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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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, and arrived to the meeting at 4:33 pm.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident, Georgene Navarrete, was in attendance but did not make a comment.

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	Absent	Yes

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar.
1st: Barajas
2nd: Hernandez

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

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

7. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Consideration of Lease of Main San Gabriel Basin Production Rights from Azusa Valley Water Company.**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to lease 300 acre-feet of 2025-26 Main San Gabriel Basin Production Rights from Azusa Valley Water Company for an amount of $293,490.
1st: Rojas
2nd: Escalera

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

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

B. **Consideration and Possible Approval of Purchase & Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions with City of Industry for acquisition of Property for New District Office Facility.**

Mr. Frausto presented the staff report on this item. The Board discussed the property acquisition and construction-related considerations and asked several questions which Mr. Frausto addressed. He noted that he would continue discussions with the City of Industry regarding the Board's concerns and would return to the Board if any issues arose.

Mr. Frausto clarified that he was seeking direction to proceed with the property purchase. Director Argudo motioned to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement, with the condition that the closing date be tied to the issuance of the contractor's Notice to Proceed rather than a specific calendar date.

Motion: Approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement, with the condition that the closing date be tied to the issuance of the contractor's Notice to Proceed rather than a specific calendar date.
1st: Argudo
2nd: Barajas

	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. OPERATIONS AND TREATMENT REPORT

Mr. Ortiz presented the treatment activities and Mr. Molina presented the distribution activities. They were both available for 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.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Frausto presented his report 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

None.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. **Report on Events Attended.**

None.

B. **Other Comments.**

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The board recessed into closed session at 5:14 pm to discuss the following items:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))
One Case

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mr. Reid Miller gave the following report: the Board considered the claim filed by Sandro Samano and the Board rejected the claim with a 4-0 vote, with Director Argudo recusing himself, and also providing direction to legal counsel to draft the notice to Sandro Samano.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Barajas adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.

Attest:

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Cesar J. Barajas, Board President

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Roy Frausto, Board Secretary