

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

**February 6, 2025
At the Offices of the
Rowland Water District**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Lewis, Commissioner
Anthony Lima, Commissioner
Henry Woo, Commissioner
Theresa Lee, 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: Gabby Palomares, Robert Leamy, and Dusty Moio, Rowland Water District; Sherry Shaw, and 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: Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2024

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on December 12, 2024.

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

Item 6: Approval of Revision for October 3, 2024 Minutes

- ◆ Ms. Shaw reported an amendment was needed for item 10:E of the previously approved October 3, 2024 meeting minutes.
- ◆ Staff submitted the below listed amendment.

E. Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Update

- i. Ms. Dawn Flores of Woodard and Curran provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission regarding the Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Update.
- ii. Mr. Macias requested authorization to execute the Main San Gabriel Groundwater Basin Cyclic Storage letter agreement with Three Valleys Municipal Water District to purchase 3,000-acre feet of supplemental water for the 2025-2029 water years.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0) to authorize the Administrative Officer to execute the Main San Gabriel Groundwater Basin Cyclic Storage letter agreement with Three Valleys Municipal Water District to purchase 3,000-acre feet of supplemental water for the 2025-2029 water years.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the amended minutes of the Commission meeting held on October 3, 2024.

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

Item 7: Review of Financial Statements: Second Quarter FY 24-25

- ◆ Ms. Malner reviewed the Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25 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 Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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

Item 8: Receive and File Rowland and Walnut Valley Water Districts' 2025 PBWA Board Member Appointment Resolutions

- ◆ Staff reported the attached resolutions appointing Rowland and Walnut Valley Water Districts' Commissioners for 2025 were adopted by Rowland Water District's and Walnut Valley Water District's respective Boards of Directors.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Woo, and unanimously carried (4-0) to receive and file Rowland and Walnut Valley Water Districts' 2025 PBWA Board Member appointment resolutions

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

Item 9: Annual Selection of Commission Officers and Commission Staff

- ◆ As per the rotation policy, the Commission selected Commissioner Woo to be the Chair and Commissioner Lima be seated as Vice-Chair of the Puente Basin Water Agency for the 2025 term, effective immediately.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried (4-0) that Commissioner Tang be seated as Chair, and Commissioner Lima be seated as Vice-Chair of the Puente Basin Water Agency for the 2025 term, effective immediately.

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

Commissioner Woo proceeded as Chair for the remainder of the meeting

- ◆ Also, the annual appointment of Secretary, Treasurer, Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer and Assistant Treasurer shall be as set forth in the JPA Agreement.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (4-0), that, in accordance with the Agency's JPA Agreement, the Agency's administrative positions will be as follows: Mr. Coleman as Assistant Administrative Officer, Mr. Byerrum as Assistant Treasurer, Ms. Fleming as Secretary, Ms. Malner as Treasurer, and Mr. Macias as Administrative Officer of the Puente Basin Water Agency, for the 2025 term, effective immediately.

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

Item 10: PBWA Legislative Activities

A. PBWA 2025-26 Legislative Contract

- ◆ Mr. Macias stated that the Lobbying Firm Retention Contract and Cost Sharing Agreement with Reeb Government Relations, LLC (RGR) addendum is expiring effective February 28, 2025. The parties to the cost sharing agreement desire to renew the agreement with RGR for lobbying services for the 2025-26 California legislative program. The term of the renewed agreement will be from January 2025 through December 2025, with a monthly fee of \$6,000; and from January 2026 through December 2026, with the monthly fee of \$6,250.
- ◆ Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company will participate in the cost-sharing agreement for lobbying services with the renewed contract.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (4-0), to authorize the Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with Reeb Government Relations, LLC for lobbying services January 2025 through December 2025, with a monthly fee of \$6,000; and January 2026 through December 2026, with the monthly fee of \$6,250.

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

B. CA Water for All Campaign Update

- ◆ The Commission was updated regarding newly presented SB72, which is similar to SB 366 from the last Legislative Session and will be considered during the 2025-25 Legislative Session.

Commissioner Lima left the meeting at 8:26 a.m.

Item 11: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program

A. Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported that the next Puente Basin Stakeholders' meeting will be held March 18, 2025 to further discuss the Groundwater Management Plan.

B. California Domestic Water Company

- ◆ Mr. Leamy reported the Cal Domestic project had a leak which needed repairing creating a 3-day delay, and that project was currently operating at a single pump flow.

C. Central Basin

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported that a meeting among interested parties would be held March 4, 2025. Staff continues discussions with Pico Water District and the City of Whittier regarding conceptual intertie designs and a future joint effort to produce and deliver Central Basin groundwater to the Agency.

D. Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

i. Six Basins Groundwater Project Update

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported that Old Baldy Well is operational.
- ◆ Mr. Macias also reported that Durward Well is close to being operational, with testing to be completed and permits will need to be acquired for pump discharges.

ii. Proposition 84 Grant

- ◆ Mr. Macias updated the Commission that the grant has been completed and closed.

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 and a final memo will possibly be available for the June meeting.

F. Advanced Water Treatment Facility

i. Technical Memo: Advanced Water Treatment Facility (AWTF) Preliminary Sizing and Concept Evaluation

- ◆ Ms. Shaw presented the two scenarios to the Commission, each of which have cost estimates that exceed the benefits that would be provided.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried (3-0) to receive and file the Technical Memorandum for the Advanced Water Treatment Facility Preliminary Sizing and Concept Evaluation.

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

Item 12: Attorney's Report

General Counsel Ciampa provided a brief legislative report.

Item 13: Commission Comments

No report on this item

Item 14: Items for Future Discussion/Review

No report on this item

Item 15: Adjournment at 8:48 a.m.

By consensus of the Commission the meeting ended at 8:48 a.m. The next Commission meeting is to be held April 3, 2025, at Walnut Valley Water District.