



**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
112 N. FIRST STREET, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, AT 4:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>President Barajas</b>	<b>Vice President Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>
Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present

*Director Argudo was not present during roll call and arrived to the meeting at 4:34pm.*  
**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 and District Counsel, Jim Ciampa were present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Adopt the Agenda.

1st: Hernandez

2nd: Rojas

	<b>President Barajas</b>	<b>Vice President Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent.

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar.

1st: Hernandez

2nd: Rojas

	<b>President Barajas</b>	<b>Vice President Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent.

**7. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 317 Revising the District Employee Policies and Procedures Manual.**

Ms. Padilla went over the suggested changes to the employee manual and was available for any questions.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 317.

1st: Rojas

2nd: Hernandez

	<b>President Barajas</b>	<b>Vice President Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Absent	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of: 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent.

**B. Consideration of Purchase of CASE 580EV Electric Backhoe.**

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

Motion: Authorize the General Manger to proceed with the purchase of a CASE 580EV Electric Backhoe Loader by Sonsray Machinery utilizing funding provided through the California CORE (Clean Off-Road Equipment) Voucher Incentive Program and amend the 2026 District budget by increasing appropriations for Capital Outlay of \$65,000.

1st: Rojas

2nd: Argudo

	<b>President Barajas</b>	<b>Vice President Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

**8. OPERATIONS AND TREATMENT REPORT**

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

Motion: Receive and File.

1st: Rojas

2nd: Argudo

	<b>President Barajas</b>	<b>Vice President Hernandez</b>	<b>Director Rojas</b>	<b>Director Argudo</b>	<b>Director Escalera</b>
<b>Vote</b>	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

Mr. Frausto went over the Winter Newsletter that was sent out to residents.

**12. ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS**

None.

**13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**A. Report on Events Attended.**

Vice President Hernandez, Director Rojas, and Director Escalera reported their attendance to the La Puente Little League Event.

**B. Other Comments.**

None.

*The Board recessed into closed session at 4:57pm to discuss the following items:*

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9, Subdivision (d)(2)):
  - One Potential Case

**15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Mr. Ciampa gave the following report on Item 14b, the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances, and no reportable action was taken.

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.

Attest:

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Cesar J. Barajas, Board President

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Roy Frausto, Board Secretary