



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 and arrived to 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

None.

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 Argudo	Director Rojas	Director Escalera
Vote	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	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 December 31, 2025.

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

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Rojas

2nd: Hernandez

	President Barajas	Vice President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Rojas	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 December 31, 2025.

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

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Escalera

2nd: Barajas

	President Barajas	Vice President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Rojas	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 December 31, 2025.

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

Motion: Receive and File

1st: Rojas

2nd: Argudo

	President Barajas	Vice President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Rojas	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 Supplemental Benefit Plans.

Ms. Padilla presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Board. Director Argudo inquired whether staff had reviewed best practices from other districts and agencies. As this research had not yet been completed and the proposal was presented solely as an employee-funded program, the Board directed staff to survey other water agencies regarding benefits offered to full-time employees and to return with recommendations.

Motion: Direct staff to survey other water agencies regarding benefits offered to full-time employees and to return with recommendations.

1st: Argudo

2nd: Escalera

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

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

B. Consideration of Proposal to Purchase a New Cartridge Filter System at 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 Proceed with the Purchase of a New 316 SS NSF-61 Cartridge Filter System from Harrington Industrial Plastics.

1st: Argudo

2nd: Barajas

	President Barajas	Vice President Hernandez	Director Argudo	Director Rojas	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 Proposal to Install a New Cartridge Filter System at 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 Proceed with Awarding the Installation of a New 316SS NSF-61 Cartridge Filter System to Brkich Construction.

1st: Argudo

2nd: Barajas

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

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

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Frausto gave a verbal report on an MOU update with PVOU and a Golden Mussel update.

10. OTHER ITEMS

A. Upcoming Events.

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

B. Information Items.

Attached in the Board Packet.

11. ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ciampa gave a reported on water-related legislation and a brief BPOU negotiations update.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Report on Events Attended.

President Barajas, Vice President Hernandez, and Director Escalera reported on their attendance to the Southern California Water Utilities Association Luncheon. President Barajas also reported on his attendance to Upper Water's meet and greet breakfast.

B. Other Comments.

None.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Barajas adjourned the meeting at 5:16 pm.

Attest:

Cesar J. Barajas, Board President

Roy Frausto, Board Secretary