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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ACTIONS APRIL 14, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 28, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the APRIL 14, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- **Consent calendar items** were unanimously approved as follows: March 24, 2010 regular meeting minutes and payment of bills for April 14, 2010.
- **Consideration and possible action on re-award of contract for the construction of the water main replacement in 30th Street East, Frontier Avenue, 31st Street East, Glenbush Avenue, Lemsford Avenue, 32nd Street East, Avenue Q-4, and Avenue Q-7 under Specification No. 0901. (\$695,684.00 – budgeted – Engineering Manager Knudson):** This item was unanimously approved and allows Christensen Brothers General Engineering Inc. to withdraw their bid proposal for Specification No. 0901 in the exchange for payment to the District of \$6,000.00 and to award the contract for construction of the water main replacement in 30th Street East, Frontier Avenue, 31st Street East, Glenbush Avenue, Lemsford Avenue, 32nd Street East, Avenue Q-4, and Avenue Q-7 under Specification No. 0901 to Barnett VanDyne Construction, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$695,684.00.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with all five Directors present, considered the following matters at the APRIL 28, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- **Consent calendar items** were unanimously approved as follows: April 14, 2010 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for April 28, 2010; December 31, 2009 Financial Statements and Audit Committee/Management Letter; and Task Order No. 3 for administrative services provided by the Palmdale Water District for the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association.

- **Hearing and possible action on City of Palmdale's appeal dated April 6, 2010 of General Manager's letter of determination dated March 19, 2010 regarding five billing dispute protest letters dated March 4, 9, and 10, 2010 and on appeal dated April 22, 2010 of General Manager's letter of determination dated April 8, 2010 regarding two billing dispute protest letters dated March 16 and 17, 2010:** It was unanimously approved to uphold the General Manager's determinations on billing and policy issues raised by the City of Palmdale at the hearing. The City was encouraged to meet with District staff prior to filing formal protest letters to resolve any purported billing issues.
- **Consideration and possible action on conservation easement for Palmdale Ditch Enclosure Project. (Engineering Manager Knudson/Facilities Committee/Wendy Reed, Antelope Valley Conservancy):** This item was unanimously approved and establishes a conservation easement with the Antelope Valley Conservancy for District-owned property in fee near Una Lake on the east side of Sierra Highway just north of Barrel Springs Road and satisfies mitigation requirements for the Department of Fish & Game permit received for the Palmdale Ditch Enclosure Project.
- **Consideration and possible action on District involvement with RMC Water & Environment in WaterReuse Foundation Solicited Research Program. (\$20,000 or in-kind services–non-budgeted–Assistant General Manager Paxton/Water Supply Committee/Tom West, RMC Water & Environment):** This item was unanimously approved for in-kind services and will help the District determine the best long-term investments in recycled water applications.
- **Consideration and possible action on a Professional Services Agreement for the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for Strategic Water Resources Plan. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula/Water Supply Committee):** It was unanimously approved to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with ESA in the not-to-exceed amount of \$222,431.00 for the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the preferred water supply options included in the District's Strategic Water Resources Plan in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
- **Consideration and possible action on manning a common booth at the Antelope Valley Fair through the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association. (AVSWCA Commissioners Dexter/Godin):** This item was referred to the Outreach Committee, and staff was directed to develop a cost proposal for District participation in this booth.
- **Consideration and possible action on Vehicle and Motorized Equipment Policy and Procedure. (Facilities Manager Moore/Senior Equipment Mechanic Hardenbrook/Facilities Committee)** This item was unanimously approved and establishes a Vehicle and Motorized Equipment Policy and Procedure to help the District reduce the cost of ownership of District equipment and vehicles through improved selection replacement and utilization.

- **Consideration and possible action on closure of the District office from Christmas to New Year's. (Human Resources Manager Burns/Personnel Committee):** This item was unanimously approved. The District will now be closed during the holiday break from Christmas through New Years but a skeletal staff will be available to work in certain departments so there is no disruption of District services and operations.
- **Consideration and possible action on Information Technology Manager job description and salary range. (Human Resources Manager Burns/Personnel Committee):** This item was unanimously approved. The position of Information Technology Manager will be advertised.

The Palmdale Water District Board of Director meetings are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held May 12, 2010. Board meetings are held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, and the public is invited to attend.