



Minutes of the Special Meeting of
the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District

September 28, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph P. Byrne, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Ryan Guiboa, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Erin Kaiman, CV Strategies

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF:

Tom Coleman, General Manager
Dave Warren, Assistant General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services
Gabby Sanchez, Executive Assistant
Dusty Moisiso, Director of Operations
Myra Malner, Director of Finance
John Poehler, Project Manager

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Tab 1 ACTION ITEMS

1.1

Discuss AB 361 and Determine if Continuation of Remote Meetings is in the Best Interest of the Board, Public and Staff

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, and unanimously carried to continue remote meetings in October based upon the continued state of emergency for COVID-19 and the fact that (1) Los Angeles County officials have imposed or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and (2) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Directors Lima, Lu-Yang, Lewis, Bellah and Hsu
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

1.2

AB 1234 Ethics Training. Training Provided by Attorney, Ryan Guiboa, Best Best & Krieger, Pursuant to Guidelines Established by the California Attorney General

Legal counsel, Ryan Guiboa, presented Power Point slides covering California Ethics Laws and Principles of Public Service Ethics. He provided information on the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Sections 81000-91015) and hypothetical examples in the areas of Personal Financial Interests, Financial Interest in Public Contracts (Government Code §1090), Misuse of Public Resources and Gifts of Public Funds. The California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250, et. seq.) and Government Transparency Laws (Government Code Sections 54950) were covered in detail as well as the Ralph M. Brown Act and the rules governing meetings.

1.3

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was not held in connection with the item listed below.

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Portion of Property Located at
804 S. Azusa Ave., City of Industry, CA
District Negotiator: Tom Coleman, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: City of Industry
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

General Manager’s and Directors’ Comments

Director Lu-Yang requested that the Minutes reflect that she found the reference to the “communist virus” made by one of the Directors offensive.

Future Agenda Items

- AB 361 Resolution

Late Business

None

Next Regular Board Meeting

October 12, 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Bellah, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ANTHONY J. LIMA
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary