

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

**April 3, 2025
At the Offices of the
Walnut Valley 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
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel
Carmen Fleming, Secretary

Staff, guests, and others in attendance: Gabby Palomares, Robert Leamy, and Tom Coleman, Rowland Water District; Sherry Shaw, James Ning and Tom Monk, Walnut Valley Water District.

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

Item 4: Public Comment

The chair may impose reasonable limitations on public comments to assure an orderly and timely meeting.

- ◆ No public comments were received.

Item 5: Approval of Minutes for February 6, 2025

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on February 6, 2025.

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

Item 6: 2025 ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority Executive Committee Election Requests for Concurring Resolutions

- ◆ The Commission was asked to adopt Resolution No. 04-03-036, concurring in nomination of Ms. Melody McDonald of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District to the Executive Committee of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Kwong, and unanimously carried (4-0) by roll call vote noted below, to adopt Resolution No. 04-03-036, concurring in nomination of Ms. Melody McDonald of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District to the Executive Committee of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Ayes: Kwong, Lewis, Lima, Woo
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

Item 7: Revised 2025 Selection of Commission Staff

- ◆ Due to Mr. Byerrum separating from Walnut Valley Water District, there is a vacancy in the Assistant Treasurer position for the Agency. Staff recommended the Commission appoint Mr. James Ning, Accounting Manager for Walnut Valley Water District, to the position of Assistant Treasurer for 2025.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Kwong, and unanimously carried (4-0), to appoint staff member, Mr. James Ning, as Assistant Treasurer of the Agency.

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

Item 8: Discussion and Approval of the Annual PBWA Budget for FY 2025-26.

- ◆ Mr. Ning presented the proposed PBWA Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. He highlighted various elements of the budget.
- ◆ The Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget would be presented to the Member Agencies' Boards of Directors for approval as well.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the annual PBWA Budget for FY 2025-26.

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

Item 9: PBWA Legislative Activities

A. CA Water for All Campaign Update

- ◆ Mr. Macias and Mr. Coleman provided the Commission with an update on recent campaign activities, along with information regarding SB366 and SB72.

Item 10: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program

A. Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan

- ◆ Mr. Macias reported that the Puente Basin Stakeholders' meeting was held March 18, 2025, to further discuss the Groundwater Management Plan, which is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

B. California Domestic Water Company

- ◆ Mr. Leamy reported that the Cal Domestic project is currently operating with a single pump flow, with the potential to increase to a 2 pump or 3 pump flow once a water quality issue is resolved.

C. Central Basin

- ◆ Mr. Coleman informed the Commission that discussions are ongoing with Pico Water District and the City of Whittier regarding conceptual intertie designs and a potential future partnership to produce and deliver to the Agency up to 2,500 acre-feet of Central Basin groundwater annually to serve the PBWA customers.

D. Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

i. Consider Acceptance of Work and Notice of Completion for the Six Basins Project (Phase 2)-Durward Well Development & Equipping- Well Equipping Phase (P.N. PB18-0005-P2-EQ)

- ◆ Mr. Macias stated that Durward Well was completed and requested that the Commission accept the work as installed and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion for the project.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lima, seconded by Commissioner Kwong, and unanimously carried (4-0) to accept the work as installed and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion for the Six Basins Project (Phase 2) - Durward Well Development and Equipping - Well Equipping Phase (P.N. PB18-0005-P2-EQ).

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

ii. Six Basins Groundwater Project Update

- ◆ Mr. Macias stated that once the wells are operational, staff would like to hold a small ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the occasion.

E. Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Update

i. Receive, and File Puente Basin Water Agency Regional Water Supply Program Update

- ◆ Mr. Macias delivered a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the final update of the Regional Water Supply Reliability Program prepared by Woodard and Curran. He highlighted three priority project items during the presentation. Mr. Macias concluded by requesting that the Commission receive and file the report.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Kwong, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0) to receive and file the Puente Basin Water Agency Regional Water Supply Program.

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

Item 11: Attorney's Report

No report on this item

Item 12: Commission Comments

No report on this item

Item 13: Items for Future Discussion/Review

No report on this item

Item 14: Adjournment at 9:18 a.m.

By consensus of the Commission the meeting ended at 9:18 a.m. The next Commission meeting is to be held June 5, 2025, at Rowland Water District.