

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

**April 4, 2024
At the Offices of the
Walnut Valley Water District**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Lewis, Commissioner
Anthony Lima, Commissioner
Scarlett Kwong, Alternate Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Theresa Lee, Commissioner
Henry Woo, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Jared Macias, Administrative Officer
Tom Coleman, Assistant Administrative Officer
Myra Malner, Treasurer
Josh Byerrum, Assistant Treasurer
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel
Lucie Cazares, Secretary

Staff, guests and others in attendance: Ms. Gabriela Palomares, Rowland Water District, Ms. Sherry Shaw and Mr. Tom Monk, Walnut Valley Water District.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. with Chair Lewis presiding.

Item 4: Public Comment

None.

Item 5: Approval of Minutes for February 1, 2024

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Kwong, and unanimously carried (3-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on February 1, 2024.

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

Item 6: PBWA Legislative Activities

- A. CA Water for All Campaign Update
- ◆ The Commission was updated on the joint meetings that both Rowland Water District and Walnut Valley Water District are scheduling with local representatives to address the water challenges that negatively affect the state and to request their support for SB 366. The Commission will continue to be apprised of advancements in meetings with local representatives.
- B. SB 1330 (Archuleta) Urban Retail Water Supplier: Water Use
- ◆ The Commission was updated on matters associated with SB 1330 (Archuleta), a bill co-sponsored by Walnut Valley Water District, Rowland Water District, and Bellflower Somerset Mutual Water Company, Mr. Coleman reported that the bill has been placed on the April 23, 2024, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water agenda for consideration. The bill's co-sponsors have been invited to testify on behalf of the bill at the hearing. Mr. Coleman additionally noted that the bill has received significant support from other water agencies.

Item 7: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program

- A. *Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan*
- i. Consider Approval of Second Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement with West Yost for Groundwater Management Plan, Phase 2 – Part 1 of the Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Kwong, and unanimously carried (3-0) to approve the Second Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement with West Yost for Groundwater Management Plan, Phase 2 – Part 1 of the Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan.

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

B. California Domestic Water Company

- ◆ Mr. Coleman noted that Fiscal Year Production to date is approximately 857 *acre-feet*. Mr. Coleman advised that Cal Domestic and PBWA staff recently discussed matters regarding Cal Domestic's long-term supply projections and expected conveyance availability.

C. Central Basin

- ◆ Mr. Coleman reported that PBWA representatives met with City of Whittier, Pico Water District, and Cal Domestic Water Company on separate occasions to tour facilities and to discuss potential future water reliability partnerships.

D. Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

i. Six Basins Groundwater Project Update

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported on the Durward Well project's status.
- ◆ Mr. Macias reported on the Old Baldy Well project's status.

ii. Proposition 84 Grant

- ◆ Mr. Macias updated the Commission on the project progress and the reporting required for the receipt of grant funds from Los Angeles County.

E. Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Update

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported Woodard and Curran is currently working on the Puente Basin Water Agency Regional Water Supply Program Update.

F. Advanced Water Treatment Facility

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported Woodard and Curran is currently working on a proposed Advanced Water Treatment facility in partnership with the City of Industry to enhance potable water supply.

Item 8: Attorney's Report

No report on this item.

Item 9: Commission Follow-Up

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported that the budget for the Puente Basin Water Agency will be presented for adoption at the June 6, 2024.

Item 10: Commissioner Comments

None.

Item 11: Items for Future Discussion/Review

- ◆ Mr. Macias informed the commissioners that a Proposed Issuance of Bonds by Puente Basin Water Agency will be presented at the June 6, 2024 Commission meeting in connection with the Walnut Valley Water District Headquarters Remodel Project.

Item 12: Adjournment at 8:52 a.m.

By consensus of the Commission the meeting ended at 8:52 a.m. The next Commission meeting is to be held June 6, 2024, at Rowland Water District.