

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

**February 7, 2019
At the Offices of the
Rowland Water District**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Erik Hitchman, Administrative Officer
Tom Coleman, Assistant 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: 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 Lima presiding.

Item IV: Public Comment

None.

Item V: Approval of Minutes for December 6, 2018

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 December 6, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

Item VII: Annual Selection of Commission Officer and Commission Staff

- ◆ As per the rotation policy, the Commission selected Commissioner Lee to be the Chair and Commissioner Lewis be seated as Vice-Chair of the Puente Basin Water Agency for the 2019 term, effective immediately.
- ◆ Also the annual appointment of Secretary, Treasurer, Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer and Assistant Treasurer shall be as set forth in the JPA Agreement.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Ebenkamp, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried (4-0), that Commissioner Lee be seated as Chair, Commissioner Lewis be seated as Vice-Chair and the Agency's administrative positions will be as follows for the 2019 term: Mr. Coleman as Assistant Administrative Officer, Mr. Henry as Assistant Treasurer, Ms. Fleming as Secretary, Mr. Teuber as Treasurer, and Mr. Hitchman as Administrative Officer of the Puente Basin Water Agency, for the 2019 term, effective immediately.

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

Commissioner Lee proceeded as Chair for the remainder of the meeting

Item VIII: Review of Financial Statements: Second Quarter FY 2018-19

- ◆ Mr. Byerrum reviewed the PBWA financial statements for the second quarter ending December 31, 2018, for fiscal year 2018-19.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Ebenkamp and unanimously carried (4-0), to receive, approve, and file the PBWA financial statements for the second quarter ending December 31, 2018, for fiscal year 2018-19.

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

Item IX: PBWA Legislative Activities

(1) *Engagement of Lobbyist:*

- a. Staff has discussed the potential of starting a lobbying effort with Mr. Bob Reeb to support the legislative efforts of the Puente Basin Water Agency as well as any potential outside agencies at that are interested in joint efforts at a lower cost. Staff directed Mr. Ciampa to prepare an agreement for these efforts and present it at the next meeting.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commission Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lima and unanimously carried (4-0), to accept staff recommendation to move forward with negotiations with any interested parties to participate in a lobbying effort with Puente Basin Water Agency.

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

(2) *Membership in the Community Water System Alliance:*

- a. *Project Update:* Mr. Hitchman reported that staff had executed a Memorandum of Understanding between the PBWA and the Community Water System Alliance (CWSA). Mr. Adan Ortega contacted staff to join the collaboration of area water systems to specifically address the AB 401 Affordability and Drinking Water Tax issues. The basic membership is based on net revenues therefore, it was in the best interest of both Member Agencies to join as the Puente Basin Water Agency.

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

(1) *California Domestic Water Company:*

- a. *Project Update:* Mr. Coleman reported that the Cal Domestic project produced only approximately 500 acre-feet due to an offline well. Staff will meet with Cal Domestic regarding future delivery and will report to the Commission.

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

- a. *Project Update:* Ms. Shaw reported that due to the rain, the project experienced delays. The project is continuing and is approximately one-third 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 is organizing a meeting with Ms. Wendy La to have her assist with permit construction activity reimbursements due to issues.

(4) *Central Basin Well*

- a. *Central Basin Well Site Evaluation:* Mr. Coleman stated that staff has proceeded with scouting locations for the potential well site. Staff has asked the hydrogeologist to extend his scope of work to include a specific area, as well as drilling records near the area.

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

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman reported that staff is continuing to work with LASER, Inc., on potential projects for which grant funding may be sought. Ms. Wendy La is reviewing the draft guidelines that the Department of Water Resources has released.

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 that the deadline for introduction to new bills is February 22, 2019. The State Board distributed the AB 401 report and comments were submitted regarding that draft report.

Item XV: Public Comment on Closed Session

There were no requests to comment on closed session.

Item XVI: Closed Session at 8:02 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.

- The Commission was briefed on the potential acquisitions of property and no reportable action was taken.
- (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.
- The Commission was informed of a lease for 500 acre-feet of Central Basin Allowed Pumping Allocation to Montebello Land and Water Company at a price of \$100 per acre-foot.
- (3) The Commission was briefed on the facts and circumstances of anticipated litigation under Government Code Section [§54956.9(d)(4)] (one case)
- The Commission was briefed on the facts and circumstances and no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Item XVII: Reconvene in Open Session at 8:25 a.m. – see above for the closed session report concerning Items 1-3.

Adjournment – 8:27 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