

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

December 8, 2022

Walnut Valley Water District hosted the Webex Teleconference Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Theresa Lee, Commissioner
Anthony Lima, Commissioner
Tom Coleman, Alternate Commissioner
Scarlett Kwong, Alternate Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Erik Hitchman, Administrative Officer
Josh Byerrum, Treasurer
Myra Malner, Assistant Treasurer
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel (via telephone)
Carmen Fleming, Secretary

Staff, guests and others in attendance: Mr. Chris Brown, Fedak & Brown; Ms. Gabriela Sanchez, and Mr. Dusty Moisiso, Rowland Water District; Mr. Tom Monk, and Mr. Jared Macias; Walnut Valley Water District.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 a.m. with Chair Lima presiding.

Item IV: Public Comment

None.

Item V: Consider Adoption of Subsequent Resolution No. 12-22-029 – Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Period of December 8, 2022 to January 6, 2023.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and carried (4-0) to adopt Resolution No. 12-22-029 authorizing teleconference meetings for the period of December 8, 2022 to January 6, 2023. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Coleman, Kwong, Lee, Lima

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

Item VII was discussed prior to Item VI.

Item VI: 2021-22 Audited Financial Statements Prepared by Fedak & Brown

- ◆ An overview of the Agency's Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22 was presented via Webex by Mr. Chris Brown, of the firm Fedak & Brown, LLP.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve, receive and file the Agency's Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Yes: Coleman, Kwong, Lee, Lima

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

Item VII: Approval of Minutes for October 6, 2022

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held October 6, 2022.

Yes: Coleman, Kwong, Lee, Lima

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

Item VIII: Review Financial Statements: First Quarter FY 22-23

- ◆ Ms. Malner reviewed the First Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-23 financials.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Kwong, and unanimously carried (4-0), to receive, approve and file the financials for the First Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-23.

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

Item IX: PBWA Legislative Activities

(1) *Engagement of Lobbyist*

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman stated that the Lobbying Firm Retention Contract and Cost Sharing Agreement with Reeb Government Relations, LLC (RGR), is expiring effective December 31, 2022. The parties to the cost sharing agreement desire to renew the agreement with RGR for lobbying services. The term of the renewed agreement will be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with a monthly fee of \$6,000.
- ◆ Valley County Water District made the Agency aware that they will not participate past the current contract. Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company will participate in the cost-sharing agreement for lobbying services with the renewed contract for 2023.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Kwong, and unanimously carried (4-0), to authorize the Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with Reeb Government Relations, LLC for lobbying services at the cost of \$6,000 per month. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Coleman, Kwong, Lee, Lima

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

(2) Solve the Water Crisis Coalition

- ◆ The Commission was updated on the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition, which currently has 26 participants.

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

(1) Groundwater Management Plan for the Puente Basin

- ◆ Mr. Macias updated the Commissioners on the development of the agreements for the project, and upcoming meetings.

(2) California Domestic Water Company

- ◆ Mr. Coleman reported that the Cal Domestic project was operating at a single pump flow.

(3) Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

- a. *Six Basins Groundwater Project Update:* Staff reported that the Durward Well replacement project is continuing.
- b. *Proposition 84:* Mr. Hitchman reported that staff is continuing to move forward with the project and a possible extension to allow for the proposed completion 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 and working on the extension requested for the project.

Item XI: PBWA's Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule and Approval of Resolution No. 12-22-030

Noting Same

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman stated that the Commission is required to pass a "Meeting Resolution" per State Law. As needed, meeting dates may be changed by the Commission as needed.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve Resolution No. 12-22-030, setting forth the 2023 meeting schedule for the Puente Basin Water Agency. A roll call vote was then taken:

Yes: Coleman, Kwong, Lee, Lima

Noes: None

Motion Passed (4-0)

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

Item XII: ACWA/JPIA President's Special Recognition Awards

- ◆ Certificates were presented for Commissioners to view.

Item XIII: Commission Follow-Up

- ◆ No report on this item.

Item XIV: Commissioner Comments

- ◆ No comments were given.

Item XV: Items for Future Discussion/Review

- ◆ No discussion on this item.

Item XVI: Attorney's Report

- ◆ No report on this item.

Item XVII: Adjournment at 8:19 a.m.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0), to adjourn the Commission meeting. The next Commission meeting to be held February 2, 2023.