

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
WATER COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022  
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT  
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD  
VIA TELECONFERENCE, 9:00 AM**

Robert Shannon, President  
Gloria Cordero, Vice President



Naomi Rainey, Secretary  
Frank Martinez, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Principal Deputy City  
Attorney

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND FINAL MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Cordero asked Commissioner Martinez to run the Board meeting.  
Commissioner Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Eric Buehler led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Present:**

**Commissioners** Robert Shannon

**Absent:**

Also Present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager; Diana Tang, Deputy General Manager; Robert Verceles, Director of Engineering; Lisa Squires, Executive Assistant to the Board of Water Commissioners

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Two written comments were received and entered into record.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Commissioner Martinez presented the President's report.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner presented the General Manager's report.

**Agenda items were considered in the following order: 1, 16, 2-15, 17-19**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Item laid over from April 14, 2022 Board meeting**

1. [22-093WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Resolution WD-1463 declaring a Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Plan Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage.

Dean Wang made a correction on the floor the days indicated on the Board letter from Tuesdays and Thursdays to Tuesdays and Saturdays. Resolution remains unchanged.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Dean Wang spoke.  
Vice President Cordero spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

**REGULAR AGENDA**

2. [22-091WA](#) Recommendation to approve April 14 and May 4, 2022 Board meeting minutes.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

3. [22-092WA](#) Recommendation to approve Retirement Order No. 6170 for items that have become obsolete or unrepairable during the current year. These items may or may not be sold to auction.

Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Brandon Walker spoke.

**A motion was made by Secretary Rainey, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

4. [22-094WA](#) Recommendation to review invitation for a Board sponsorship of the 2022 Long Beach Juneteenth Celebration to be held on June 18, 2022 in Long Beach, California.

Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Chris Garner spoke.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Vice President Cordero spoke.  
A dialogue ensued.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to approve a sponsorship amount of \$1,000. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

5. [22-095WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute and deliver all necessary documents associated with the Direct Payment Agreement with HORNE LLP to receive direct payments for customer financial assistance under the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

Jillian Croci presented the report.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Jillian Croci spoke.  
Chris Garner spoke.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.

**A motion was made by Secretary Rainey, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

6. [22-096WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Long Beach Public Works Department (LBPW) for the relocation of potable water mains, water service connections, and appurtenances in conjunction with the Shoreline Drive Realignment Project near Golden Shore and W. Seaside Way.

Eric Buehler presented the report.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

7. [22-097WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Dudek, to provide construction management services for the Spinnaker Bay Drive Water Main Replacement Project - Phase 1 (MC-5199), in the amount not to exceed \$391,075.

Ryan Damon presented the report.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Chris Garner spoke.

Vice President Cordero spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

8. [22-103WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Dudek to provide engineering design and construction management services for the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) Groundwater Treatment Plant Well 1 and Groundwater Treatment Plant Well 2 (GWTP-1 & GWTP-2) New Wells Project (O-0751), in the amount not to exceed \$1,990,872.

Wendy Chen presented the report.

**A motion was made by Secretary Rainey, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

9. [22-104WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-07-22 for the drilling of Water Wells Alamitos 9A and Alamitos 14 Project (O-0749) and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., in an amount of \$5,505,609.

Wendy Chen presented the report.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Chris Garner spoke.

Secretary Rainey spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

The Board took a short recess at 10:07am and reconvened at 10:14am.

10. [22-105WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Engineering Resources of Southern California (ERSC), Inc., to provide engineering services for the Alamitos Tank 7 and Tank 22 Rehabilitation Project (EO-3548 & EO-3601), in the amount not to exceed \$285,820.

Danna Monzon presented the report.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.  
Danna Monzon spoke.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.

**A motion was made by Secretary Rainey, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

11. [22-098WA](#) Recommendation to authorize revision to Section 804 of the Long Beach Water Department's (LBWD) Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Plan (Rules) pertaining to testing and certification of backflow prevention assemblies.

Tai Tseng presented the report.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.  
Tai Tseng spoke.  
A dialogue ensued.  
Vice President Cordero spoke.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

12. [22-099WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to extend contract 3196000030 with Sully Miller Construction Co. to cover construction expenditure between December 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022 with no increases to the original contract amount.

Tai Tseng presented the report.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

13. [22-106WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-43-22 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Thermo Electron North America LLC to furnish, deliver, and install one (1) Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP/MS) system with autosampler in an amount not to exceed \$228,692.

Tai Tseng presented the report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon



14. [22-107WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to accept the terms and conditions associated with the US Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART: Drought Response Program for the Water System Optimization and Supply Management Study.

Jillian Croci presented the report.  
Vice President Cordero spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

15. [22-108WA](#) Recommendation to request the Mayor and Long Beach City Council consider the following amendment to the Long Beach City Charter: City of Long Beach Water and Gas Consolidation Measure. A charter amendment to merge the existing water, sewer, and gas utilities into a single publicly-owned utility, governed by the existing independent Water/Utility Commission, for the purposes of improving customer service through better coordination of street pipeline and infrastructure repairs.

Chris Garner presented the report.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Chris Garner spoke.  
A dialogue ensued.  
Vice President Cordero spoke.  
Chris Garner spoke.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

16. [22-109WA](#) Recommendation to approve a one-time utility rebate to all current water customers of the Long Beach Water Department, to be applied pro-rata based on customer account meter size in a total amount not to exceed \$21,832,202 and direct the General Manager to take such actions as necessary to provide the rebate upon receipt of the funds from the City's General Fund.

Brandon Walker presented the report.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.  
Chris Garner spoke.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.  
Vice President Cordero spoke.  
Richard Anthony spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Secretary Rainey, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

17. [22-110WA](#) Receive verbal presentation - Fiscal Year 2022 Second Quarter Financial Review Report.

Brandon Walker presented the report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

18. [22-111WA](#) Receive verbal presentation - Water Department Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Brandon Walker presented the report.  
Secretary Rainey spoke.

**A motion was made by Secretary Rainey, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

**Absent:** 1 - Robert Shannon

19. [22-112WA](#) Receive verbal report of the April 12 and May 10, 2022 Metropolitan Water District Board meetings.

Vice President Cordero had no items to report.

### **CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

There were no Standing Committee referrals.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the absence of President Shannon from the May 4, 2022 and May 12, 2022 Board meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Martinez adjourned the meeting at 11:34am.

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