



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
3021 Fullerton Road
Rowland Heights, CA 91748
February 13, 2024 -- 6:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Szu Pei Lu-Yang, President
John Bellah, Vice President
Vanessa Hsu
Robert W. Lewis
Anthony J. Lima

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board of Directors regarding items not on the Agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board should do so at this time. With respect to items on the agenda, the Board will receive public comments at the time the item is opened for discussion, prior to any vote or other Board action. A three-minute time limit on remarks is requested.

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Any member of the public wishing to participate in the meeting, who requires a translator to understand or communicate in English, should arrange to bring a translator with them to the meeting.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: “Draft” Multijurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Recommendation: That the Board of Directors open a public hearing to receive public comment on the “Draft” Multi-jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan (“Plan”). Members of the public may access and download the Plan and/or provide comments by visiting: <https://pwagroup.org/news/>.

- 1.1 Open Public Hearing
- 1.2 Report by Staff
- 1.3 Receive Public Comment
- 1.4 Close Public Hearing

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine matters, status reports, or documents covering previous Board instruction. The items listed on the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested.

2.1 Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on January 9, 2024

Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the Minutes as presented.

2.2 Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting held on January 23, 2024

Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the Minutes as presented.

2.3 Demands on General Fund Account for December 2023

Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the demands on the general fund account as presented.

2.4 Investment Report for December 2023

Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the Investment Report as presented.

2.5 Water Purchases for December 2023 - For information only.

2.6 California Reservoir Conditions – For information only.

Special Board Meeting: February 27, 2024

Regular Board Meeting: March 12, 2024

3. ACTION ITEMS

This portion of the Agenda is for items where staff presentations and Board discussions are needed prior to formal Board action.

3.1 Review and Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursement January 2024

Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the Meeting Reimbursement as presented.

3.2 Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2-2024, Recognizing Erik Hitchman for his Distinguished Service to the Water Community and Walnut Valley Water District and Congratulating Him on His Retirement

Recommendation: The Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2-2024 as presented.

3.3 Review and Approve “Final” Rowland Water District Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Prepared by Nigro & Nigro, PC

Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the District’s “Final” Financial Audit as included in the Board packet.

3.4 Adopt RWD Resolution No. 2.1-2024, Approving the Adoption of the Public Agencies Post-Employment Benefits Trust Administered by Public Agencies Retirement Services (PARS)

Recommendation: The Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2.1-2024, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Agreement for Administrative Services with PARS.

3.5 Adopt Resolution No. 2.2-2024, Amending the Policies, Rules, and Regulations Applicable to District Employees

Recommendation: The Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2.2-2024 amending the policies, rules, and regulations applicable to District employees.

3.6 Adopt Resolution No. 2.3-2024, Approving the Agreement for the Exchange of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions, and Finding that the Agreement is Not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, or Alternatively, is Exempt

Recommendation: That the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2.3-2024:

- 1) *Finding that the proposed action is not a CEQA "project" or, alternatively, is exempt from CEQA or the reasons set forth in the staff report and based on the entire record before the District;*
- 2) *Approving the Agreement; and*
- 3) *Directing staff to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption within five (5) working days of approval.*

3.7 Adopt RWD Resolution No. 2.4-2024, Opposing the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

Recommendation: The Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2.4-2024 as presented.

3.8 Approve Emergency Management Coordinator Reimbursement and Fee Agreement between Rowland Water District and the Public Water Agencies Group

Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the Emergency Management Coordinator Reimbursement and Fee Agreement as included in the Board packet.

3.9 San Gabriel Valley Chapter of California Special Districts Association

Recommendation: For Board discussion and direction.

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS

4.1 Communications Outreach

CV Strategies

4.2 Education Update

Mrs. Gildea

5. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, OR EVENTS

(Including items that may have arisen after posting of the agenda)

5.1 Urban Water Institute Spring Water Conference – February 21-23, 2024

6. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

7. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Rowland Unified School District - Letter of Appreciation dated January 19, 2024

8. COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION REPORTS *(verbal reports)*

8.1 Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Directors Lu-Yang/Hsu

8.2 Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Directors Lima/Bellah

8.3 Association of California Water Agencies

Directors Lewis/Bellah

8.4 Puente Basin Water Agency

Directors Lima/Lewis

- 8.5 Project Ad-Hoc Committee Directors Lima/Lu-Yang
- 8.6 Regional Chamber of Commerce-Government Affairs Committee Directors Bellah/Lewis
- 8.7 P-W-R Joint Water Line Commission Directors Lima/Bellah
- 8.8 Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council Directors Lu-Yang/Bellah
- 8.9 Local Agency Formation Commission Director Lewis

9. OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- 9.1 Finance Report Mrs. Malner
- 9.2 Operations Report Mr. Davidson
- 9.3 Project Updates Mr. Moisio
- 9.4 Personnel Report Mr. Coleman

10. ATTORNEY’S REPORT Mr. Byrne

11. CLOSED SESSION

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR – [§54956.8]**
 Property: Portion of Property Located at Anaheim & Puente Road
 City of Industry, CA
 District Negotiator: Tom Coleman, General Manager
 Negotiating Parties: City of Industry
 Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
- b. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – [§54957.6]**
 District Designated Representatives: General Manager
 Unrepresented Employee: Director of Finance

12. RECONVENE/REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

General Manager’s and Directors’ Comments

Future Agenda Items

Late Business

No action shall be taken on any items not appearing on the posted agenda, except upon a determination by a majority of the Board that an emergency situation exists, or that the need to take action arose after the posting of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

President Szu Pei Lu-Yang, Presiding