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Palmdale Water District Board Meeting Actions ***August 12, 2009 Regular Board Meeting*** ***August 18, 2009 Special Board Meeting***

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with all five Directors present, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 12, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: July 8, 2009 regular meeting minutes; July 27, 2009 special meeting minutes; ratification of payment of bills for July 22, 2009; payment of bills for August 12, 2009; Resolution No. 09-13 Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the District and CalPERS to Provide Two Years Additional Service Credit; and Agreement with Ernst & Young for auditing services regarding discussion matters between the State Water Contractors and the Department of Water Resources during the twelve months ending June 30, 2010.
- *Consideration and possible action on Strategic Water Resources Plan:* This item was unanimously approved. The Strategic Water Resources Plan is a long-term planning document to help the District meet future water needs. Strategies include meeting these needs through groundwater, imported water, active conservation, Littlerock Reservoir, water banking, and recycled water.
- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 09-14 adopting the Recycled Water Master Plan:* This item was unanimously approved. Resolution No. 09-14 not only adopts the District's Recycled Water Master Plan but declares the Palmdale Water District to be the retail recycled water supplier within the Palmdale Water District's service area. For more than a decade, the District has been looking for solutions to meet long term water supply needs in order to provide for future growth within the District. Early on in the process of developing alternatives and options for additional water

supplies, the District identified recycled water use as a component in our future water source portfolio. The Recycled Water Master Plan will assist the District on the urban use of recycled water and formalizes previous planning efforts on a local and regional effort. The findings of this Plan have been incorporated into the Strategic Water Resources Plan.

- *Consideration and possible action on Amendment No. 1 to RMC Environmental contract for the preparation of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration associated with the Recycled Water Master Plan to meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) mandatory requirements:* This item was approved on a 4 – 1 vote. The District's Recycled Water Master Plan defines a set of alternatives for a new distribution system to deliver non-potable water to some combination of the District's municipal customers, agricultural customers adjacent to the District, and groundwater recharge. RMC will prepare an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Palmdale Water District's Recycled Water Master Plan. CEQA documentation may consist of an IS/MND that tiers from the North Los Angeles/Kern County Recycled Water Project Draft Program EIR (ESA 2008). The IS/MND shall be completed in compliance with CEQA Plus and District guidelines. RMC will also support the District in preparation of a SWRCB State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Application as an option to help fund the proposed non-potable water system.

- *Consideration and possible action on California Special Districts Association 2009 Board Elections:* This item was unanimously approved to cast the District's vote for Vincent House for the Region Five Board of Directors for the California Special Districts Association.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present and Director Figueroa absent, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 18, 2009 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

- *Consideration and possible action on setting Palmdale Water District's Assessment Rates for the fiscal year 2009-2010 and adoption of Resolution No. 09-15 regarding said rates:* This item was unanimously approved and sets the District's assessment rate associated with State Water Project costs for the fiscal year 2009-2010 at .317372.

- *Consideration and possible action on Memorandum of Understanding for cost-sharing of feasibility study for the Garden Bar Water and Power Project:* This item was unanimously approved and is an opportunity for the District to participate in the initial planning stages of a potential new water supply for the District. The Garden Bar Water and Power Supply Project is a water supply project north of the Delta sponsored by the South Sutter Water District. The District's cost-share is \$170,000.00 and the study will establish the quantity of firm and non-firm yield, establish the amount of generation the project can produce, and develop a Strategic Implementation Plan to comply with environmental and regulatory requirements. The District can opt out of participation if initial developments indicate the project is not feasible for the District.

- *Consideration and possible action on capital improvement fees:* This item was unanimously approved. This action authorizes the General Manager to sell up to \$4,000,000 of Equivalent Dwelling Units at today's capital improvement fee rates and, if successful, will generate immediate cash for the District to offer rebates to our customers, end employee furloughs, resume progress on cancelled contracts, complete construction of new groundwater wells, and replace deteriorated and leaking pipelines.
- *Consideration and possible action on time of Board of Director meetings:* This item was unanimously approved to change the time of regular Board meetings, which are held the second Wednesday of each month. Regular Board meetings will now start at 5:30 p.m. for the Board to consider closed session matters with the regular session beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Palmdale Water District Board of Director meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Board meetings start at 5:30 p.m. for closed session matters with regular session beginning at 6:30 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 will be held September 9, 2009.