

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

**June 6, 2024
At the Offices of the
Rowland Water District**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Staff, guests and others in attendance: Mr. Brian Forbath, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP (by telephone); Ms. Gabriela Palomares, Mr. Robert Leamy, and Mr. Dusty Moiso, Rowland Water District, Ms. Sherry Shaw and Mr. Tom Monk, Walnut Valley Water District.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with Chair Lewis presiding.

Item 4: Public Comment

None.

Item 5: Receive and File a Certified Copy of the Walnut Valley Water District's Resolution (No. 05-24-733) that Authorized the Issuance and Sale of 2024 Bonds for the Walnut Valley Water District Headquarters Remodel Project

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0) to receive and file a certified copy of the Walnut Valley Water District Resolution No. 05-24-733 that Authorized the Issuance and Sale of 2024 Bonds for the Walnut Valley Water District Headquarters Remodel Project.

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

Item 6: Consider Adoption of PBWA Resolution No. 06-24-032, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2024 Bonds for the Walnut Valley Water District Headquarters Remodel Project Issuance of Bonds by Puente Basin Water Agency

- i. *Review of Documents Related to Issuance of Bonds*
- ii. *Consider Adoption of PBWA Resolution No. 06-24-032: Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2024 Bonds for the Walnut Valley Water District Headquarters Remodel Project*

- ◆ Staff recommended that the Commissioners approve and adopt Resolution No. 06-24-032, authorizing the issuance and sale of Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) 2024 Bonds. Based on current interest rates the 2024 Bonds are expected to have average annual debt service payments of approximately \$2.26 million and a true interest cost of 4.34%. The source of repayment for the debt service on the 2024 Bonds is net revenues derived from WVWD's water system.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (4-0) by roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 06-24-032, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2024 Bonds for the Walnut Valley Water District Headquarters Remodel Project Issuance of Bonds by Puente Basin Water Agency.

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

Item 7: Approval of Minutes for April 4, 2024

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on April 4, 2024.

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

Item 8: Review of Financial Statements: Third Quarter FY 2023-24

- ◆ Ms. Malner reviewed the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-24 financials.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (4-0) to receive, approve and file the financials for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

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

Item 9: Puente Narrows Underflow

◆ Mr. Macias reported on the letter that was received from the Puente Narrows Watermaster to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster regarding the annual measurement of the Puente Narrows subsurface flow for the Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve, receive and file the Puente Narrows Underflow-Fiscal Year 2023-24 annual measurement.

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

Item 10: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 06-24-033: Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and Waiving Joint Powers Agreement Requirement

- ◆ Mr. Ciampa reported that the JPA agreement requires budget adoption at the meeting held in April to allow each of the respective Agency member agencies to adopt the budget at their respective meetings. Due to delays in Metropolitan Water District adopting its rates, staff is requesting a waiver of this requirement for the FY 2024-2025 budget to allow for adoption of that budget at this meeting.
- ◆ Commissioners were updated on the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0) by roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 06-24-033: Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and Waiving Joint Powers Agreement requirement for April meeting and approval of the 2024-2025 PBWA Budget.

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

Item 11: Discussion and Approval of the Annual PBWA Budget for FY 2024-2025

- ◆ Item was included with approved Item 10

Item 12: PBWA Legislative Activities

A. CA Water for All Campaign Update

- ◆ The Commission was made aware that this issue is scheduled for State Assembly committee review on June 25, 2024.

B. SB 1330 (Archuleta) Urban Retail Water Supplier: Water Use

- ◆ The Commission was made aware that this issue is scheduled for State Assembly committee review on June 25, 2024.

Item 13: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program

A. Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported on Phase 2 of the Groundwater Management Plan.

B. California Domestic Water Company

- ◆ Mr. Moisio stated that Cal Domestic had a failure in its line in May, followed by a mainline failure. Mr. Moisio noted that Fiscal Year Production to date is approximately 1059 acre-feet.

C. Central Basin

- ◆ Mr. Moisio reported that PBWA representatives are continuing discussions with the City of Whittier, Pico Water District, and Cal Domestic Water Company regarding potential future water reliability partnerships.

D. Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

i. Six Basins Groundwater Project Update

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported on the Durward Well and the Old Baldy Well projects' 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 with hopes to complete by September 2024.

E. Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Update

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

F. Advanced Water Treatment Facility

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported that staff is reviewing possible grant opportunities available to provide funding assistance to acquire a parcel with the City of Industry, near the Spadra Landfill.

Item 14: Attorney's Report

- ◆ Mr. Ciampa reported on the Benefit-Cost Analysis of the Delta Conveyance Project, in which the Metropolitan Water District is a major participant.

Item 15: Commission Follow-Up

No report on this item

Item 16: Commissioner Comments

- ◆ Staff notified the Commission of the passing of Past Commissioner Edwin Ebenkamp.

Item 17: Items for Future Discussion/Review

No report on this item.

Item 18: Adjournment at 8:54 a.m.

By consensus of the Commission the meeting ended at 8:54 a.m. The next Commission meeting is to be held August 1, 2024, at Walnut Valley Water District.