



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

Rowland Water District
3021 S. Fullerton Road
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

**Thursday, August 7, 2025
8:00 A.M.**

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance, to take action on any item.

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1. Call to Order Chair Woo
2. Flag Salute Chair Woo
3. Roll Call Ms. Fleming

Commissioner Lewis _____
Vice-Chair Lima _____

Chairman Woo _____
Commissioner Lee _____
4. Public Comment Chair Woo
The Chair may impose reasonable limitations on public comments to assure an orderly and timely meeting.
5. [Approval of Minutes for June 5, 2025](#) Chair Woo
(1) Discussion (2) Action Taken
6. [Relocation of Commission Meetings - Resolution No. 08-25-037](#) Chair Woo
(1) Discussion (2) Action Taken
7. PBWA Legislative Activities Mr. Macias
 - A. SB 72 and CA Water for All Campaign Update
 - B. [Approve Addendum to Reeb Government Relations Lobbying Contract](#)
(1) Discussion (2) Action Taken

8. Regional Water Supply Reliability Program
 - A. Puente Basin Groundwater Management Plan Mr. Macias
 - B. California Domestic Water Company Mr. Coleman
 - C. Central Basin Mr. Coleman
 - D. Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project Mr. Macias
 - E. Covina Valley Partner Project Mr. Macias
9. Attorney's Report Mr. Ciampa
10. Commissioner Comments
11. Items for Future Discussion/Review Chair Woo
12. Public Comment on Closed Session Chair Woo
13. Closed Session
 - A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR [§54956.8]
Property: Acquisition and/or Lease of Central Basin Water Rights
Negotiators: Tom Coleman, Jared Macias
Negotiating Parties: Various Water Rights Holders
Under Negotiations: Price and Payment Term
14. Adjournment
 - Next Commission Meeting:
Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., at Rowland Water District.

**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:

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: 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.

Item 10: Regional Water Supply Reliability Program

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

Item 13: Items for Future Discussion/Review

- ♦ 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.



**PBWA's Relocation of Commission Meetings
Resolution No. 08-25-037**

(Placeholder)

Item not available in time for Board packet publication.

Report will be provided for review at the meeting.



TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Jared Macias, Administrative Officer
DATE: August 7, 2025
RE: Addendum to Reeb Government Relations Legislative Lobbying Contract for 2025-2026

Recommendation

Authorize the Administrative Officer to execute the Addendum to the Lobbying Firm Retention Contract with Reeb Government Relations, LLC for Legislative Services effective August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Background

On February 6, 2025, the Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA) Board of Commissioners approved a Lobbying Firm Retention Contract with Reeb Government Relations, LLC (Reeb) for legislation related advice and representation effective March 4, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Recently, Pico Water District (PWD) has expressed interest in partnering in lobbying services with PBWA and Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company (BSMWC). PWD is an advantageous partner in lobbying efforts, especially since their service area is entirely within Senate District 30 (Senator Bob Archuleta), along with Rowland Water District (RWD), Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD), and BSMWC.

For adding an additional client, Reeb has proposed to increase their fee from \$6,000 per month to \$6,500 per month from August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with a modest increase to \$6,750 per month from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. However, by adding a fourth member to this agreement, the monthly cost for RWD and WVWD will decrease from the current \$2,250 per month per agency to \$2,000 per month per agency for 2025. The balance will be paid by BSMWC and PWD.

Staff recommends the execution of this Addendum to the Lobbying Firm Retention Contract with Reeb Government Relations, LLC effective August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Attachment

Addendum to Reeb Government Relations Lobbying Firm Retention Contract 2025-2026



REEB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

ADDEMDUM TO CONTRACT

This Addendum is made to the Lobbying Firm Retention Contract ("Original Agreement" hereinafter) between PUENTE BASIN WATER AGENCY ("PBWA") and REEB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ("RGR") executed on March 4, 2025, for lobbying services.

Whereas the Original Agreement provides that RGR will represent PBWA, and other local water agencies associated with PBWA pursuant to a written cost-sharing agreement; it is hereby amended by mutual agreement of the Parties as follows:

1. **Addition of Participating Agency.** Effective August 1, 2025, Pico Water District shall be added as a participating local water agency associated with PBWA pursuant to the existing cost-sharing agreement referenced in the Original Agreement.
2. **List of Participating Agencies.** As of August 1, 2025, the local water agencies associated with PBWA pursuant to the cost-sharing agreement are as follows:
 - a. Puente Basin Water Agency
 - b. Rowland Water District
 - c. Walnut Valley Water District
 - d. Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company
 - e. Pico Water District
3. **Terms of Payment.** Section 2 of the Original Agreement shall be amended to increase the monthly retainer by FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) beginning August 1, 2025. Accordingly, PBWA agrees to pay RGR the following monthly fees:
 - a. SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) per month from August 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and
 - b. SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$6,750.00) per month from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect. This addendum and any/all preceding amendments to the Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference into the original Agreement.

Puente Basin Water Agency
Addendum to 2025-26 Lobbying Retention Contract
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By: _____
Jared Macias
Administrative Officer

By: _____
Robert J. Reeb
Managing Officer

Date: _____

Date: _____