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

June 5, 2025 At the Offices of the Rowland Water District

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Lewis, Commissioner Anthony Lima, Commissioner Henry Woo, Commissioner Scarlett Kwong, Alternate Commissioner Jared Macias, Administrative Officer Myra Malner, Treasurer Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel Carmen Fleming, Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 April 3, 2025

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lima, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on April 3, 2025.

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

Item 6: Review of Financial Statements: Third Quarter FY 2024-25

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

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

Item 7: 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 2024-25.

Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried (4-0) to approve, receive and file the Puente Narrows Underflow-Fiscal Year 2024-25 annual measurement.

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

Item 8: Consider Contract for Auditing

♦ Ms. Malner reported that proposals for auditing services were received, with Nigro & Nigro returning the lowest cost proposal. Ms. Malner requested that the Commission authorize the Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with Nigro & Nigro, PC, for auditing services for a 3-year term commencing with fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, with an option for an additional 2-year term.

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 an agreement with Nigro & Nigro, PC for auditing services for a 3-year term commencing with fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, with an option for an additional 2-year term.

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 provided the Commission with an update on recent campaign activities, along with information regarding the passing of SB72 by the Senate.

<u>Item 10: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program</u>

A. Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan

Mr. Macias reported that the Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan outlines key priorities, includes a cost analysis, and identifies potential well locations. The Plan will be presented to stakeholders at a forthcoming meeting.

B. California Domestic Water Company

Mr. Coleman and Mr. Leamy reported that the Cal Domestic project is running on a single pump and is expected to continue through the summer. The flow may increase to two or three pumps 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 on conceptual intertie designs and a potential partnership to deliver up to 2,500 acre-feet of Central Basin groundwater annually to PBWA's member agencies. These efforts represent a key step in moving the project forward.

D. Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project

- i. Six Basins Groundwater Project Update
- Mr. Macias stated that both wells are currently operational and functional. The Three Valleys Municipal Water District permit is in the process of being amended. The state has expressed interest in developing potential treatment options for the site.
- Golden State Water Company is finalizing the lease agreement.

Item 11: Attorney's Report

• General Counsel Ciampa provided a brief legislative report.

Item 12: Commission Comments

No report on this item

<u>Item 13: Items for Future Discussion/Review</u>

Mr. Macias informed the Commission of the potential Covina Partner Project, which includes a pump station and pipeline, which could move forward in 2027–2028. The project is eligible for FEMA funding, possibly covering a large part of the total cost.

Item 14: Adjournment at 9:01 a.m.

By consensus of the Commission the meeting ended at 9:01 a.m. The next Commission meeting is to be held August 7, 2025, at Walnut Valley Water District.