

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
PUENTE BASIN WATER AGENCY**

**April 4, 2019
At the Offices of the
Walnut Valley Water District**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Theodore L. Ebenkamp, Commissioner
Theresa Lee, Commissioner
Anthony Lima, Commissioner
Robert Lewis, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Erik Hitchman, Administrative Officer
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel
Brian Teuber, Treasurer
Sean Henry, Assistant Treasurer
Carmen Fleming, Secretary

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Staff, guests and others in attendance: Ms. Denise Jackman, Director at Three Valleys Municipal Water District; Mr. Dave Warren, and Ms. Rose Perea, Rowland Water District; Mr. Josh Byerrum, and Ms. Sherry Shaw, Walnut Valley Water District.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. with Chair Lee presiding.

Item IV: Public Comment

None.

Item V: Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2019

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Ebenkamp, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on February 8, 2019.

Chair Lee indicated that the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote

Item VI: Receive and File Walnut Valley Water Districts' 2019 PBWA Board Member Appointment Resolution

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman reported that the attached resolution appointing Walnut Valley Water District's commissioners for 2019 was adopted by Walnut Valley Water District's Board of Directors.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried (4-0), to receive and file the Walnut Valley Water District's Board Member appointment resolution.

Chair Lee indicated that the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote

Item VII: Discussion and Approval of the Proposed Annual PBWA Budget for FY 2019-20

- ◆ Mr. Teuber presented the proposed PBWA Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget. He highlighted various elements of the budget.
- ◆ Staff then requested that the Commission consider approval of the Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget and indicated that the budget would be presented to the Member Agencies' Boards of Directors for approval as well.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Ebenkamp, seconded by Commissioner Lima and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve, receive and file the PBWA Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, and to present that proposed Budget to the Rowland Water District and Walnut Valley Water District Boards for approval.

Chair Lee indicated that the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote

Item VIII: PBWA Legislative Activities

(1) *Engagement of Lobbyist: Cost Sharing Agreement*

- a. Mr. Hitchman stated that the joint lobbying effort with Reeb Government Relations, LLC, is moving forward. Mr. Ciampa prepared a draft Cost Sharing Agreement and Lobbying Firm Retention Contract for review. A draft agreement was also provided to Palmdale Water District and their comments were incorporated into the final agreement. Staff noted that as other entities join, the agreement will be amended.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commission Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Ebenkamp and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve the Cost Sharing Agreement and Lobbying Firm Retention Contract with Reeb Government Relations, LLC.

Chair Lee indicated that the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote

Item IX: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Updates/Status:

(1) *California Domestic Water Company:*

- a. *Project Update:* Mr. Warren reported that the Cal Domestic project continues to run a single pump and will possibly continue in that manner through the summer months.

(2) *Pathfinder Road 20-inch Water Main Installation:*

- a. *Project Update:* Ms. Shaw reported that due to the rain, the project experienced delays and is approximately forty percent complete.

(3) *Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project*

- a. *Six Basins Groundwater Project Update:* Ms. Shaw reported that staff is working with the contractors to continue the work on the project.
- b. *Update: Proposition 84:* Mr. Hitchman stated that staff and Ms. Wendy La received news that the Agency can proceed with construction activity reimbursements.

(4) *Central Basin Well*

- a. *Central Basin Well Site Evaluation:* Staff is scheduling a meeting with WRD's Hydrogeologist to review findings and any known concerns regarding the well site evaluation.

(5) *Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant*

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman reported that he and Ms. Wendy La attended a project-ranking meeting, and the Agency did not have any projects submitted for consideration.
- ◆ Staff is continuing to work with LASER, Inc., on potential projects for which grant funding may be sought.

Item XI: Commission Follow-Up

None.

Item XII: Commissioner Comments

None.

Item XIII: Items for Future Discussion/Review

None.

Item XIV: Attorney's Report

- ◆ Mr. Ciampa briefed the Commission on significant legislative developments regarding safe drinking water funding issues and also on water quality issues concerning PFOS/PFAS contaminants.

Item XIV: Public Comment on Closed Session

There were no requests to comment on closed session.

Item XV: Closed Session at 8:01 a.m.

- (1) The Commission met in closed session in accordance with Government Code [§54956.8] to discuss one real property matter pertaining to the acquisition and/or lease of Central Basin water rights. The negotiators are Mr. Tom Coleman and Mr. Erik Hitchman. The negotiating parties are various water rights holders. Under negotiations are the price and terms of payment.

- No discussion on this item.

- (2) The Commission met in closed session in accordance with Government Code [§54956.8] to discuss one real property matter. The negotiators are Mr. Tom Coleman and Mr. Erik Hitchman. The negotiating parties are various water rights holders. Under negotiations are the price and terms of payment.

- No discussion on this item.

- (3) The Commission met in closed session in accordance with Government Code 54956.9(d)(4) regarding anticipated litigation concerning one case.

- The Commission was briefed on the facts and circumstances of the potential case and no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Item XVI: Reconvene in Open Session at 8:10 a.m. – see above for the closed session report concerning Items 1-3.

Adjournment – 8:10 a.m.

There being no further business to discuss, upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Ebenkamp, seconded by Commissioner Lima and unanimously carried (4-0), to adjourn the Commission meeting.

Chair Lee indicated that the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote