

PALMDALE RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY (PRWA)

**MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2018
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA NO. 39
PALMDALE RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY (PRWA)
HELD AT CITY OF PALMDALE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
38300 SIERRA HIGHWAY, SUITE B
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1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**3. ROLL CALL: CHAIR AUSTIN BISHOP AND DIRECTORS KATHY MAC
LAREN, VINCENT DINO, JUAN CARRILLO, AND HELEN
VELADOR**

PRESENT: Directors Bishop, Mac Laren, Dino, Carrillo, and Velador.

4. APPOINTMENT:

- 4.1 Approve the appointment of Chuck Heffernan as Assistant Executive Director. (Staff Reference: Executive Director LaMoreaux)

Public Comments: None.

Chuck Heffernan introduced himself to the Board and spoke about his work background with the City of Palmdale.

Motion: Move to appoint Chuck Heffernan as Assistant Executive Director.

Moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Carrillo.

Vote: Motion Carried (5-0)

Yes: Chair Bishop, Directors Mac Laren Dino, Carrillo, and Velador.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – PUBLIC COMMENTS ONLY:

Public Comments: None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR:

6.1 Approve the Minutes from the previous meeting held on February 12, 2018.
(Staff Reference: Authority Secretary Smith)

6.2 Approve receipt and filing of the Treasurer's Report for the one month ending January 31, 2018. (Staff Reference: Treasurer-Auditor Williams)

Motion: Move to approve the recommendations and findings on all items listed under this Consent Calendar by one vote.

Moved by Director Velador seconded by Director Carrillo.

Vote: Motion Carried (5-0)

Yes: Chair Bishop, Directors Mac Laren Dino, Carrillo, and Velador.

7. ACTION CALENDAR:

7.1 Authorization for the Public Member Director to attend the 2018 WateReuse California Annual Conference on March 25 - 27, 2018 in Monterey. (Staff Reference: Executive Director LaMoreaux)

Public Comments: None.

Motion: Move to approve authorizing the Public Member Director to attend the 2018 WateReuse California Annual Conference in Monterey.

Moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Dino.

Vote: Motion Carried (5-0)

Yes: Chair Bishop, Directors Mac Laren Dino, Carrillo, and Velador.

7.2 Approve the compliance agreement with UBS for investing public funds.
(Staff Reference: Treasurer-Auditor Williams)

Treasurer-Auditor Williams presented the staff report and spoke about the agreement and investing.

Public Comments: None.

Motion: Move to approve the compliance agreement with UBS.
Moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Velador

Vote: Motion Carried (5-0)

Yes: Chair Bishop, Directors Mac Laren Dino, Carrillo, and Velador.

8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS - PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public Comments: None.

9. DIRECTOR'S REQUESTS FOR NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

Director Carrillo asked for an update on the Amargosa Creek project and stated he would like this item put on the agenda for a future meeting. Director Carrillo stated that he would like Community Workforce Agreement to be considered for this project. Director LaMoreaux stated that he wanted to hold off on presentation regarding Amargosa Creek until next meeting. Director Mac Laren asked if Community Workforce will be used for the Amargosa Creek project. Director LaMoreaux stated the Amargosa Creek project is a recharge project and not related to recycled water. He also stated that there are four (4) different agencies involved in the project (Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, City of Palmdale and Los Angeles County Waterworks).

Chair Bishop would like a presentation at a future meeting regarding the recycled water progress.

10. INFORMATIONAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Director Carrillo mentioned the workshop scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 regarding the reopening of Littlerock Dam. He also stated that he sent an e-mail to Congressman Knight and Congresswoman Chu about the event.

Director Mac Laren spoke about the Water District's position on Littlerock Dam, and stated that if we have information we should provide it to Congresswoman Chu.

Director Velador attended the Palmdale Water District tour on February 15, 2018 and commended Director LaMoreaux on his knowledge of the Water District; attended the State Water meeting on February 15, 2018; attended the Palmdale Water District Town Hall on March 8, 2018; and attended the Smart Water Expo.

Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that Littlerock District staff met with the National Monument manager from the Forest Service and members of the Littlerock Citizen's Committee to talk about the workshop coming up on Thursday. Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that the Forest Service will give a brief history of Littlerock Dam and discuss what led to the closure of the dam. He stated that he will be giving a presentation on the Littlerock Dam sediment removal project. He is hopeful that this will provide a solid basis to work from and a path to move forward.

Chair Bishop asked if there was any grant funding or bonds for the project. Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that only structure being built will be the grade control structure. There are no grants currently available, so the \$6 to \$6.5 million cost will need to be financed. As for the yearly trucking costs, that will be borne by our customers. He stated that the workshop will be held Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Littlerock High School Gymnasium.

Executive Director LaMoreaux spoke about briefing the Board on the progress of the recycled water plan and provided them with a handout.

11. CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC COMMENTS ONLY:

Authority Counsel Dunn and the Board of Directors agreed to defer the Closed Session item to the next meeting.

12. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(4) because the Authority is considering whether to initiate litigation in one case.

12.1 The reason for holding a closed session is for the purpose of conferring with and/or receiving advice from the Authority's legal counsel and to receive direction from the Authority Board regarding the possible initiation of litigation in one matter.

This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4). Number of cases – One.

Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Authority needs to decide whether to initiate litigation. Counsel believes the possible litigation is not yet known to the potential defendant(s).

Closed session is recommended because the Authority will assess the merits of this matter and consider its perspective. Based on existing facts and circumstances it is the opinion of the Authority Counsel that it would prejudice the position of the Authority to discuss these matters in public or

to disclose further the circumstances in this potential case; such disclosure may harm other efforts to resolve the matter and, it is believed the possible defendant(s) is unaware of this possible litigation.

13. CLOSED SESSION.

Closed session was not needed.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT BY AUTHORITY COUNSEL of item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to April 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Palmdale City Hall Council Chambers located at 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 21st day of May 2018.

Austin Bishop
Chair

ATTEST:

Rebecca J. Smith,
Secretary