



## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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, but entered the meeting at 4:32pm.*

**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, Reid Miller was present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**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. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING WATER SERVICE**

**A. Open Public Hearing**

President Escalera opened the Public Hearing at 4:31 pm.

**B. Staff Presentation**

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

**C. Public Comments**

No members of the public were present, therefore no public comments were made during this period.

**D. Close Public Hearing**

Director Escalera closed the Public Hearing at 4:33pm.

**E. Consideration of Approval and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-01 Updating the Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service**

Motion: Approve and Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-01

1st: Vice President Barajas

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	Abstain	Yes	Yes

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

**7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar

1st: President Escalera

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. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**A. Summary of the District's Cash and Investments as of September 30, 2025.**

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

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Vice President Barajas

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.

**B. Statement of District's Revenue and Expenses as of September 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>	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 September 30, 2025.**

Ms. Maldonado provided a summary of 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>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**9. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Mr. Frausto presented the staff report for this item and was available for any questions. Director Argudo recused himself from the discussion and vote due to potential conflict of interest.

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Global Urban Strategies, Inc.

1st: Vice President Barajas

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	<i>Recused</i>	Yes	Yes

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

**B. Consideration of the Proposal from Wigen Water Technologies (WWT) for the Removal and Installation of Newly Procured RO Membranes.**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to proceed with Wigen Water Technologies for removal and installation of membranes for the Shallow Zone – South Treatment Systems

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 Proposal from Karbonous for the Replacement of (3) 5,000 lbs. liquid-phase granular activated carbon (LGAC) Vessels for the Shallow Zone Treatment System.**

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 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.

**10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Frausto provided an update on the Golden Mussel issue. Director Argudo requested additional clarification regarding the agreement with Los Angeles County and asked that the related documents be provided by the General Manager. Mr. Frausto stated he would verify whether copies of the documents are available.

**11. OTHER ITEMS**

A. **Upcoming Events**

Ms. Padilla went over the upcoming events with the Board and confirmed their attendance to these events.

B. **Information Items**

None.

**12. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

None.

**13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

A. **Report on Events Attended**

Vice President Barajas reported on his attendance to the Watersmart Conference.

B. **Other Comments**

None.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**The Board recessed into closed session at 5:02 pm to discuss the following item:**

- 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**

The Board reconvened at 5:04 pm and Mr. Miller made the following closed session report; the Board voted 5-0 to accept the property damage portion of the claim and to reject the personal injury portion of the claim.

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

President Escalera adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Attest:

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John P. Escalera, Board President

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Roy Frausto, Board Secretary