

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

**June 6, 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  
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. Tom Coleman, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 2019.*

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

**Item VI: Review of Financial Statements: Third Quarter FY 18-19**

- ◆ Mr. Byerrum reviewed the Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2018-19 financials.

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima seconded by Commissioner Ebenkamp, and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve, receive and file the financials for the Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2018-19 with the change of quarter end date March 31, 2019, for fiscal year 2018-19.*

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

**Item VII: Puente Narrows Underflow - Fiscal Year 2018-19**

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman reported on the letter that was received from the Puente Narrows Watermaster to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster regarding the annual measurement of the Puente Narrows subsurface flow.

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Ebenkamp seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve, receive and file the Puente Narrows Underflow-Fiscal Year 2018-19.*

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

**Item VIII: PBWA Legislative Activities**

(1) *Engagement of Lobbyist:*

- a. Mr. Hitchman stated that the Lobbying Firm Retention Contract and Cost Sharing Agreement with Reeb Government Relations, LLC, have been executed. The joint effort contract included the participation of Walnut Valley Water District, Rowland Water District, Valley County Water District, and Palmdale Water District. Staff noted that as other entities join, the agreement will be amended.

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

(1) *California Domestic Water Company:*

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

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

- a. *Project Update:* Ms. Shaw reported that there was approximately 120 feet of pipe to install, and various other items to complete as the contractor continues to complete the project.

- (3) *Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project*
  - a. *Six Basins Groundwater Project Update*: Ms. Shaw reported that staff is working with the contractor to continue the work on the project.
  - b. *Update: Proposition 84*: Mr. Hitchman stated that the Agency has proceeded with construction activity reimbursements.
- (4) *Central Basin Well*
  - a. *Central Basin Well Site Evaluation*: Mr. Coleman stated that staff is continuing to work on the project. A meeting is being scheduled with WRD's Hydrogeologist to review findings and any known concerns regarding the well site.
- (5) *Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant*
  - a. *LA Solutions for Engineering Solutions, LLC (LASER): Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Strategic Consulting Services*: Mr. Hitchman requested that the Commissioners authorize the Administrative Officer to execute a Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for strategic consulting services for LA Solutions for Engineering Resources (LASER), LLC, with an increase of funding in the amount of \$40,000, extending the contract to June 30, 2020. Legal counsel was requested to prepare the Third Amendment.

***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0), to authorize the Administrative Officer to execute a Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for strategic consulting services for LA Solutions for Engineering Resources (LASER), LLC, to be prepared by Legal counsel to cover an increase of funding of \$40,000 and an extension of the agreement's term to June 30, 2020.***

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

**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 briefly reported on the Inverse Condemnation Coalition.

**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 property owners. Under negotiations are the price and terms of payment.
  - The Commission heard reports that 300af of the Agency's water rights held in the Central Basin will not be leased in 2018-2019 fiscal year.
- (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 – 8:11 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