

**WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT JPA
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:17 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City-County Building with 1st Chair Barry Malm presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call of Members Agencies:

B&B Water District	1 st Chair, Barry Malm	Present
City of Dos Palos	2 nd Chair, Marcus Porter	Arrived late 5:55 p.m.
Eastside Water Association	Joe Lopez	- Not present -
Midway Community Service District	Dora Campos	Present
North Dos Palos Water District	Allen Clark	Present
South Dos Palos Water District	Laverne Davis	- Not Present -

Others Present: Richard Martorello (Water Quality JPA Bookkeeper), Gabriel Delgado (Legal Counsel), Garth Pecchenino (JPA Engineer), Shawn Pinkston, (JPA Engineer), and Members of the Public.

No quorum (4 members required) was present at the start of this meeting. Meeting proceeded as informational only with no action due to lack of quorum.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 18, 2024 regular meeting.

-- No action at this time --

4. Approval of Warrants:

The JPA's bookkeeper Richard Martorello presented the members of the Board with an updated warrant list representing July 2024 through November 2024. Mr. Martorello explained that the presented format of the warrant report was to align past paid quarter warrants with the quarterly report presentation as well as present pending warrants to the Board.

Mr. Martorello presented the warrants from July 2024 (19 items; \$232,197.38), August 2024 (15 items; \$32,787.15), September 2024 (15 items; \$42,823.32), October 2024 (13 items; \$25,223.15), and November 2024 (14 items; \$42,854.45). No warrant list was available for the month of December at the time of the meeting. The report was included in the Board Member's meeting packet.

-- No action at this time --

5. Changes in Capacity:

No changes in capacity reported by the JPA’s engineer.

6. Public Forum

No members of the public commented at this time.

7. Old Business:

A. Update on Construction of Water Treatment Facility

JPA Engineer Garth Pecchenino presented an update report dated 12/11/2024 revealing photos of the construction progress. The focus is now on the Operations Building and the chemical feed/storage building as the onsite underground work has been completed. The Operations Building cement foundation was pour during the night of December 9. Final cement pouring and form removal was next. The installation of the underground conduits is progressing.

The construction of the new water plant is defined in terms of a 2-year timeframe. It is believed plant testing will be approximately 18-20 months into the projects construction schedule or around 2026 Q1. Upon successful testing, the old plant will be demolished.

B. Update Regarding Amended JPA and O & M Agreement

It was stated language has been received regarding plant capacity for going forward with defining criteria outlines and what it takes to get this approved. It is hoped to have this in the coming week with the process of trying to make it equitable with the City having control regarding plant capacity and zoning.

Legal Counsel Gabriel Delgado stated that this will be presented at the district level soon and will need approval from all member agencies. Expansion needs are a factor in this review. The County may need to get involved with both Eastside and B&B districts.

An O&M “bare bones” draft is in process as Mr. Delgado is considering the potential of engaging Mr. Keene to be the JPA “eyes” for an agreement review.

C. Updated Status Regarding JPA Audit Engagement (FY 2022/2023 through 2024/2025)

Legal Counsel Delgado stated he is reaching out to a new auditor and looking to engage possibly Brian Jolley CPA based on a past Request for Proposal (RFP) previously received.

8. New Business:

A. Board to Consider Accepting JPA Financial Report 2024/2025 Q1

Mr. Martorello, the JPA’s Bookkeeper, presented the 2024/2025 quarterly financial report to the Board for the period July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

-- No action at this time --

9. Staff Reports:

A. USBR Contract

Legal Counsel Mr. Delgado reported he was reviewing the current contract for the Bureau with City of Dos Palos City Manager Dwayne Jones and JPA Engineer Pecchenino. The contract is not up for renewal until 2028. No additional updates to report at this time.

10. Reports Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(A)(2):

No items to report at this time.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

At 5:55 PM, City of Dos Palos Board member Porter arrived at the City Council Chambers. 1st Chair Malm re-opened the meeting for voting of three agenda items. The items to be voted on are listed below.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes as presented with no changes by Director Campos seconded by Director Clark. The Board unanimously approved the September 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Campos, Clark, Malm, Porter

Absent: Davis, Lopez

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

4. Approval of Warrants:

A motion from Director Campos with a second by Director Clark, the Board unanimously approved payment of the warrant list representing July 2024 through November 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Campos, Clark, Malm, Porter

Absent: Davis, Lopez

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

8. New Business:

A. Board to Consider Accepting JPA Financial Report 2024/2025 Q1

A motion from Director Clark with a second by Director Porter, the Board unanimously accepted the financial report presented by Mr. Martorello for the period July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Campos, Clark, Davis, Porter

Absent: Lopez, Malm

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

This session of the re-opened December 13, 2024 Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings through the end of 2024/2025 fiscal year are

- Wednesday, Mar. 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Martorello
Recording Secretary