



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026, AT 4:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Barajas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Director Argudo was not present during roll call but joined the meeting at 4:32pm.

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, Jim Ciampa were present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

WQA Representative Valerie Munoz was present, greeted the Board, and expressed her support for the District.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Adopt the Agenda.

1st: Barajas

2nd: Rojas

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar.

1st: Barajas

2nd: Rojas

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

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Summary of the District's Cash and Investments as of February 28, 2026.

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

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Escalera

2nd: Argudo

	President Barajas	Vice President Hernandez	Director Rojas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera
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, 2026

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

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Barajas

2nd: Argudo

	President Barajas	Vice President Hernandez	Director Rojas	Director Argudo	Director Escalera
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, 2026.

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

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Argudo

2nd: Hernandez

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

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

8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Installation and Programming of a New VFD-1001A for the Puente Valley Operable Unit Intermediate Zone (PVOU-IZ).

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to proceed with awarding the installation and programming of a new VFD to restore operation of the Raw Water Booster Pump (P-1001A).
 1st: Argudo
 2nd: Hernandez

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

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

B. Authorization of Annual Audit by C.J & Brown Company for the District’s Financial Statements for Year Ending December 31, 2025.

Ms. Maldonado presented the staff report for this item and was available for any questions.
 Motion: Authorize C.J & Brown Company to Perform the 2025 Financial Audit
 1st: Argudo
 2nd: Hernandez

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

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

C. 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.

D. Consideration of Candidates for the Special District LAFCO Representative Voting Member for the Term Expiring May 2030.

The Board was presented with the candidates for the LAFCO voting member position. After review and discussion, the Board agreed to cast its vote for Mr. Robert Lewis and directed staff to submit the ballot accordingly. No motion taken.

9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Frausto gave a brief update on the golden mussel.

10. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events.

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

B. Information Items.

None.

11. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa gave a brief update BPOU negotiations and his attendance for the next few meetings.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. **Report on Events Attended.**

None.

B. **Other Comments.**

None.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Barajas adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Attest:

Cesar J. Barajas, Board President

Roy Frausto, Board Secretary