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### ***PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ACTIONS JANUARY 13, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 27, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 29, 2010 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING***

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with all five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JANUARY 13, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- **Consent calendar items** were unanimously approved as follows: December 9, 2009 regular meeting minutes; December 11, 2009 workshop meeting minutes; December 16, 2009 special meeting minutes; ratification of payment of bills for December 23, 2009; payment of bills for January 13, 2010; and approval of Resolution No. 10-1 Changing Regular Meeting Dates to Two Meetings Per Month.
- **Consideration and possible action on the General Manager contract:** It was approved to cancel the employment contract with General Manager Hill.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with all five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JANUARY 27, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- **Consent calendar items** were unanimously approved as follows: January 13, 2010 regular meeting minutes and payment of bills for January 27, 2010.
- **Consideration and possible action on Amendment No. 1 to Procurement Contract with Calgon Carbon Corporation to furnish and install Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Media. (2010 Budgeted \$1,019,464.44 – Facilities Committee/Interim Operations Manager Thompson/Engineering Manager Knudson):** This item was unanimously approved. Calgon Carbon Corporation will furnish and install granular activated carbon (GAC) media for four contactors at the recently upgraded water treatment plant. The cost, \$1,019,464.44, is based on 2008 carbon prices and would be higher if re-bid at 2009/2010 prices. The contactors act as secondary filters using the GAC, which is very effective in selectively removing soluble materials from the water.

- **Consideration and possible action on wind turbine service and maintenance contract. (2010 Budgeted \$11,500.00/Year – Facilities Committee/Engineering Manager Knudson):** This item was unanimously approved. This contract will include all scheduled service and maintenance, labor, and consumables for the wind turbine for the next five years along with 24/7 remote surveillance and remote restarts of the turbine in the event it stops running due to any computer, electrical, or mechanical glitches. The contract is less than the recently expired contract.
- **Consideration and possible action on off-site payment services through MoneyGram International. (2010 Budgeted – First Year \$0.00, Annual \$250.00 – Finance Manager/CFO Williams):** This item was approved and offers Palmdale Water District customers the opportunity to pay their water bill in cash from any MoneyGram location for a fee of \$7.95. Some of these locations include Wal-Mart, CVS/Pharmacy, Vallarta Supermarkets, Longs Drugs, Albertsons's, Stater Bros., and Nix Check Cashing.
- **Consideration and possible action on contract with TransFirst for electronic payment services for the District. (2010 Budget Item No. 1-02-4130-000 – ACS I.T. Site Manager Stanton):** This item was unanimously approved and is for electronic processing of water bill payments. This will allow District staff the ability to take and process credit card/debit card payments at all window registers and customer service desks rather than at just one window register and will enable the District to process checks as e-checks. This will help reduce customer wait time and will also save the District money compared to current transaction fees.
- **Consideration and possible action on Special District LAFCO Representative and Alternate Representative:** It was unanimously approved to cast the District's ballot for Jerry Gladbach for LAFCO Representative. It was then unanimously approved to cast the District's ballot for Lillian Kawasaki for LAFCO Alternate Representative.
- **Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 10-2 establishing the Palmdale Water District's Investment Policy for year 2009. Financial Advisor Egan):** This item was unanimously approved. It is required by law for the District to adopt an annual Investment Policy and applies to all financial assets of the District.
- **Consideration and possible action on Board attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows:** Antelope Valley Board of Trade 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Outlook Conference to be held February 19, 2010 in Lancaster; Association of California Water Agencies "D.C. Conference" to be held February 23 – 25, 2010 in Washington, DC; Special District and Local Government Institute "Special District Governance" to be held March 4 – 6, 2010 in Huntington Beach; Association of California Water Agencies "2010 Legislative Symposium" to be held March 17, 2010 in Sacramento; California Special Districts Association "Special District Leadership Academy" Module 1 - Governance Foundation to be held March 30, 2010 in Sacramento, April 1, 2010 in Pebble Beach, July 14, 2010 in Ventura, or September 20, 2010 in Newport Beach; Module 2 - Setting Direction/Community Leadership to be

held February 4, 2010 in San Diego, May 10, 2010 in Sacramento, June 10, 2010 in Monterey, or August 5, 2010 in Ventura; Module 3 - Board's Role in Finance and Fiscal Accountability to be held June 17, 2010 in Sacramento, June 30, 2010 in San Luis Obispo, August 26, 2010 in Ventura, or October 14, 2010 in San Diego; and Module 4 - Board's Role in Human Resources to be held July 15, 2010 in Sacramento, July 29, 2010 in Monterey, October 28, 2010 in Ventura, or November 4, 2010 in San Diego: This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Directors to attend these conferences based on the 2010 Budget.

**The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with all five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JANUARY 29, 2010 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:**

- **Consideration and possible action on Employment Contract and related matters for General Manager position:** It was approved to amend the settlement agreement, resignation and release between the District and Dennis LaMoreaux. It was then unanimously approved to enter into an Employment Contract with Mr. LaMoreaux effective immediately.

**The Palmdale Water District Board of Director meetings are held twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held February 10, 2010.**

**Board meetings are held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, and the public is invited to attend.**