

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

**October 5, 2023  
At the Offices of the  
Walnut Valley Water District**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jared Macias, Administrative Officer  
Myra Malner, Treasurer  
Josh Byerrum, Assistant Treasurer  
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel (via Telephone)  
Carmen Fleming, Secretary

Staff, guests and others in attendance: Ms. Gabriela Palomares, Mr. Robert Leamy, Mr. Dusty Moisio, Rowland Water District; and Ms. Sherry Shaw, Mr. Tom Monk, and Mr. Erik Hitchman, Walnut Valley Water District.

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

**Item IV: Public Comment**

None.

**Item XIV was rearranged to be discussed after Item IV: Public Comment.**

**Item XIV: Closed Session at 7:03 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. Jared Macias. The negotiating parties are various water rights holders. Under negotiations are the price and terms of payment.

- The Commission unanimously ratified the 2024-25 water year, 500 acre-foot lease of Central Basin Allowed Pumping Allocation to South Montebello Irrigation District at a price of \$130 per acre-foot.
- The Commission unanimously ratified the 2023-24 water year, 465 acre-foot lease of Central Basin Allowed Pumping Allocation to Montebello Land & Water Company at a price of \$125 per acre-foot.

**Item XIV: Reconvene in Open Session at 7:07 a.m.**

**Item V: Approval of Minutes for August 3, 2023**

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried (3-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meetings held August 3, 2023.*

**Chair Lee indicated that the motion was approved by a 3-0 vote**

**Item VI: Review of Financial Statements: Fourth Quarter FY 22-23**

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

*Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (3-0), to receive, approve and file the financials for the Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-23.*

**Chair Lee indicated that the motion was approved by a 3-0 vote**

**Item VII: PBWA Legislative Activities**

(1) *CA Water for All Campaign Update*

- ◆ Mr. Macias updated the Commission with the recent activities of the campaign and noted that the legislative season has adjourned.

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

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

- ◆ Mr. Macias updated the Commissioners on the Phase 1 Stakeholder meeting held September 6, 2023 with West Yost. The next meeting will be scheduled in early 2024.

(2) *California Domestic Water Company*

- ◆ Mr. Coleman reported that the Cal Domestic project was offline, as of mid-July.

(3) *Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project*

a. *Approve Letter with Three Valleys Municipal Water District for Durward and Old Baldy Well Additional Radio Communications Costs*

- ◆ Mr. Macias requested that the Commission authorize the Administrative Officer to execute a letter agreement with Three Valleys Municipal Water District for Durward and Old Baldy Well additional radio communications costs for a total of \$89,000.

***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried (3-0), to authorize the Administrative Officer to execute a letter agreement with Three Valleys Municipal Water District for Durward and Old Baldy Well additional radio communications costs for a total of \$89,000.***

**Chair Lee indicated that the motion was approved by a 3-0 vote**

b. *Six Basins Groundwater Project Update –*

- ◆ Ms. Shaw reported that the well equipping phase was underway. The pump has a scheduled start date for October. Old Baldy Well is scheduled to be reassembled by year end.

c. *Proposition 84*

- ◆ Mr. Macias updated the Commission on the continuing project reporting required for the receipt of grant funds.

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

- ◆ Mr. Macias 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**

None.

**Item XI: Commissioner Comments**

None.

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

None.

**Item XII: Attorney's Report**

No report on this item.

**Item XIV: Adjournment at 7:34 a.m.**

***Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (3-0), to adjourn the Commission meeting. The next Commission meeting to be held December 7, 2023.***