future agenda to revise the sponsorship policy to allow such decisions to be delegated to the General Manager.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Director Rojas

	<b>President Escalera</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

### B. Consideration of Sponsorship Request from Industry Sherriff’s Station – Youth Activities League.

The Board was briefed on the sponsorship request submitted by Industry Sherriff’s Station. The Board had some questions and discussion ensued. Director Argudo made the following motion:

Motion: Approve the donation of water with a not to exceed amount of \$350.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Vice President Barajas

	<b>President Escalera</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

### C. Consideration of Sponsorship Request from La Puente Kiwanis Club.

The Board was briefed on the sponsorship request from the La Puente Kiwanis Club, and representative Georgene Navarrete provided additional comments. She expressed interest in

establishing a partnership or membership with the District. Staff will follow up with the Kiwanis Club to explore opportunities for further collaboration.

No motion was taken.

**D. Consideration of Lease of Main San Gabriel Basin Production Rights from Mrs. Sieglinde A. Tate**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Lease 46.82 Acre-Feet of 24-25 Main San Gabriel Basin Water Production Rights from Mrs. Sieglinde Tate for the Amount of \$43,245.29

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Argudo

	<b>President Escalera</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**8. OPERATIONS AND TREATMENT REPORT**

In the absence of Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Frausto presented the report and provided a brief overview, highlighting key items. He was available for any questions.

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Vice President Barajas

	<b>President Escalera</b>	<b>Vice President Barajas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Padilla went over her report and was available for any questions.

**10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Frausto went over his report and was available for any questions.

**11. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. Upcoming Events.**

Ms. Padilla went over upcoming events with the Board.

**B. Information Items.**

None.

**12. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

None.

### **13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

#### **A. Report on Events Attended.**

President Escalera and Director Hernandez reported on their attendance to the Water Conference of the West.

#### **B. Other Comments**

None.

### **14. CLOSED SESSION**

**The Board recessed into closed session 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

### **15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Mr. Miller 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.

### **16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **17. ADJOURNMENT**

President John P. Escalera adjourned the meeting at 5:38 pm.

Attest:

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John P. Escalera, Board President

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Roy Frausto, Board Secretary