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Palmdale Water District Board Meeting Actions ***March 11, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and*** ***March 19, 2009 Special Board Meeting***

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District considered the following matters at the March 11, 2009 regular Board meeting and March 19, 2009 special Board meeting:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes from February 11, 2009 regular meeting; ratification of payment of bills for February 25, 2009; and payment of bills for March 11, 2009.
- *Approval to rescind Resolution No. 07-09 and approve Resolution No. 09-04 Regarding Watering Restrictions and Watering Times:* This item was approved on a 5 – 0 vote. Resolution No. 09-04 revises allowable District watering times to no watering on specified days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and matches City of Palmdale approved watering times pursuant to the City's Ordinance No. 1362-Efficient Landscaping Requirements-Section 14.05.130B, page 17.
- *Consideration and possible action on funding purchase options and authorizing staff to sign the Department of Water Resources 2009 Drought Water Bank Participation Agreement:* This item was approved on a 5 – 0 vote. The District's water supply from the State Water Project has been significantly reduced due to drought and environmental factors. This action authorized staff to sign the Department of Water Resources 2009 Drought Water Bank Participation Agreement to reserve 2,500 acre feet of Drought Water Bank supplemental water for 2009 for an initial deposit amount of \$187,500.00.

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- *Consideration and possible action on Cash for Grass Rebate Program:* This item was approved on a 5 – 0 vote. The Cash for Grass Rebate Program will provide financial assistance to eligible customers to reduce their turf area thereby reducing outdoor water use. The Board authorized this Program in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be effective when funds for the program are available through the new water structure.
- *Consideration and possible action on revisions to the Organization Chart to create an Administrative Assistant position and to reclassify an existing position and to approve the job description and salary range for the Administrative Assistant position:* These items were approved on a 5 – 0 vote. These actions reclassify an Engineering Aide position, create the new position of Administrative Assistant needed for the Administration Department, and approve the job description and salary range for this position.
- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 09-03 approving a Reserve Funds Policy for the District:* This item was approved on a 5 – 0 vote retroactive to December 2008. The Reserve Funds Policy establishes legally restricted funds and Board restricted funds. It will be used as a multi-year strategic financial tool for the Board.
- *Consideration and possible action on Miscellaneous Charges:* This item was approved on a 5 – 0 vote. It revises Appendix D of the District's Rules and Regulations to ensure the District recovers the costs associated with performing the functions described in Appendix D.
- *Consideration and possible action on water budget rate structure model and establishment of District policy for determining number of household residents, lot size, and gallons of water per capita per day per resident:* This item was approved on a 4 – 1 vote and establishes a water budget rate structure at four residents per household with each resident allowed 60 gallons of water per capita per day, sets the lot size at 45%, establishes water conservation factors, adopts a fixed/variable rate option at 60%/40%, and sets this rate structure for the next six years.
- *Consideration and possible action on setting public hearing date for Water Budget Rate Structure:* It was approved on a 5 – 0 vote to set the public hearing for the water budget rate structure for May 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- *Consideration and possible action on Proposition 218 notification for proposed water budget rate structure:* This item was approved on a 5 – 0 vote. The Proposition 218 notification contains the current service charge as well as specific water budget rate structure information for years 2009 – 2014 including the proposed service charge, commodity charge, elevation booster surcharge, and water quality fee.

The Palmdale Water District Board of Director meetings are held **once** a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Closed session matters are considered at 6:00 p.m. with regular session matters considered at 7:00 p.m. Board meetings are held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, and the public is invited to attend. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **April 8, 2009**.