MINUTES

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

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.3 Director Argudo attended the meeting via Zoom, due to a caregiving family obligation that constitutes just cause. He was not present during roll call but joined the meeting via Zoom at 4:32pm.

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff and Counsel: General Manager & Board Secretary, Roy Frausto; HR Coordinator/Admin Assistant, Angelina Padilla; Customer Service & Accounting Supervisor, Shaunte Maldonado; Compliance/Project Engineer, Alyssa Arana; Operations and Treatment Superintendent, Cesar Ortiz, Distribution Supervisor, Miguel Molina and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa 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. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. **Summary of the District's Cash and Investments as of May 31, 2026.**

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

Motion: Receive and File.
1st: Rojas
2nd: Escalera

	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 May 31, 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: 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. **Statement of the Industry Public Utilities Water System Revenue and Expenses as of May 31, 2026.**

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

Motion: Receive and File.
1st: Escalera
2nd: Rojas

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

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

8. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Architect Consideration of Award of Contract for a Site Plan Assessment & Conceptual Planning Study for the Proposed District Headquarters and Operations/Maintenance Yard.**

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

Argudo made a motion to bring the item back for further discussion; however, the motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion: Authorize the General Manger to enter into an agreement with Practice for Professional Architectural Services Related to the Proposed District Headquarters and Operations/Maintenance Yard, in a not-to-exceed amount of $44,300.00.
1st: Rojas
2nd: Escalera

	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. **Formation of Ad Hoc Committee to Support New Office.**

Mr. Frausto presented this item to the Board. Following discussion, the Board approved the formation of an ad hoc committee consisting of Director Argudo and Director Rojas, with Director Escalera serving as the alternate.

Motion: To Form the ad hoc committee to support new office items with Director Argudo, Director Rojas and Director Escalera as the alternate.
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

C. **Amendment to CalPERS Pension Contract.**

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

Motion: Approve the Resolution of Intention from CalPERS.
1st: Rojas
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

D. **Industry Public Utilities Waterworks System CLASS Account.**

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

Motion: Ratify the General Manager's Authorization to Establish and Fund the Industry Public Utilities Waterworks CLASS account with an Initial Deposit of $1,000,000.00.
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

E. **Pipeline Assessment and Leak Detection of Mainline along Old Valley Blvd.**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Proceed with Echologics and Southwest Valve & Equipment (SVE) for a Pipeline Assessment and Leak Detection of Mainline along Old Valley Blvd to Determine the Recommended Timeframe for Replacement.
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

F. **PVOU Intermediate Zone System – Analyzer Replacement Phase II.**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Proceed with Procurement of the Remaining HACH Water Quality Analyzers and the Associated Electrical Installation, Programming, Startup, and Commissioning Services for the PVOU IZ System.
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

G. **PVOU Shallow Zone-South System – Process Pipe Repair.**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with RC Foster Corporation for the PVOU Shallow Zone South Process Pipe Repair Project.
1st: Rojas
2nd: Escalera

	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. OPERATIONS AND TREATMENT REPORT

Mr. Ortiz presented the treatment activities and Mr. Molina presented the distribution activities for the month of June. They were both available for questions.

Motion: Receive and File.
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

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Frausto presented his report and was available for any questions.

12. OTHER ITEMS

A. **Upcoming Events.**

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

B. **Information Items.**

Included in the Board Packet.

13. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa provided a brief update on BPOU matters and recent legislative developments. He was available for any questions.

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. **Report on Events Attended.**

None.

B. **Other Comments.**

None.

The board recessed into closed session at 5:25pm to discuss the following item:

15. CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE – Government Code section 54957(b)(1)

16. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mr. Ciampa gave the following report; the Board was briefed on the matter, no reportable action taken.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

President Barajas adjourned the meeting at 5:28 pm.

Attest:

Cesar J. Barajas, Board President	Roy Frausto, Board Secretary