

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

August 4, 2022

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. Gabriela Sanchez, and Mr. Robert Leamy, Rowland Water District; and Ms. Sherry Shaw, Mr. Tom Monk, and Mr. Jared Macias; Walnut Valley Water District.

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

Item IV: Public Comment

None.

Item V: Consider Adoption of Subsequent Resolution No. 08-22-026 – Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Period of August 4, 2022 to September 2, 2022.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and carried (4-0) to adopt Resolution No. 08-22-026 authorizing teleconference meetings for the period of August 4, 2022 to September 2, 2022. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Lee, Lewis, Lima, Tang

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

Item VI: Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2022

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Tang, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried (4-0) by roll call vote to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held June 2, 2022. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Lee, Lewis, Lima, Tang

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

Item VII: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 08-22-027 Establishing Bank Account and Designating Check Signers for PBWA Bank Account

- ◆ Ms. Malner requested that the Commission consider adoption of Resolution No. 08-22-027, establishing a bank account and designating check signers for the Puente Basin Water Agency's Citizen Business Bank account. Financial duties will be moved from Walnut Valley Water District to Rowland Water District staff.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Tang, and carried (4-0) to adopt Resolution No. 08-22-027, designating the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer as designated signers to the Puente Basin Water Agency banking account at Citizens Business Bank. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Lee, Lewis, Lima, Tang

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

Item VIII: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 08-22-028 Establishing Volunteer Personnel Coverage Under Workers' Compensation

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman reported that a recent JPIA field visit suggested the Agency establish a Volunteer Personnel Coverage under the Agency's Workers' Compensation program. Pending approval, a copy of the Resolution will be sent to JPIA for filing.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Tang, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, to adopt Resolution No. 08-22-028, adopting the Volunteer Personnel Workers' Compensation Insurance resolution. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Lee, Lewis, Lima, Tang

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

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

(1) Groundwater Management Plan for the Puente Basin

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman updated the Commissioners on the development of the agreements for the project.

(2) California Domestic Water Company

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

(3) Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

- a. **Ratification of the Amendment for Operation and Maintenance of Six Basins Groundwater Project**
Mr. Hitchman reviewed the amended and clarifying language requested by the DDW to the Agreement for the Commission's consideration of ratification of those changes.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Six Basins Groundwater Project. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Lee, Lewis, Lima, Tang

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

- b. **Six Basins Groundwater Project Update:** Ms. Shaw reported that the Old Baldy Well received its sanitary seal retrofit. The Durward Well replacement project received the necessary permits needed.

- c. **Proposition 84:** Mr. Hitchman reported that staff is continuing to move forward with the project and a possible extension is in discussion.

(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 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 on this item.

Item XIV: Public Comment on Closed Session

- ◆ Mr. Ciampa reported that Legislatures have returned from summer session and final legislative activities of the 2021-22 session are underway. Also, the Department of Water Resources has distributed the draft Delta Conveyance Project EIR for comment.

Item XV: Closed Session at 7:36 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 unanimously ratified the 2022-23 water year, 500 acre-foot lease of Central Basin Allowed Pumping Allocation to Montebello Land & Water Company at a price of \$125 per acre-foot.

Item XVI: Reconvene in Open Session at 7:42 a.m.

Adjournment at 7:43 a.m.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried (4-0) by roll call vote, to adjourn the Commission meeting. The next Commission meeting to be held August 4, 2022.