

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

**April 2, 2020  
Teleconference Meeting**

**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  
Brian Teuber, Treasurer  
Josh Byerrum, Assistant Treasurer  
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel  
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; and Ms. Sherry Shaw, Walnut Valley Water District.

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

**Item IV: Public Comment**

None.

**Item V: Approval of Minutes for February 6, 2020**

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Ebenkamp, seconded by Commissioner Lima and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on February 6, 2020.*

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

**Item VI: Discussion and Approval of the FY 2020-21 Budget**

- ◆ Mr. Byerrum presented the proposed PBWA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget. He highlighted various elements of the budget including the Cal Domestic water costs overview previously requested by Commissioner Lima.
- ◆ Staff then requested that the Commission consider approval of the Proposed FY 2020-21 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 Lima, seconded by Commissioner Ebenkamp, to approve, receive and file the PBWA Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21, and to present that proposed Budget to the Rowland Water District and Walnut Valley Water District Boards for approval. A roll call vote was then taken:*

**Yes: Ebenkamp, Lee, Lewis, Lima**

**Noes: None**

**Motion Passed (4-0)**

**Chair Lewis indicated that the motion was approved by a 4-0 roll call vote**

**Item VII: Consider Contract for Auditing Services**

- ◆ Mr. Teuber reported that an RFP for auditing services was sent to five qualified firms. Three proposals were received, with Fedak & Brown returning the lowest cost proposal. Mr. Teuber requested that the Commission authorize the Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with Fedak & Brown, LLP, for auditing services for a 3-year term commencing with fiscal year 2019-20 at a total cost of \$25,930, with an option for an additional 3-year term at a total cost of \$28,230.

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Ebenkamp, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to authorize the Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with Fedak & Brown, LLP for auditing services for a 3-year term commencing with fiscal year 2019-20 at a total cost of \$25,930, with an option for an additional 3-year term, at a total cost of \$28,230. A roll call vote was then taken:*

**Yes: Ebenkamp, Lee, Lewis, Lima**

**Noes: None**

**Motion Passed (4-0)**

**Chair Lewis indicated that the motion was approved by a 4-0 roll call vote**

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

(1) *California Domestic Water Company:*

Mr. Coleman reported that the Cal Domestic line continues at a one-pump flow of approximately 1,300 gallons per minute.

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

a. *Project Update:* Ms. Shaw reported that the project continues moving forward and the Colima Interties work has been designed and will be put out to bid in the coming weeks.

(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. *Proposition 84 - 2014 Drought Round Amendment #2:* Mr. Hitchman reported that a reimbursement check for \$1,265,106.39 was received on March 16, 2020 from the County of Los Angeles.

(4) *Central Basin Well*

a. *Central Basin Well Site Evaluation:* No update at this time.

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

♦ Mr. Hitchman reported that staff receives regular updates from Wendy La, of LASER, Inc., on potential projects for which grant funding may be sought.

**Item IX: Commission Follow-Up**

None.

**Item X: Commissioner Comments**

None.

**Item XI: Items for Future Discussion/Review**

None.

**Item XII: Attorney's Report**

♦ Mr. Ciampa briefed the Commission on the current and likely future status of the State Legislature in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Item XIII: Public Comment on Closed Session**

There were no requests to comment on closed session.

**Item XIV: Closed Session at 7:34 a.m.**

(1) 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.

- 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 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.

(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 XV: Reconvene in Open Session at 7:35 a.m. – see above for the closed session report concerning Items 1-3.**

**Adjournment – 7:37 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 to be held June 4, 2020.*