

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MAY 11, 2010:

A meeting of the Water Supply Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Dexter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Water Supply Committee:
Gordon Dexter, Chair
Linda Godin, Alt. Committee Member
Steve Cordova, Committee Member – EXCUSED ABSENCE

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Curtis Paxton, Assistant General Manager
Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Manager
Matt Knudson, Engineering Manager
Peter Thompson, Jr., Operations Manager
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
1 member of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Alt. Committee Member Godin, seconded by Chair Dexter, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

4) Action Items:

4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held April 13, 2010.

It was moved by Alt. Committee Member Godin, seconded by Chair Dexter, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 13, 2010, as written.

4.2) Presentation of Monthly Water Demand and Supply Status. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that the District's allocation from the State Water Project has increased to 40% and then reviewed the District's carry-over and surface water supplies, the strategy for using this water, the

projected water use from Littlerock Reservoir, the updated water delivery schedule, and the updated production and consumption chart and per capita water use.

State Water Project issues were then discussed, and Chair Dexter recommended a full Board briefing on the complexities of the State Water Project with advance news releases issued so that others can benefit from the presentation after which Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that he will arrange the presentation.

4.3) Status Report on Recycled Water Master Plan. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that future direction on the Recycled Water Master Plan will be determined after the second hearing later this week on the recycled water litigation between the District and the City of Palmdale.

4.4) Status Report on Strategic Water Resources Plan. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that a kick-off meeting with ESA for the Program Environmental Impact Report work is anticipated to be held next week.

5) Information Items.

General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that the Monterey Agreement originally finalized sixteen years ago was challenged by the Planning Conservation League and other groups; that new CEQA work was recently completed and the Monterey Agreement signed by Mark Cowin, the new Director of the Department of Water Resources; and that this is good news for the District as it secures the District's 4,000 acre feet of water purchased through the Monterey Agreement.

Assistant General Manager Paxton informed the Committee that RMC, several consultants, and the project partners met last Monday regarding the Garden Bar Project; that a status report was provided; that project partners need to provide firm yield and intermittent yield amounts expected from the reservoir; that the consultants indicated a preferred approach for the capacity of the reservoir; that all project partners have Delta issues and the ability to move the water was re-emphasized; that the consultants are

reviewing the power portion of the project to ensure it pays for itself; and that recommendations for moving forward are expected to be complete by December 2010.

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that he continues his work with Butte County regarding water transfers.

Assistant General Manager Paxton informed the Committee that he talked with Mr. Ted Trimble, General Manager for Western Canal Water District, at the ACWA Conference; that the District was negotiating a long-term water transfer with Western a few years ago but obstacles by the Department of Water Resources put a halt to this deal; and that Mr. Trimble indicated the District has a good standing in their eyes and would be willing to work with the District again if the opportunity presents itself in the future.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Dexter stated that it can be concerning that Committee meetings may not last long; that there is a lot of information presented in a short period of time; that it is critical that the Board stay on top of water supply issues and should have the monthly briefing; and that he will look at the monthly Committee meetings to make sure they are effective.

He then requested that "Review and discussion on water banking options both current and for the future" be presented at a future Committee meeting.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

The next regular Water Supply Committee meeting was then scheduled for June 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

7) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Water Supply Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Chair