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WATER INDUSTRY VETERAN NAMED PWD ASSISTANT GM

Palmdale, CA – Palmdale Water District (PWD) is pleased to announce the hiring of Adam Ly as its new Assistant General Manager. He has 22 years of experience in both the public and private sectors of Southern California’s water industry.

Most recently, Ly worked in water quality and business opportunities for Liberty Utilities California, a Downey-based private utilities company that services Arizona, Texas and California cities, including Apple Valley and Compton.

“Adam brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the water business,” said General Manager Dennis D. LaMoreaux. “I know he will have a positive impact on PWD through the position of AGM.”

Filling a position that was vacated more than one year ago, Ly oversees PWD’s Information Technology, Operations, Engineering, and Facilities departments. The four departments have about 50 employees. He also is PWD’s second-in-command behind LaMoreaux.

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Ly's water industry experience began at the Metropolitan Water District where he was an intern through much of college in the 1990s. It led to years with the city of Riverside as a Water Quality Manager and the city of Pomona as a Water Quality Engineer. At the city of Anaheim, he worked as a Senior Chemist then later returned as a Principal Chemist. His only foray away from water happened between his Anaheim jobs when he spent three years at a biomedical research equipment company.

For Ly, the years at the various agencies allowed him to gather the experience he needs to serve in his new PWD role. He has worked in the labs, on the business side, and in operations, and has extensive knowledge of various filtration systems – ionic exchange, membrane and granular activated carbon (GAC), the latter of which is used by PWD.

Despite three years in the private sector, Ly always knew he would return to a public agency because his first love in the water industry is operations; he wanted to work in a special district; and he needed to find a “home” to bookend his career.

“I did move around a lot, and it was time for me to finally find a home where I can stay long term,” said Ly, 47. “I want to take everything I’ve learned and use it to help PWD envision the future in terms of what the expected growth is and how we plan to meet that. I want to contribute to PWD’s success.”

As a double major, Ly received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry from the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where he later obtained his Master of Business Administration. He is licensed by the state of California as a

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civil engineer and has the highest level of water certifications, Water Treatment T5 and Water Distribution D5. In addition, Ly has a Water Quality Analyst Level 4 certification from the American Water Works Association, which is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer service; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water conservation; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.

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