

**WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT JPA
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:08 pm in the City Council Chambers of the City-County Building with 1st Chair Barry Malm presiding. The meeting started with a 4 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 (late)
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 of Barry Malm would remain unchanged. The Second Chair, after additional discussion, was offered to Board Member Porter who, in turn, accepted the nomination of the position. A motion to accept the nomination of Board Member Porter as the Second Chair was made by Director Campos and seconded by Director Falley. The Board unanimously approved the motion with the vote as follows:

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

4. Approval of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 18, 2025 regular meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Director Campos with a seconded by Director Porter. The Board unanimously approved the motion with the vote as follows:

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

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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 **April 2025 through August 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 April 2025 (15 items; \$37,037.74), May 2025 (12 items; \$28,686.27), June 2025 (4 items; \$16,110.84), July 2025 (13 items; \$34,978.79), and August 2025 (19 items; \$200,513.00). No warrant list was available for the month of September at the time of the meeting. The warrants report was included in the Board Member's meeting packet.

A motion from Director Campos 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

Absent: Porter

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Board member Allan Clark arrives at 5:20 pm.

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 09/08/2025 revealing photos of the plant's construction progress. The recent construction efforts have been site grading around the buildings for curb, gutter and asphalt preparation.

Photographs of the Operations Building revealed work on duct, drywall, equipment control systems installation and pulling of wire for connections.

Additional photos show the progress of the placement of rolled GeoGrid wire netting material for the site's road.

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The construction of the new water plant is progressing at a rate to be completed in the April to May 2026 time period. Once construction is completed, a planned water testing and certification is expected after the first of the year. Upon successful testing, a switch from the old to the new plant will occur with the demolishing of the old plant to follow.

B. Update Regarding Amended JPA and O & M Agreement

Legal Counsel Gabriel Delgado shared the City of Dos Palos attorney has returned documents and is hoping to provide same to each district sometime in October or November. Question at this time is: Who from the County will review this agreement for B & B, Eastside and North Dos Palos districts? No comments from South Dos Palos County Water District as they were the first district to initially review the agreement.

Capacity distribution may move toward “based on criteria” as defined in the agreement.

The agreement should be available for Board review in December.

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

The JPA’s Legal Counsel reported Ryan Jolley from Bryant Jolley CPA has been sent prior year audits to prepare terms arrangement and engagement letter to be reviewed in December with a possible audit amount between \$7,500 and \$8,000.

9. New Business:

A. Board to Consider Accepting JPA Financial Report 2024/2025 Q4

Mr. Martorello, the JPA’s Bookkeeper, presented the 2024/2025 quarterly financial report to the Board.

With the maturing of the Connecticut State General Obligation bond maturing, it was requested for an update of the Hilltop Securities investments and possible options.

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 April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

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B. Board to Consider Quotation and Approval of Flange and Repair Ring

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

The replacement flange and repair ring can be received in four weeks via expedite as this 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.

On a motion from Director Clark with a second by Director Campos, the Board unanimously accepted the quotation from Buckeye Seal Solutions, requested the JPA's Engineer to order the flange and ring, and proceed with the pipeline repair. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

On a follow-up motion from Director Campos with a second by Director Clark, the Board unanimously approved the payment to be done with reserve funds for Buckeye Seal Solutions when billed and to note a line item on future reporting. 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):

No additional items to report.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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

- Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, Mar. 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Martorello
Recording Secretary