

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

**August 1, 2024
At the Offices of the
Rowland Water District**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Lewis, Commissioner
Anthony Lima, Commissioner
Henry Woo, Commissioner
Scarlett Kwong, Alternate 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. Robert Leamy and Mr. Dusty Moisiso, Rowland Water District; Ms. Sherry Shaw, 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: Approval of Minutes for June 6, 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 June 6, 2024.

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

Item 6: Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Code

- ◆ The Commission was updated on the filing of the 2024 Biennial Certification form, indicating “No Amendment is required” with respect to any potential change to the Agency’s Conflict of Interest Code, which is monitored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors-Executive Office.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0) to ratify the filing of the Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest code, with no amendments required.

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

Item 7: PBWA Legislative Activities

A. CA Water for All Campaign Update

- ◆ The Commission was made aware that this issue is going to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 5, 2024.

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

- ◆ The Commission was made aware that this issue is scheduled for Assembly Appropriations Committee review on August 5, 2024.

Item 8: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program

A. Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan

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

B. California Domestic Water Company

- ◆ Mr. Moisiso reported that the Cal Domestic project was offline, possibly through October.

C. Central Basin

- ◆ Mr. Moisiso reported that there was no update on this item.

D. Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

i. Ratification of the Regional Water Supply Program Update Agreement

- ◆ Item taken under “Item E”.

ii. Six Basins Groundwater Project Update

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported on the Durward Well and the Old Baldy Well projects’ status.

iii. *Proposition 84 Grant*

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

E. *Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Update*

i. *Ratification of the Regional Water Supply Program Update Agreement*

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported Woodard and Curran is continuing to work on the Puente Basin Water Agency Regional Water Supply Program and required an agreement extension to September 30, 2024.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Kwong, and unanimously carried (4-0) to ratify the extension of the Puente Basin Water Agency Regional Water Supply Program Agreement with Woodard and Curran to September 30, 2024.

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

Item 9: 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.

F. *Advanced Water Treatment Facility*

- ◆ Item taken after "Item 9: Attorney's Report".
- ◆ 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 10: Commission Follow-Up

No report on this item

Item 11: Commissioner Comments

No report on this item

Item 12: Items for Future Discussion/Review

No report on this item.

Item 13: Closed Session at 8:20 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 a 465 acre-foot lease of Central Basin Allowed Pumping Allocation to Montebello Land & Water Company for the 2024-25 water year at a price of \$125 per acre-foot.

Reconvene in Open Session at 8:26 a.m.

Item 14: Adjournment at 8:28 a.m.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 a.m. The next Commission meeting is to be held October 3, 2024, at Rowland Water District.