

**WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT JPA
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 5:00 pm**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:01 pm in the City Council Chambers of the City-County Building with 1st Chair Barry Malm presiding. The meeting started with a 5 of 6 member quorum requirement.

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	Present
Eastside Water Association	Vacant	- Not present -
Midway Community Service District	Dora Campos	Present
North Dos Palos Water District	Allen Clark	Present
South Dos Palos Water District	Albert Falley	Present

Others Present: Richard Martorello (Water Quality JPA Bookkeeper), Gabriel Delgado (Legal Counsel), Garth Pecchenino (JPA Engineer).

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. Organization of Board Officers

The Board briefly discussed the organization of officers and the JPA's Legal Counsel reminded the Board of the requirement of two positions identified as First Chair and Second Chair. After further discussion, the Board agreed the current First Chair, Barry Malm, and Second Chair, Marcus Porter, would remain unchanged.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 17, 2025 regular meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Director Campos with a seconded by Director Clark. The Board unanimously approved the motion with the vote as follows:

Ayes: Campos, Clark, Malm, Pimentel, Porter **Absent:** None

Nays: None **Abstentions:** None

Further discussion regarding the minutes was related to the representation vacancy of Eastside Water Association. An applicant may be in the works, if they are interested, and will need to be approved by the County as explained by the JPA's Legal Counsel.

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5. Approval of Warrants

The JPA's bookkeeper Richard Martorello presented the members of the Board with an updated warrant list representing **July 2025 through October 2025**. 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 2025 (13 items; \$34,978.79), August 2025 (19 items; \$200,513.00), September 2025 (13 items; \$37,145.59), and October 2025 (12 items; \$23,977.16). No warrant list was available for the months of November and December at the time of the meeting. The warrants report was included in the Board Member's meeting packet.

A motion from Director Porter with a second by Director Clark, the Board unanimously approved payment of the warrant list. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Campos, Clark, Malm, Pimentel, Porter	Absent: None
Nays: None	Abstentions: None

6. Changes in Capacity

No changes in capacity reported by the JPA's Engineer.

7. Public Forum

No comments from the public.

8. Old Business

A. Update on Construction of Water Treatment Facility

The JPA Engineer Garth Pecchenino presented an update report dated 12/04/2025 revealing photos of the plant's construction progress. The recent construction efforts have been site work, equipment installation, the Operations Building, and the Chemical Storage and Feed Building.

- Photographs of the work site revealed site paving had been completed.
- Treatment Plant installation of baffles, supporting hardware, etc.
- Photographs of the Operations Building revealed completed work on ducting, drywall, and cabinet/counter installations.
- Installation of hardware sensor ports and chemical feed ports.
- Photographs of off-site intersection paving completed.

The construction of the new water plant is progressing at a rate to be completed in the April to May 2026 time period.

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Once construction is completed, testing and calibration is planned for January 2026 for sensors and other automations. A switch from the old to the new plant will occur upon successful testing acceptance and approval. The decommissioning of the old plant will follow next with the removal of the clarifiers and the later demolition of the old plant.

Future expansion could be put in place after the area is cleared for extra tank storage.

B. Update on Canal Flange and Ring Repair

BACKGROUND

The JPA's Engineer reported a pipeline flange leak where the pipe is exposed above the ground across a canal during the September's Board meeting. This leak was discovered during the June-July period as the leak was spraying water on the canal bank and the road.

The replacement flange and repair ring could be received in four weeks via expedite as this repair appears to be an emergency need. The vendor, Buckeye Seal Solutions out of Strongsville, Ohio, has presented a quotation of \$37,585 for materials and \$18,050 for installation with a 10-year warranty.

The pipeline is about 35-years old and materials are PVC to steel to PVC over the canal. The PVC is designed to flex underground. Chemicals from the chemical injection repair can be monitored at the plant as part of the repair.

Presently, the JPA's Engineer reported CCID is raising levels to number 2.

Additionally, the JPA's Engineer explained the following needs.

- Going with a marine coating due to pipe work near water.
- To dig out under the old flange for manpower access to install new flange due to trellis/bean system.
- Labor will consist of four men to do the installation.

The repair is outside the canal above ground surface.

Lead time obtaining the replacement flange and ring will be pushed out to 10 weeks versus the initial expedited four weeks to save the JPA approximately \$8,579 in repair costs. Installation is looking to be in April with the hope of water levels being at a lower flow.

Revised vendor quotes for the repair are Buckeye Seal at \$37,612 and the PLIDCO labor at \$26,300.

The repair project will be moving forward under Emergency Provision 2025-0519.

As a result of the reported updates regarding the canal flange and ring repair, a motion by Director Porter for the **RESOLUTION OF THE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT JPA OF THE DOS PALOS AREA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR**

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OF MAIN TRANSMISSION PIPELINE (Resolution Number 2025-1210) was submitted with a second by Director Campos. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Campos, Clark, Malm, Pimentel, Porter	Absent: None
Nays: None	Abstentions: None

C. Update Regarding Amended JPA and O & M Agreement

Legal Counsel Gabriel Delgado shared

- The City of Dos Palos had a change of legal counsel creating a delay in the progress of the agreement.
- Cleaned up language associated to many items and made changes related to capacity needs.
- Capacity will be defined in advance. Requests for capacity to be submitted now needs versus future growth plans.
- The document is more or less ready to be reviewed by each district.

Legal Counsel continued by stating once the new plant is brought online, there will be a need to establish a baseline capacity as compared to today. This baseline is to take into consideration the future needs of homes, ADUs (Additional Dwelling Units) and commercial demands.

A further study may be needed by Engineering to determine the potential capacity calculation for the City of Dos Palos, Midway and South Dos Palos. Additional factors may include metering, usage and expansion.

A potential concern is will the distribution plans support future growth of infrastructure?

- Are existing ADUs attached/connected to a residence equal one connection?
- If an ADU is not connected (standalone from residence), is this two connections?

The agreement was not available for Board review in December as originally planned.

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

The JPA's Legal Counsel reported Bryant Jolley CPA rejected a counter proposal to their original submitted audit request. The JPA's countered with \$7,500 and \$8,000. Bryant Jolley further explained they did not have sufficient capacity to handle the JPA's audit need.

Meanwhile, Fechter & Company submitted a proposal of an annual audit fee of \$9,199 for fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025 plus an onboarding fee of \$3,000. The total of the audit proposal for the three years requested will be \$30,597 with a potential an extra \$1,000 for possible out-of-pocket expenses assuming all three years are audited at the same time.

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A motion from Director Porter to approved the engagement of Auditing Services for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025 by Fechter & Company with a second from Director Campos, the Board unanimously. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Campos, Clark, Malm, Pimentel, Porter	Absent: None
Nays: None	Abstentions: None

9. New Business:

A. Board to Consider Accepting JPA Financial Report 2025/2026 Q1

Mr. Martorello, the JPA’s Bookkeeper, presented the 2025/2026 quarterly financial report to the Board.

A motion from Director Porter with a second by Director Campos, the Board unanimously accepted the financial report presented by Mr. Martorello for the period July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Campos, Clark, Malm, Pimentel, Porter	Absent: None
Nays: None	Abstentions: None

10. Staff Reports:

No additional items to report.

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

Legal Counsel reported the contract with CCID will be expiring in 2028. USBR may be a problem in the process of approving the contract as there will be talks in 2026.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings through the end of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 are

- Wednesday, Mar. 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Martorello
Recording Secretary