MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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	Absent	Present	Present	Absent

OTHERS PRESENT
Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; Operations & Treatment Superintendent, Cesar Oritz; Customer Service & Accounting Supervisor, Shaunte Maldonado; HR Coordinator/Admin Assistant, Angelina Padilla; Distribution Supervisor, Miguel Molina; and District Counsel, Reid Miller was present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident and Kiwanis member, Georgene Navarrete, expressed appreciation to the District for donating to their Annual Gala to support scholarship funding.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt the Agenda
1st: Director Argudo
2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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 Argudo
2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

7. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Consideration of Proposal for Replacement of Single Pass Ion Exchange Pre-Filters.**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Purchase the SPIX Pre-Filters from Harrington Industrial Plastics.
1st: Director Argudo
2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

B. **Consideration of Proposal from Karbonous to Perform LGAC Carbon Change-Out Services for the PVOU-IZ Treatment Facility.**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into an Agreement with Karbonous.
1st: Director Argudo
2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

C. **Consideration of Proposal from Global Urban Strategies, Inc. for Grant Writing and Research Services.**

Mr. Frausto presented the staff report on this item and was available to answer any questions. Director Argudo recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and opted to err on the side of caution. As a result, this item will be presented at the next meeting due to lack of quorum. No vote was taken.

D. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2025-01 Updating the Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service.**

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

Motion: Consider the Introduction of Ordinance 2025-01 and Direct Staff to Proceed with Publication of the Ordinance in Advance of the October 27, 2025, Public Hearing to Consider Approval of the Ordinance
1st: Director Argudo
2nd: Director Hernandez

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

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

8. OPERATIONS AND TREATMENT REPORT

Mr. Ortiz presented the staff report on this item and Mr. Molina presented the distribution activities for the month of September. They were both 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	Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

11. OTHER ITEMS

A. **Upcoming Events.**

Ms. Padilla went over the upcoming conferences with the Board.

B. **Information Items.**

None.

12. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Miller gave an update on SB 707 and was available for any questions

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. **Report on Events Attended.**

Director Hernandez and Director Escalera reported on their attendance to the WaterSmart Innovations Conference in Reno, Nevada.

B. **Other Comments.**

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into closed session at 5:04 pm to discuss the following items:

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Negotiator: General Manager
Party: City of Industry

Property: Vacant property to east of Hacienda Blvd., south of Mayor Dave Way and west/northwest of Rausch Road
Under Negotiation: Price and Payment Terms

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Board reconvened at 5:20 pm and Mr. Miller made the following closed session report; no reportable action taken.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Escalera adjourned the meeting at 5:21 pm.

Attest:

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John P. Escalera, Board President	Roy Frausto, Board Secretary