

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

**April 6, 2023  
At the Offices of the  
Walnut Valley Water District**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Theresa Lee, Commissioner  
Robert Lewis, Commissioner  
Anthony Lima, Commissioner  
Henry Woo, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jared Macias, 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, Rowland Water District; and Ms. Sherry Shaw, Mr. Tom Monk, Ms. Lucie Cazares, and Mr. Erik Hitchman; Walnut Valley Water District.

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

**Item IV: Public Comment**

None.

**Item V: Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2023**

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held February 2, 2023.*

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

**Item VI: Approval of the FY 2023-24 Budget**

- ◆ Mr. Byerrum presented the proposed PBWA Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. He highlighted various elements of the budget.
- ◆ Staff then requested that the Commission consider approval of the Proposed FY 2023-24 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 Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve, receive and file the PBWA Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, and to present that proposed Budget to the Rowland Water District and Walnut Valley Water District Boards for approval.*

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

**Item VII: Receive and File Walnut Valley Water Districts' 2023 - PBWA Board Member Appointment Resolution**

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported the attached resolution appointing Walnut Valley Water Districts' Commissioners for 2023 was adopted by Walnut Valley Water District's Board of Directors.

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0) to receive and file Walnut Valley Water Districts' 2023 PBWA Board Member appointment resolution.*

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

**Item VIII: Annual Selection of Commission Officers**

- ◆ As per the rotation policy, the Commission selected Commissioner Lee to be the Chair and Commissioner Lewis be seated as Vice-Chair of the Puente Basin Water Agency for the 2023 term, effective immediately.

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (4-0) that Commissioner Theresa Lee be seated as Chair, and Commissioner Robert W. Lewis be seated as Vice-Chair of the Puente Basin Water Agency for the 2023 term, effective immediately.*

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

**Commissioner Lee proceeded as Chair for the remainder of the meeting**

**Item IX: PBWA Legislative Activities**

**1. *Solve the Water Crisis Coalition Update***

- ◆ The Commission was updated on the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition's recent activities.
- ◆ Mr. Coleman reported the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition will be sunsetting and will be re-branded as the California Water for All campaign.

**2. *Consideration of Donation to California Municipal Utilities Association for CA Water for All Campaign***

- ◆ Staff briefed the Commission on the California Municipal Utilities Agency's activities and the California Water for All campaign and information regarding a possible donation.
- ◆ Staff requested the approval of a \$20,000 donation with an initial partial payment of \$10,000 to be promptly made.

***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve a donation of \$20,000 to the California Municipal Utilities Agency for use in the California Water for All campaign, with an initial payment of \$10,000.***

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

**3. *Consideration of Support for SB 366 The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets***

- ◆ The Commission was updated on SB 366 The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets and asked to submit a letter of support.

***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve a letter of support for SB 366, the California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets.***

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

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

**(1) *Groundwater Management Plan for the Puente Basin***

- ◆ Mr. Macias updated the Commissioners on the current status of the work being performed by West Yost. Mr. Macias announced that the next stakeholder meeting would take place near August.

**(2) *California Domestic Water Company***

- ◆ Mr. Coleman reported that the Cal Domestic project was operating at a single pump flow and experienced occasional minor interruptions.

**(3) *Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project***

**a. *Six Basins Groundwater Project Update – Consideration to Award Contracts for Six Basins Project (Phase 2) – Durward Well - Equipping Phase (P.N. PB18-0005-P2-EQ)***

- ◆ Ms. Shaw reported that due to supplier chain issue the Agency would like to take proactive action to procure materials and services for the equipping phase for this project.
- ◆ Staff requested the Commission award the contracts for portions of the equipping phase, as presented.

***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0), to authorize the Administrative Officer to execute the contracts for the Six Basins Project (Phase 2) – Durward Well Developing & Equipping-Drilling Phase (P.N. PB18-0005-P2-DR) for the materials and equipment specified to the Board.***

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

**b. *Proposition 84***

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported that the latest project quarterly report would be prepared and submitted for payment.

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

- ◆ Mr. Hitchman reported that staff receives regular updates from Wendy La, of LASER, Inc.

**Item XI: Commission Follow-Up**

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

**Item XII: Commissioner Comments**

None.

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

None.

**Item XIV: Attorney's Report**

- ◆ Mr. Ciampa updated the Commission on the California Air Resources Board's proposed regulations that are pending for zero emission vehicle purchases.

**Item XV: Adjournment at 8:19 a.m.**

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0), to adjourn the Commission meeting. The next Commission meeting to be held June 1, 2023.*