



## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA  
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025, AT 4:30 PM**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Barajas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

*Director Argudo was not present during Roll Call but arrived at the meeting at 4:31pm.*

### OTHERS PRESENT

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

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident, Georgene Navarrete was in attendance and commented that she was happy to see the District participate in City of La Puente's Concerts in the Park and commended the District on their community engagement.

### 5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt the Agenda

1st: Director Rojas

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

## 6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar

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> | Absent                    | Yes                           | Absent                 | Yes                       | Yes                   |

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

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### A. Summary of the District's Cash and Investments as of June 30, 2025.

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

|             | <b>President Escalera</b> | <b>Vice President Barajas</b> | <b>Director Argudo</b> | <b>Director Hernandez</b> | <b>Director Rojas</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Vote</b> | Absent                    | Yes                           | 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 June 30, 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 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> | Absent                    | Yes                           | 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 June 30, 2025.

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

Motion: Receive and File

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> | Absent                    | Yes                           | Yes                    | Yes                       | Yes                   |

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

## 8. PRESENTATION BY C.J BROWN & COMPANY, CPA'S OF THE DISTRICT'S 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Chris Brown from C.J Brown & Company presented on the District's 2024 audited financial report and was available for any questions.

## 9. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Acceptance of the District's 2024 Audited Financial Report.

Mr. Brown noted that the District's 2024 Audit went well, and the District received an Unmodified "CLEAN" Opinion.

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Vice President Barajas

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

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

### B. Discussion Regarding ACWA Board of Directors' Election for President and Vice President.

Mr. Frausto presented the staff report for this item. The Board directed the General Manager to vote as presented for Ernesto Avila as President, and Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady as Vice President.

Motion: Direct General Manager to vote on behalf of the Board.

1st: Director Argudo

2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

## 10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Frausto notified the Board of the Golden Mussel issue arising in the State Water Project water delivery system 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

None.

**B. Other Comments**

Director Rojas commended staff of a clean audit for 2024.

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Barajas adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.

Attest:

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Cesar Barajas, Vice Board President

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Roy Frausto, Board Secretary