

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

August 6, 2020

Walnut Valley Water District hosted the Webex Teleconference Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Theresa Lee, Commissioner
Anthony Lima, Commissioner
Robert Lewis, Commissioner
Scarlett Kwong, Alternate 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

Staff, guests and others in attendance: Mr. Jeff Palmer, Fedak & Brown, LLC; Mr. Dave Warren and Ms. Rose Perea, Ms. Myra Malner, Rowland Water District; and Ms. Sherry Shaw, Mr. Ron Woodruff, Walnut Valley Water District.

The Webex teleconference meeting was called to order at 7:09 a.m. with Chair Lewis presiding.

Item IV: Public Comment

None.

Item V: Audit Communication

♦ Mr. Jeff Palmer gave a brief overview of the upcoming audit.

Item VI: Approval of Minutes for June 4, 2020

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima and carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held June 4, 2020. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Kwong, 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: Commission Staff Amendment

♦ The Commission was asked to appoint Ms. Myra Malner as Assistant Treasurer for the remainder of the 2020 term, effective immediately.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lee and unanimously carried (4-0), to appoint Ms. Myra Malner as Assistant Treasurer for the Puente Basin Water Agency, for the remainder of the 2020 term, effective immediately. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Kwong, 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: Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Code

♦ The Commission was updated on the filing of the 2020 Biennial Certification form, indicating "No Amendment is required" to the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code monitored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors-Executive Office.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve the "No Amendment is required" submission to the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code, that will be submitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Kwong, 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 IX: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Updates/Status:

(1) *California Domestic Water Company*

- ◆ Mr. Warren reported that the Cal Domestic connection and line is offline, and will likely continue to be unavailable through October 2020.

(2) *Pathfinder Road-Colima Interties*

- ◆ Ms. Shaw reported that the permits and materials are in, and the project is continuing to move forward.

(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*: Mr. Hitchman will be preparing and submitting the project quarterly progress report.

(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 X: Commission Follow-Up

- ◆ The Commission received a follow-up report on prior actions.

Item XI: Commissioner Comments

None.

Item XII: Items for Future Discussion/Review

None.

Item XIII: Attorney's Report

- ◆ No report.

Item XIV: Public Comment on Closed Session

There were no requests to comment on closed session.

Item XV: Closed Session at 7:35 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.

- The Commission authorized the lease of 500 acre-feet of Central Basin allowed pumping allocation to South Montebello Irrigation District at the cost of \$100 per acre-foot for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and \$125 per acre-foot for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

- (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 7:51 a.m. – see above for the closed session report concerning Items 1-3.

Adjournment – 7:54 a.m.

There being no further business to discuss, upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lee and unanimously carried (4-0), to adjourn to the next Commission meeting to be held October 1, 2020.