

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

August 5, 2021

Walnut Valley Water District hosted the Webex Teleconference Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Theresa Lee, Commissioner
Anthony Lima, Commissioner
Robert Lewis, Commissioner
Jerry Tang, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Erik Hitchman, Administrative Officer
Tom Coleman, Assistant Administrative Officer
Josh Byerrum, Treasurer
Myra Malner, Assistant Treasurer
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel
Carmen Fleming, Secretary

Staff, guests and others in attendance: Ms. Rose Perea, Mr. Dave Warren, Rowland Water District; and Ms. Sherry Shaw, Mr. Tai Diep, Walnut Valley Water District.

The Webex teleconference meeting was called to order at 7:01 a.m. with Chair Tang presiding.

Item IV: Public Comment

None.

Item V: Approval of Minutes for June 3, 2021 and July 13, 2021

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held June 3, 2021 and July 13, 2021. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Lee, Lewis, Lima, Tang

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

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

(1) California Domestic Water Company

- ◆ Mr. Coleman reported that the line is currently offline.

(2) Pathfinder Road-Colima Interties

- ◆ Ms. Shaw reported that the project is halted due to pending electrical work, no further updates were reported.

(3) Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

- a. *Consideration of Approval of the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Six Basins Groundwater Project:* The Commission was informed of the planning, design and development of the project. Construction of the project is expected to be completed in June 2022. Staff explained that an agreement for the operation and maintenance of the project had been prepared and negotiated, under which Three Valleys Municipal Water District would operate the project in light of that district's existing water treatment plant permit and experience. Staff requested the Commission approve that agreement in the form presented.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and carried (4-0) to approve and authorize the Administrative Officer to execute an Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Six Basins Groundwater Project with Three Valleys Municipal Water District, in the form presented. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Lee, Lewis, Lima, Tang

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

- b. *Consideration of Approval of the City of La Verne Lease Agreement Amendment:* The Commission was briefed and reviewed the updates to the language in the body of the current agreement.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and carried (4-0) to approve and authorize the Administrative Officer and Commission Chair to execute an amendment to the City of La Verne lease agreement for the Old Baldy Well, in the form presented. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Lee, Lewis, Lima, Tang

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

- c. *Six Basins Groundwater Project Update:* Ms. Shaw reported that the project is in process and will possibly start operations in September. Staff is working with the contractors to continue the final work on the project.
- d. *Proposition 84:* Mr. Hitchman reported that the latest project quarterly report was being prepared and the requested extension was approved through December 2022.
- (4) *Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant:*
- ◆ Mr. Hitchman reported that staff receives regular updates from Wendy La, of LASER, Inc. She is currently tracking the progress of grant-funded projects.

Item VII: Commission Follow-Up

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

Item VIII: Commissioner Comments

None.

Item IX: Items for Future Discussion/Review

None.

Item X: Attorney's Report

- ◆ No report on this item.

Item XI: Public Comment on Closed Session

There were no requests to comment on closed session.

Item XII: Closed Session at 7:27 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 resolution of the potential case and no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken.

Item XII: Reconvene in Open Session at 7:29 a.m.

Adjournment at 7:29 a.m.

There being no further business to discuss, by common consensus the Commission meeting was adjourned. The next Commission meeting to be held October 7, 2021.