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INCUMBENT DINO & NEWCOMER WILSON SWORN IN, START 4-YEAR TERMS ON PWD BOARD

Palmdale, CA – With dozens of families and friends in attendance, Directors Vincent Dino and Don Wilson took their oaths of office at their swearing in ceremonies during Monday’s Palmdale Water District (PWD) Board meeting.

Incumbent Dino retained his seat representing Division 5 by garnering 3,499 votes, or 69.56 percent. First elected to the Board in 2013, he is now serving his second term. He was sworn in by Robert A. Parris, an Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency Board director. Wilson, who won his first elected position on Nov. 6, received 2,881 votes, which was 1,010 more votes than incumbent Joe Estes. Wilson, whose wife presided over his swearing in, is the new representative for Division 2. Their terms will expire in 2022.

“I am very honored and humbled to once again have the opportunity to represent my division,” said Dino, the PWD Board President who was

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challenged by Palmdale teacher Sheik Aslam. “I will continue to work hard to ensure that all of our ratepayers’ concerns are addressed and that we are providing high-quality water.”

Newcomer Wilson gave credit to Dino, his campaign partner, for helping him successfully maneuver the political maze.

“I was very pleased on election night when the returns showed that I was ahead,” Wilson said. “Campaigning was brutal, so it was very rewarding. I am excited to be a part of the PWD Board of Directors.”

Dino, who is a retired Journeyman Electrician of 35 years, has lived in Palmdale since 1993. He served on the Palmdale Planning Commission for eight years, including two terms as chairman.

A New York transplant who grew up in Simi Valley, Wilson has been living in Palmdale since 1987. He retired as a retail sales rep in 2016 after 28 years with Foster Farms. Prior to Foster Farms, he worked in restaurant and hotel management. In November 2017, he was appointed to the Palmdale School District Personnel Committee Board. His term on the school board will end in 2020.

Wilson, who prepped for his campaign by getting involved with PWD as a ratepayer, said that one of his goals is to help make it easier for customers to get information for do-it-yourself, water-saving projects, such as finding water-efficient washers and toilets.

“I’ve always been interested in politics,” Wilson said. “I believe this is a wonderful way to be involved in my community.”

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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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