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January 23, 2019

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT  
to be held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale**

**MONDAY, January 28, 2019**

**6:00 p.m.**

**NOTES:** To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to participate in any Board meeting please contact Dawn Deans at 661-947-4111 x1003 at least 48 hours prior to a Board meeting to inform us of your needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

Additionally, an interpreter will be made available to assist the public in making **comments** under Agenda Item No. 4 and any action items where public input is offered during the meeting if requested at least 48 hours before the meeting. Please call Dawn Deans at 661-947-4111 x1003 with your request. (PWD Rules and Regulations Section 4.03.1 (c) )

Adicionalmente, un intérprete estará disponible para ayudar al público a hacer **comentarios** bajo la sección No. 4 en la agenda y cualquier elemento de acción donde se ofrece comentarios al público durante la reunión, siempre y cuando se solicite con 48 horas de anticipación de la junta directiva. Por favor de llamar Dawn Deans al 661-947-4111 x1003 con su solicitud. (PWD reglas y reglamentos sección 4.03.1 (c) )

Agenda item materials, as well as materials related to agenda items submitted after distribution of the agenda packets, are available for public review at the District's office located at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale (Government Code Section 54957.5). Please call Dawn Deans at 661-947-4111 x1003 for public review of materials.

**PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:** The prescribed time limit per speaker is three-minutes. Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments, or cheering. Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the District to carry out its meeting will not be permitted, and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting. (PWD Rules and Regulations, Appendix DD, Sec. IV.A.)

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Adoption of Agenda.





- 4) Public comments for non-agenda items.
- 5) Presentations:
  - 5.1) None at this time.
- 6) Action Items - Consent Calendar (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is considered collectively by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.)
  - 6.1) Approval of minutes of regular meeting held January 14, 2019.
  - 6.2) Payment of bills for January 28, 2019.
- 7) Action Items – Action Calendar (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item as each item is considered by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.)
  - 7.1) Consideration and possible action on setting hours for public use of the District’s electric vehicle charging stations. (No Budget Impact – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley)
  - 7.2) Consideration and possible action on adoption of Resolution No. 19-2 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Considering the Environmental Impact Report for the Water Supply Contract Extension; Adopting Findings in its Limited Role as a Responsible District Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Alternatively Finding that the Extension is not a Project Subject to CEQA and that Even if it is a Project, it is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061 (B)(3) and 15301; and Approving the Palmdale Water District’s Supply Extension Contract with the Department of Water Resources. (No Budget Impact at this time – Water and Energy Resources Director Pernula)
  - 7.3) Consideration and possible action on outreach activities for 2019. (Public Affairs Director Shay)
    - a) Outreach report.
    - b) Upcoming events/2019 plans.
    - c) Outreach recommendations from Directors.
  - 7.4) Consideration and possible action on authorization of the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2019 Budget:
    - a) None at this time.
- 8) Information Items:
  - 8.1) Reports of Directors:
    - a) Meetings/General Report.



- b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):
  - 1) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority.
  - 2) Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association.
- 8.2) Report of General Manager.
  - a) January 2019 written report of activities through December 2018.
- 8.3) Report of General Counsel.
- 9) Public comments on closed session agenda matters.
- 10) Break prior to closed session.
- 11) Closed session under:
  - 11.1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel regarding existing litigation to which the District is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*.
- 12) Public report of any action taken in closed session.
- 13) Board members' requests for future agenda items.
- 14) Adjournment.



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DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,  
General Manager

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**B O A R D   M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** January 22, 2019 **January 28, 2019**  
**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**  
**FROM:** Mr. James A. Riley, Engineering/Grant Manager  
**VIA:** Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager  
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager  
**RE:** ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.1 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON  
SETTING HOURS FOR PUBLIC USE OF THE DISTRICT’S ELECTRIC  
VEHICLE CHARGING STATONS. (NO BUDGET IMPACT –  
ENGINEERING/GRANT MANAGER RILEY)***

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**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board:

Adopt a policy that maximizes available hours for public use of electric vehicle charging stations and minimizes the risk of potential theft and damage to District property.

**Alternative Options:**

The Board can choose to not take any action and leave things as status quo with no limits on hours that the public can use the EV charging stations.

**Impact of Taking No Action:**

There would be no public restrictions on time they can use the charging stations. EV stations would be available 24/7; could be risk of damage to District property during late night and early morning hours.

**Background:**

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) entered into a grant agreement with the District on August 30, 2017. The agreement was a 50% cost sharing agreement for the installation of two electric vehicle charging stations comprised of the following two EV stations.

- CPE1001-CMB Level 3 – Fast Charger
- CT4001-CCM Level 2– Slow Charger

The District held a Ribbon/Cutting Press Event on December 5, 2017. The EV stations became operational on December 5, 2017.



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VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager  
Mr. Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager

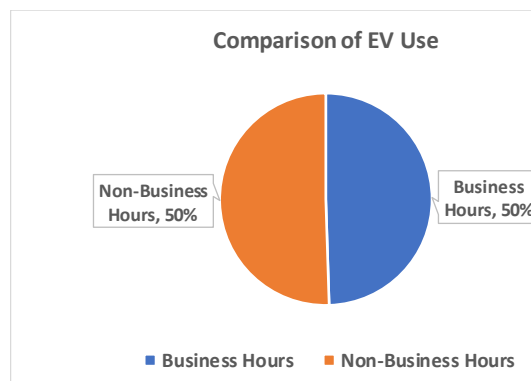
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During the first year of operation of 2018, the two stations were used with the following results.

- Kilowatt Hours Used
  - 18,211 KW
- Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction
  - 7,649 Kilograms or 16,828 pounds
- Number of times used
  - 1,125
- Gasoline Saved
  - 2,286 gallons

During the first year of operation, the use of EV stations was offered at no charge for use of the stations. During the first year of operation, the EV stations were visited 1,125 times. Of these times, customers within the PWD service area used the EV stations 304 times, or 27%, of total use. The frequency of use by non-customers (those living outside the PWD service area) was 821 times, or 73%, of total usage. *Figure on following page depicts the location of those coming to use the District's charging stations.*

A comparison of usage of EV stations during the business hours and non-business hours was made. The results indicate that of the 1,125 times of use, approximately 50% of use occurred during business hours and 50% occurred during non-business hours.



**Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:**

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership

This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

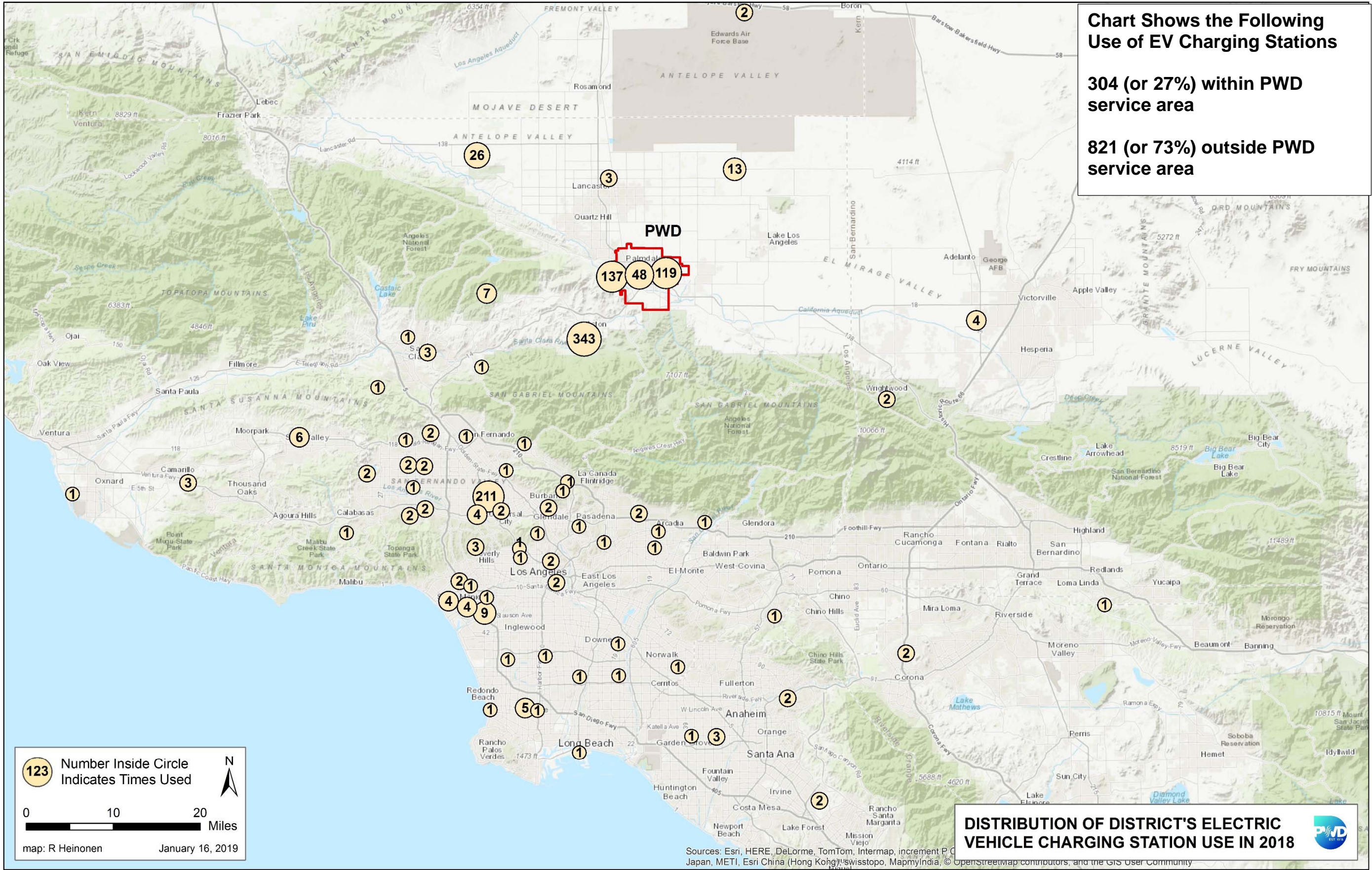
**Budget:**

No budget impact.

**Supporting Documents:**

- PowerPoint presentation for January 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.









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# ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

**Board Presentation  
January 28, 2019**





# **PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION**

- **Review of Existing AVAQMD Grant**
- **Review of Year 2018 Usage of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations**
- **Discussion of Use of EV Station During Business and Non-Business Hours**
- **Steps in Seeking additional Grant for EV Stations**





# **History of Present Grant**

- AVAQMD Grant – August 30, 2017 (50% Cost Share)
- Two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
  - CPE1001-CMB Level 3 – Fast Charger
  - CT4001-CCM Level 2– Slow Charger

## **Installation and Operation**

- AVAQMD Review – October 26, 2017
- Ribbon Cutting/Press Event – December 5, 2017
- Operational – December 5, 2017







## **CT4001-CCM (Level 2)**

(Slow Charger)

Used by employees



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# **CPE1001- CMB Level 3**

(Fast Charger)  
Used by public and customers





# COMPARISON OF CHARGING UNITS

## Fast Charger

- 100 miles per charging hour
- One charging port
- Cost = \$13,942 for hardware
- Does not include installation

## Slow Charger

- 25 miles per charging hour
- Two charging ports
- Cost = \$7,474 for hardware
- Does not include installation

*Note: Costs for hardware are 2017 costs.*





# COST COMPARISON

## Fast Charger

- Hardware = \$13,942
- Installation
  - *Material = \$2,891*
  - *PWD Labor = \$6,000*
- Subtotal = \$22,833

## Slow Charger

- Hardware = \$7,474
- Installation
  - *Material = \$2,700*
  - *PWD Labor = \$6,000*
- Subtotal = \$16,174

**Effective Cost Share Percentage = 81%**  
*(due to District doing the installation)*





# USAGE DURING 2018

## **Kilowatt Hours Used**

- 18,211 KW

## **Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction**

- 7,649 Kilograms or 16,828 pounds

## **Number of times used**

- 1,125

## **Gasoline Saved**

- 2,286 gallons



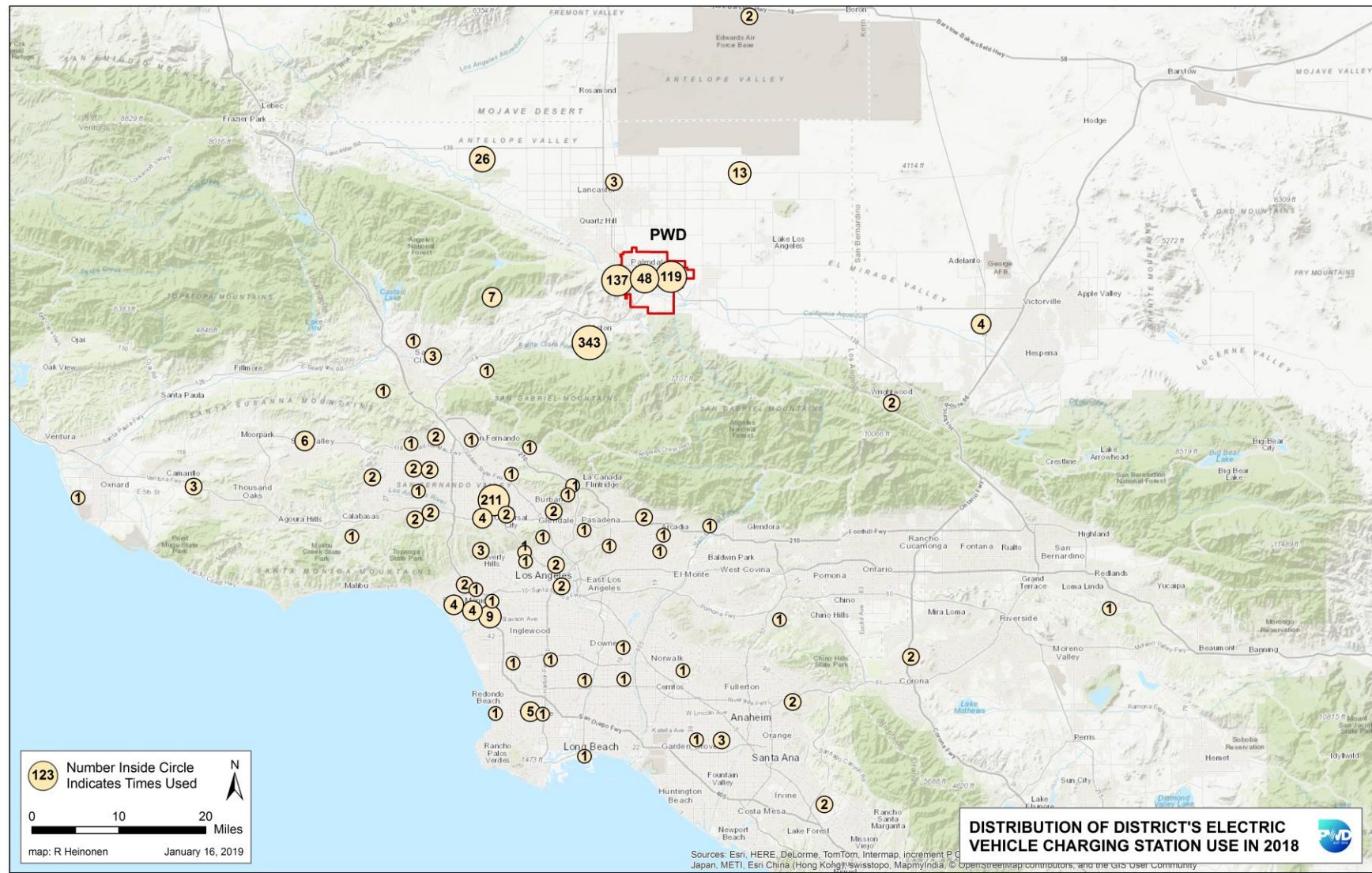


## Frequency of use by customers in PWD Service Area

Used 304 times by those living in PWD service area (**27%** of use)

## Frequency of use by non-customers outside PWD Service Area

Used 821 times by those living outside PWD service area (**73%** of use)



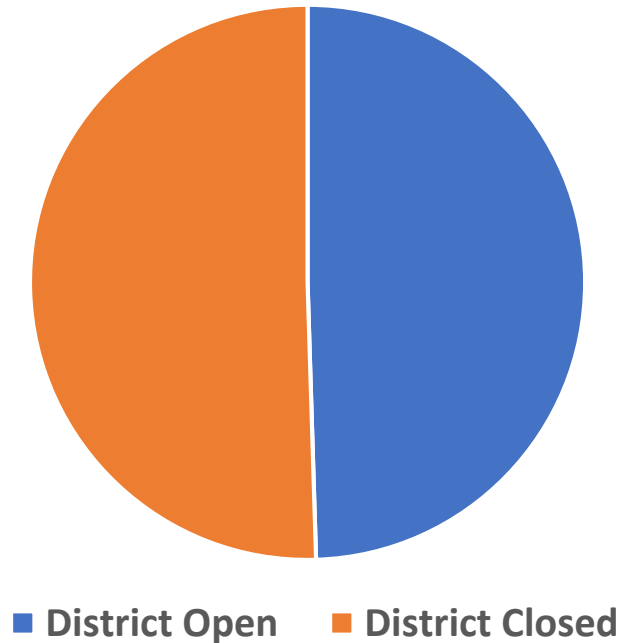
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# COMPARISON OF USAGE TO DISTRICT HOURS

- **During District Business Hours**
  - *557 times (49.51%)*
- **During District Non-Business Hours**
  - *Weekends = 225*
  - *Before 6am = 30*
  - *After 6pm = 313*
  - *Subtotal = 568 (50.49%)*

Comparison of Time of Usage





# Steps in Pursuing Another Grant

- Brief overview of AVAQMD Grant Funding Application Process
- Identify location(s) at District for EV station
- Contact vendors on cost of EV station hardware
- District staff develop an estimate of cost sharing agreement with AVAQMD
- Prepare application to AVAQMD
- Present application at a future Board meeting for Board approval







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Thank you!



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**DATE:** January 23, 2019 **January 28, 2019**  
**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**  
**FROM:** Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager  
**RE:** ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.2 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-2 BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT CONSIDERING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT EXTENSION; ADOPTING FINDINGS IN ITS LIMITED ROLE AS A RESPONSIBLE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA); ALTERNATIVELY FINDING THAT THE EXTENSION IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO CEQA AND THAT EVEN IF IT IS A PROJECT, IT IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15061 (B)(3) AND 15301; AND APPROVING THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT’S SUPPLY EXTENSION CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. (NO BUDGET IMPACT AT THIS TIME – WATER AND ENERGY RESOURCES DIRECTOR PERNULA)***

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A written report for this item will be hand-delivered at or prior to the Board meeting.



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**DATE:** January 22, 2019 **January 28, 2019**  
**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**  
**FROM:** Ms. Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director  
**VIA:** Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager  
**RE:** ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.3 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION  
ON OUTREACH ACTIVITIES FOR 2019. (PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
DIRECTOR SHAY)***

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A detailed report on the Outreach activities listed below will be provided at the Board meeting.

- a) Outreach report.
- b) Upcoming events/2019 plans.
- c) Outreach recommendations from Directors.



**RE:     *AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.2.a – JANUARY 2019 GENERAL MANAGER REPORT***

- Implement 2016 Water System Master Plan**
- Develop a five-year Infrastructure Revitalization Plan to continue the reinvestment and preventative maintenance for aging infrastructure**
- Explore energy independence**
- Continue being the industry's leader on the use of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)**
- Research and test new technologies to increase efficiencies**
- Improve safety and training for Directors, employees and customers**
- Develop a crisis communications plan**





### **Financial Health and Stability**

**Pursue additional grant funding for all District projects**  
**Adopt a sustainable and balanced rate structure to meet short and long-term needs**  
**Create a five-year financial plan in conjunction with the 2019 Water Rate Plan**  
**Maintain adequate reserve levels, high-level bond rating, and financial stability**



### **Regional Leadership**

**Enhance relationships with Antelope Valley partnerships, including local water agencies, Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association and the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority**  
**Expand school water education programs**  
**Engage elected officials in water-related issues**  
**Continue offering career opportunities through the Internship Program**  
**Provide opportunities for local businesses to contract with the District**



### **Customer Care, Advocacy and Outreach**

**Increase Customer Care accessibility through communication and feedback to enhance customers' experience**  
**Evaluate, develop, and market additional payment options**  
**Be point of communication for customers' water-related public health concerns**  
**Develop the District's Public Outreach Plan**  
**Increase public awareness of the District's history and promote centennial anniversary**

This report also includes charts that show the effects of the District's efforts in several areas. They are organized within each strategic initiative and include status of the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) long-term conservation orders, 20 x 2020 status, the District's total per capita water use trends, 2018 water production and customer use graph, mainline leaks, and the water loss trends for both 12- and 24-month running averages.



### **Water Resource Reliability**

This initiative includes conservation efforts, water supply projects, and water planning. Recent highlights are as follows:

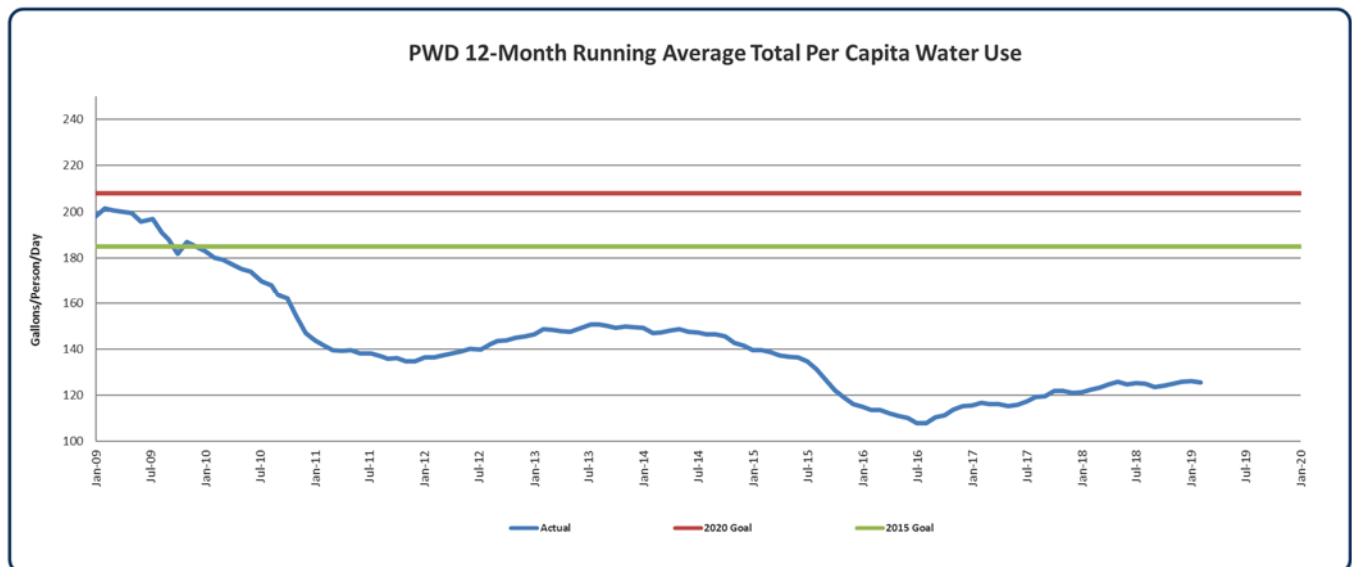
#### **State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Activities**

- The 20 x 2020 per capita reduction goals passed by the legislature in 2009 with new long-term water budgeting requirements have now been replaced with new requirements and water agency water budgets. These follow through on the "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" plan. The District expects to easily comply with the new



requirements as they are based on the same philosophy as the District water budget rate structure.

The District's compliance with the former 20 x 2020 law is evident from the chart titled "PWD 12-Month Running Average Total Per Capita Water Use.":

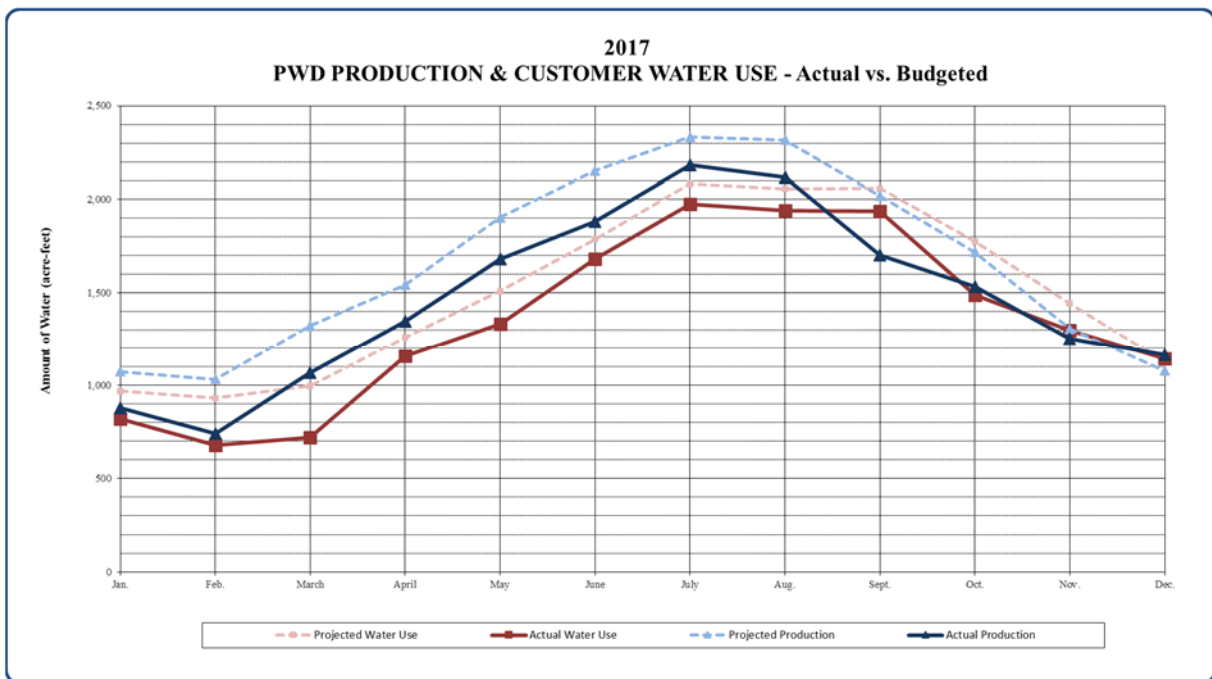
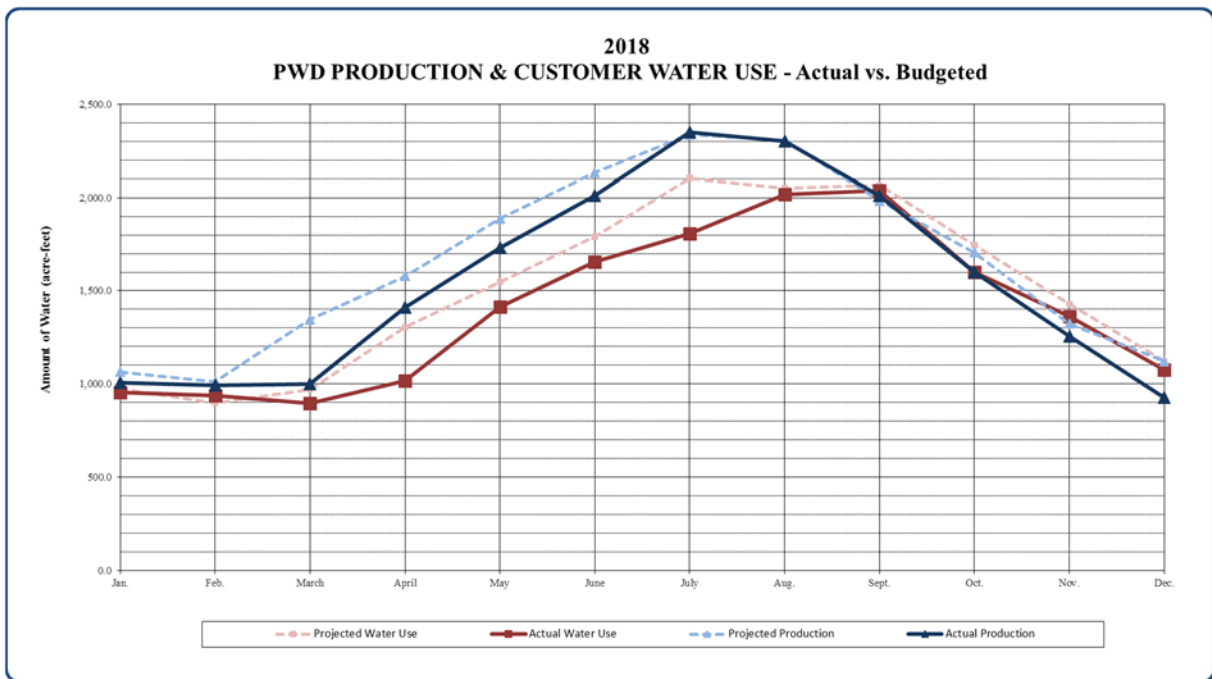


The District's customers have cut their water use by **45.5%** from the baseline number of 231 and met the 2020 Goal in early 2010. The current Total-GPCD is 126.

### Water Supply Information

- The 2018 State Water Project allocation was 35%. The AV Adjudication is now in its fourth year, and the reduction to the native safe yield is in its second year. The District's native groundwater right is 2,769.63 AF. Other groundwater rights for 2018 were 1,452.27 AF of unused Federal Reserve Rights, 3,828.41 AF of Return Flow Rights, and 3,911.94 AF of Carryover Rights. These groundwater rights total 11,962.55 AF. The District used approximately 6,073 AF. This leaves a total carryover amount of approximately 5,890 AF. The District's 2019 groundwater rights are expected to be similar to 2018 and will be calculated in the next couple months.
- The 2018 water resources plan incorporated available water with the anticipated water usage. The following graph shows actual amounts for the 2018 and monthly projections for both production and consumption, based on the prior five years of actual monthly information, for the entire year. 2018's consumption and production pattern was similar to 2017. The 2017 chart is added in this report for comparison.

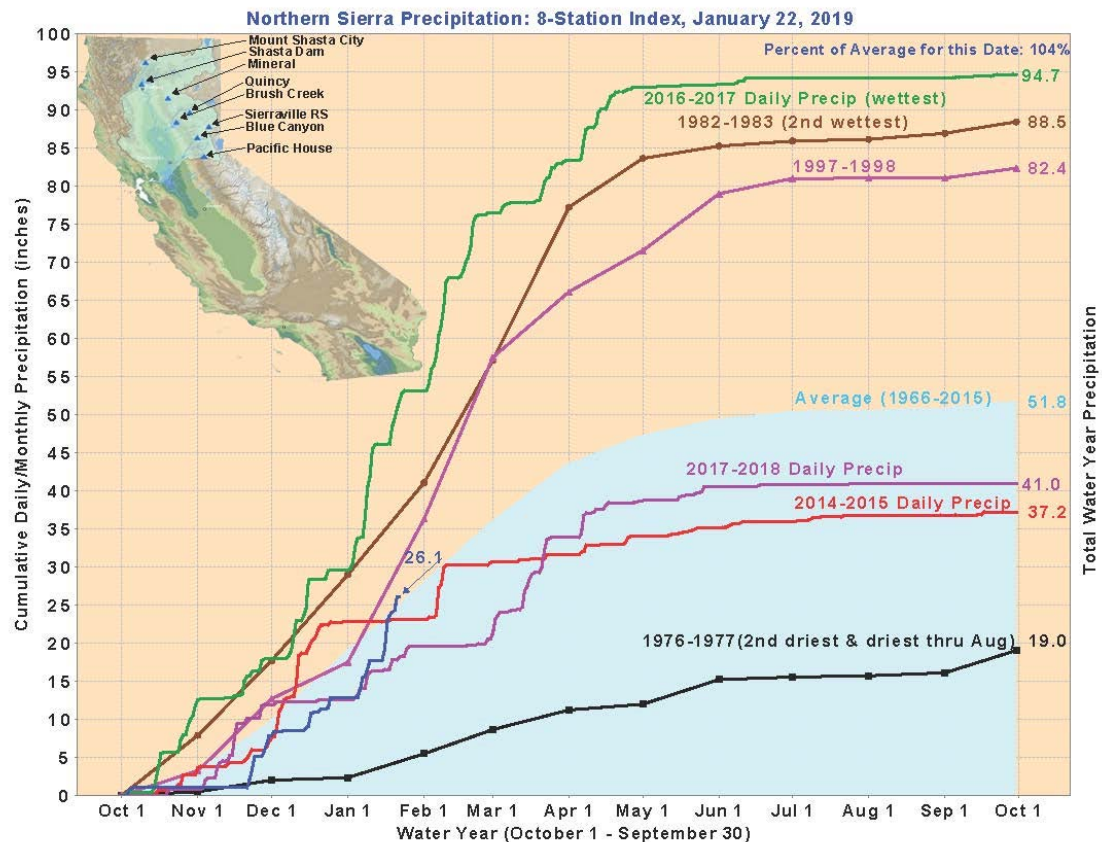




- The District has planned and budgeted for meeting water demands with 60% surface water and 40% groundwater in 2019. This plan will be finalized when the State Water Project allocation is known in April or May. Only a preliminary has been made to date. However,



the precipitation index for the area contributing to the State Water Project is currently at 105% of average. This is shown in the following graph.



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### Other Items

- The Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) was fully approved in 2017. All required permits are in place, and a construction contract for the Grade Control Structure was awarded in July 2018 to ASI Construction, LLC (ASI) of Colorado Springs.

ASI installed dewatering wells around the construction area and began pumping out water in early November. Dewatering, excavation, and constructing a water bypass continued through December and early January. A series of storms during the week of January 14<sup>th</sup> overwhelmed the partially completed water bypass and flooded the construction site. Staff is currently working with the contractor and environmental consultants to determine the best course of action. A change form proceeding with the project will require a change order and will be brought to the Board for consideration at a future meeting. Pictures are included at the end of this report showing the construction site and its status.



A citizen's committee, Friends of Littlerock Dam (FOLD), was formed in the Littlerock, Pearblossom, and Juniper Hills area to find a way to reopen the Littlerock Reservoir Recreation area. They worked with the District and the USFS on this issue. The USFS plans to issue a request for proposals for a recreational operator. This process is expected to take until next summer.

- The public review of the Draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) EIR for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project is complete. The Final EIR was certified by the Board on July 13, 2016, and the Notice of Determination was filed on July 14, 2016. The comments from the SWRCB Recycled Water Division on the Title 22 Engineering Report were addressed and returned for further review. Another set of comments was recently received and are being reviewed.

The analysis of information from the pilot spreading basin is complete. The soil column tests were completed and reported on late last year. The District is now having additional geotechnical work done to verify the proposed location is suitable.

- The long-planned Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge Project is now under contract for construction. One contract is for the California Aqueduct turnout and transmission water main. The other is for the recharge basins. They are higher than original estimates and will result in a request from the City of Palmdale to the District, LA County Waterworks, and AVEK for additional funding. A successful groundbreaking was held on November 15, 2018. Construction is expected to take a full year. Pictures are included at the end of this report showing the construction site and its status.
- California Water Fix: There have been recent regulatory approvals moving this project forward. The State Water Contractors and the Department of Water Resources are continuing discussions about the Project's financing and operations. These discussions will result in a clearer picture of the effect on individual contractors. Staff is directly involved in these discussions and will be able to update the Board in the future.



### **Organizational Excellence**

This initiative includes efforts to restructure staff duties and activities to more efficiently provide service to our customers. Recent highlights are as follows:

- The 2018 Strategic Plan Update is published in brochures, on the District's website, and with board room posters in English and Spanish. There are meetings being scheduled over the next couple months to review and update the Strategic Plan for 2020.



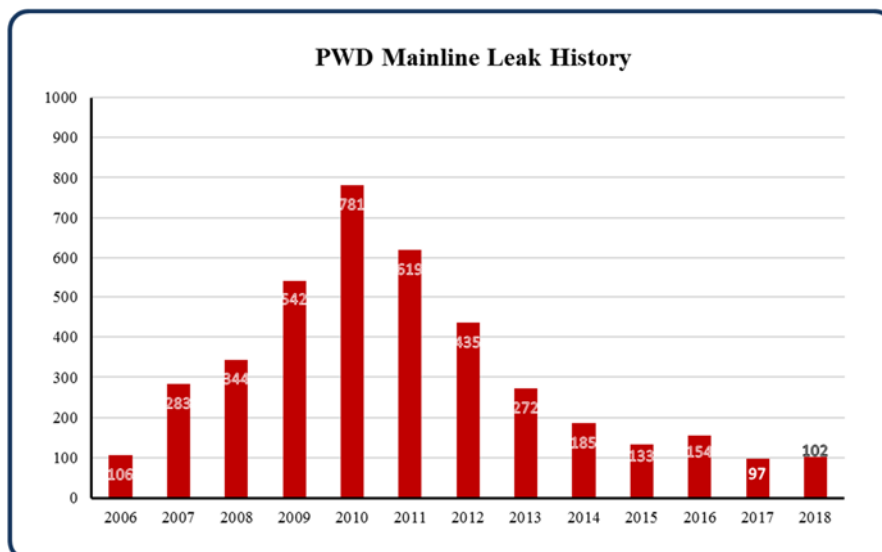
- The District and other members of the Public Water Agencies Group (PWAG) have hired and share the services of an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. This has already resulted in a successful training held at the District office. More activities, including drills and a review of the Emergency Response Plan, are planned for 2019.
- A new logo for the District, as part of the 100-year anniversary, was approved by the Board at the October 11, 2017 Board meeting. The transition to the new logo is complete.
- The Board of Directors and staff completed a new cultural survey earlier this year. Tentative results show continuing overall improvements in the District's operations. The Mathis Group presented the results at a Board meeting in October. The Mathis Group will assist the Board and staff in following up on the survey and improving the District's operations.



### **Systems Efficiency**

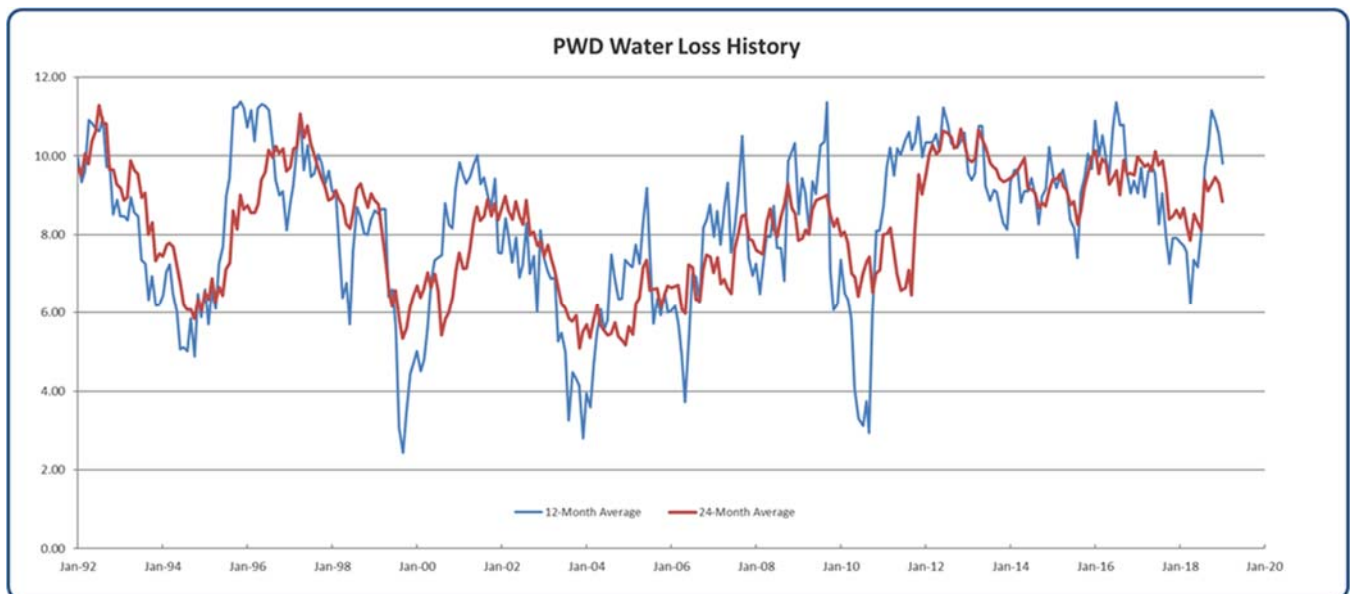
This initiative largely focuses on the state of the District's infrastructure. Recent highlights are as follows:

- Installation of security upgrades for the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant is operational and complete. Additional cameras are being planned for the two access gates.
- The effects of the District's past efforts in replacing failing water mains and meters can be seen in the reduced number of mainline leaks. This is illustrated in the chart titled "Mainline Leak History." The mainline leaks for 2018 are 102, and there were 107 service line leaks. This is similar to the 2017 mainline leak total of 97.





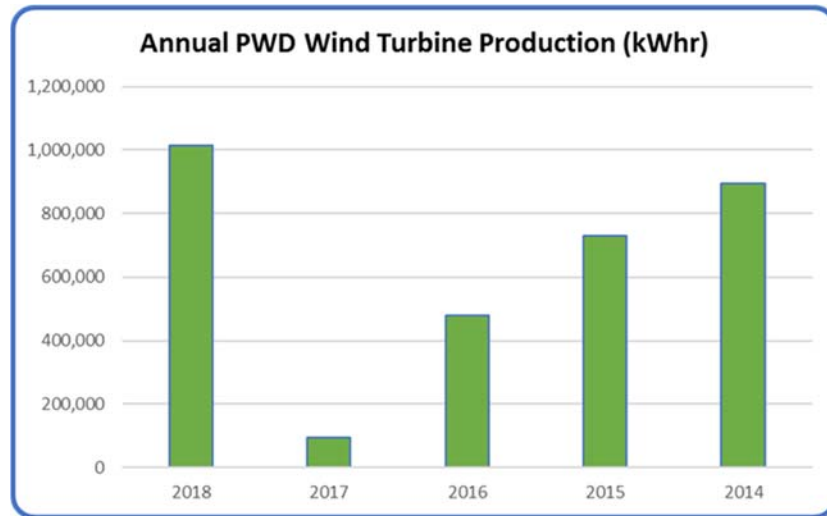
- The budgeted meter replacement of approximately 2,800 meters in 2018 is complete. Staff is now treating meter replacements similar to how the District contracts for pavement patching with annual bids to perform the work. A similar set of meters are budgeted for replacement in 2019.
- Facilities staff is focusing on maintenance activities to incorporate pressure reducing valves and other facilities as their efforts can continue to be more preventative due to a lower number of emergency repairs.
- District staff completed the water main replacement on Avenue S-14 in the Ana Verde Hills area and in 13<sup>th</sup> Street East north of Avenue R. Replacement work for 2019 includes Camares Drive south of Barrel Springs Road and Avenue V-5 west of 47<sup>th</sup> Street East.
- The Final Environmental Impact Report for the 2016 Facilities Master Plan, the Master Plan itself, and the revised Capital Improvement Fee were all approved by the Board in 2018. This will ensure enough funds are collected to provide backbone facilities and water supply for new customers.
- The positive effect of both water main and water meter replacement programs is shown on the chart titled “PWD Water Loss History.” The running average for water losses is now under 10%.



- The District activated a 950-kW wind turbine in August 2004 as a net metering project at the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. The wind turbine ran successfully for a number of years with good support and maintenance. However, recent years showed a decline in the turbine’s productivity that was tied to inattention by the District’s



contracted maintenance firm. Another firm was engaged, and the turbine is performing well again. This is illustrated in the following chart:



### **Financial Health and Stability**

- Engineering staff has successfully applied for planning grant funding for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project and for the Phase II pipeline for the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. Application packages for further funding have been determined to be complete by the State. A comment letter was also submitted to raise the priority of both projects in the State's funding plan for 2017/2018.

The State is satisfied with resolutions from the City and the District related to the PRWA Phase II funding application for compliance with their repayment requirements. An amendment to the JPA will also be completed to tie these into PRWA. The only outstanding issue is the State's approach to determining the District's Debt Coverage Ratio. They continue to include non-operating expenses into the calculation. Staff and our financial advisor are still working on this issue.

- Water rate changes of 4.25% for 2017, 2018, and 2019 were approved at a Board meeting held November 9, 2016. The resolution is also unique in that it included criteria that, if met, would allow for lesser changes.
- A new water rate study and Proposition 218 process is planned for 2019. It will begin with a request for proposals for the finance study sent out in February.



- Engineering/Grant Manager Riley has worked with the Bureau of Reclamation for the acceptance of a Feasibility Report for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project and having it eligible for funding. Mr. Riley and I visited the Bureau in Denver to discuss future funding opportunities. The Bureau staff was very receptive to the project. Our project is one of 30 from across the country that is eligible to compete for a portion of \$10M in this year's Federal budget due to the approved Feasibility Report. The 2017 competition effort did not result in an award of funds from the Bureau. However, lessons from this submittal will be used in future funding competitions.
- The final 2019 Budget was approved by the Board on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The full budget package was completed and published in December 2018.
- Water-Wise Landscape Conversion Program (Cash-for-Grass Program): The District received a \$75,000 Grant from the Bureau of Reclamation in 2017 to assist in funding the Program. The Board approved changes to the program at the October 25, 2017 meeting that are now in effect. The District has fully used the grant funds.
- The 2018A Series Revenue Bonds was issued for the Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project – Grade Control Structure construction, work on the 6 MG Clearwell, and work on the sediment basin at the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant.



### **Regional Leadership**

This initiative includes efforts to involve the community, be involved in regional activities, and be a resource for other agencies in the area. Recent highlights are as follows:

- Activities of the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) and Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association have continued.
- The District staff continues to be active in the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board (AVWB) and related meetings.
- District staff is active in the local chambers and is on the board of the Palmdale Chamber and GAVEA.
- The District developed a plan and budget for a year-long celebration of the District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 22, 2018. These included an Open House on August 5, 2017, the 2017 AV Fair parade, monthly public tours of Littlerock Dam and the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant, and a book documenting our first 100 years. The time capsule was finalized and closed in December 2018.



- The “PWD Water Ambassador Academy” was approved by an Ad-Hoc Committee and was conducted on September 19 and 26, October 3 and a tour/graduation on October 6<sup>th</sup>. 17 community people successfully completed the sessions and graduated. The response from them was overwhelmingly positive. The next Academy is planned for March 2019 and is already nearly full. A high school version of the Academy is also being planned at the direction of the Board.
- The District has expressed its concerns with the proposed Statewide water tax over the last two years. It appears the new Governor plans to move forward with the idea and more discussions are expected this year.



### **Customer Care and Advocacy**

This initiative includes efforts to better serve our customers. Recent highlights are as follows:

- The ability to make payments at 7-Eleven and Family Dollar Store is also continuing to grow.
- Customer Care office and field staff are crosstraining to better understand the other's interaction with customers and to improve communication.
- Customers are continuing to take advantage of the District's electronic payment options.
- The District was closed from December 21, 2018 to January 2, 2019. The District staff on-call during that time turned on three new water service accounts and assisted with nine customer repairs. Some Finance Department staff also performed billing and end-of-year work.
- The Customer Care staff was very busy on January 2, 2019. It handled 646 calls, 248 call backs, 487 customers at the counter, 50 water service applications, the kiosk (Jack) took 100 payments, 5,877 water meters were read, and 100 field service orders were completed.



## **LITTLE ROCK SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT**

### **GRADE CONTROL STRUCTURE**



Work on RCC Test Section



Work on RCC Test Section



Work on RCC Test Section



Water Bypass Pipe Installation



Upstream Diversion Berm



Water Bypass Pipe Installation



**GRADE CONTROL STRUCTURE (Cont.)**



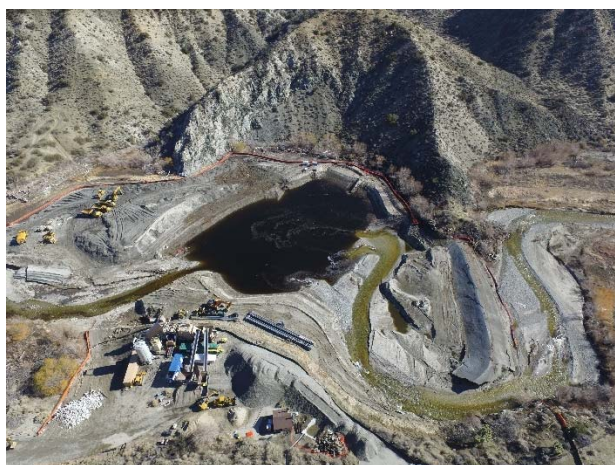
Runoff Filling Bypass Pipe Inlet



Water leaving Bypass Pipe



Breached Upstream Berm



Water in Excavation Site



## **UPPER AMARGOSA RECHARGE PROJECT**



Groundbreaking November 15, 2018



Setting Cofferdam in California Aqueduct - November 15, 2018



**UPPER AMARGOSA RECHARGE PROJECT (Cont.)**



Construction of Turnout



Construction of Turnout



## **Court of Appeal of the State of California**

IN AND FOR THE

### **Fifth Appellate District**

Coordination Proceeding  
Special Title (Rule 3.550(c))

F075451

ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER  
CASES\*

(JCCP No. 4408)

#### **BY THE COURT:**

To provide for the orderly administration of justice, this court, on its own motion and after consideration of the recommendations submitted by the parties, is considering a proposed order setting a filing and briefing schedule as set forth in paragraphs 2 and 4 below for the matters encompassed by the specific appeals identified in paragraphs 1 and 3 below.

This court grants the parties 10 days from the date of this order to file any objections to the proposed filing and briefing schedule. The lack of any objection filed within the time permitted shall be deemed agreement with this court's proposed course of action.

#### **PROPOSED ORDER**

1. The matters encompassed by the following notices of appeal shall be subject to the filing and briefing schedule set forth in paragraph 2:

- A. The Notice of Appeal filed on February 19, 2016, by Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District; and,
- B. The Notice of Appeal filed on February 25, 2016, by Rebecca Lee Willis and David Estrada on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated; and,

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\* *Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.* (L.A. Super. Ct. No. BC325201); *Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.* (Kern Super. Ct. No. S-1500-CV254348); *Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster* (Riverside Super. Ct. No. RIC353840); *Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster* (Riverside Super. Ct. No. RIC344436); *Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water Dist.* (Riverside Super. Ct. No. RIC344668); *Willis v. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40* (L.A. Super. Ct. No. BC364553); *Wood v. Los Angeles County Water Works District No. 40* (L.A. Super. Ct. No. BC391869).



- C. The Notice of Appeal filed on March 2, 2016, by Charles Tapia and the Nellie Tapia Family Trust; and,
  - D. The Notice of Appeal filed on March 2, 2016, by Mark Ritter Successor Trustee of the Ritter Family Trust, Mark S. Ritter and Dana E. Ritter.
2. The following dates shall apply, absent an extension pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.212(b), to the appeals listed in paragraph 1:
- A. Appellants' appendices, if any, shall be filed and served on or before February 25, 2019.
  - B. Appellants' opening briefs shall be filed and served on or before May 27, 2019.
  - C. Respondents' briefs, and any respondents' appendices, shall be filed and served on or before September 23, 2019.
  - D. Appellants' reply briefs, if any, shall be filed and served on or before November 4, 2019.
3. The matters encompassed by the following notices of appeal shall be subject to the filing and briefing schedule set forth in paragraph 4:
- A. The Notice of Appeal filed on May 25, 2016, by Rebecca Lee Willis and David Estrada on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated; and,
  - B. The Notice of Appeal filed on June 22, 2016, by Richard A. Wood on his own behalf and on behalf of all other members of the "Small Pumper Class"; and,
  - C. The Notice of Appeal filed on June 23, 2016, by Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40; and,
  - D. The Notice of Appeal filed on June 23, 2016, by Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Palm Ranch Irrigation District, North Edwards Water District, Desert Lake Community Services District and Quartz Hill Water District; and,
  - E. The Notice of Appeal filed on September 13, 2016, by Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Palm Ranch Irrigation District, North Edwards Water District, Desert Lake Community Services District and Quartz Hill Water District; and,
  - F. The Notice of Appeal filed on September 13, 2016, by Richard A. Wood on his own behalf and on behalf of all other members of the "Small Pumper Class"; and,
  - G. The Notice of Appeal filed on October 11, 2016, by Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Palm Ranch Irrigation District, North Edwards Water District, Desert Lake Community Services District and Quartz Hill Water District; and,



H. The Notices of Appeal filed on November 4, 2016, by Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, from the orders entered on September 8, 2016, and October 18, 2016.

4. The following dates shall apply, absent an extension pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.212(b), to the appeals listed in paragraph 3:

A. Appellants' appendices, if any, shall be filed and served on or before March 25, 2019.

B. Appellants' opening briefs shall be filed and served on or before June 24, 2019.

C. Respondents' briefs, and any respondents' appendices, shall be filed and served on or before October 21, 2019.

D. Appellants' reply briefs, if any, shall be filed and served on or before December 2, 2019.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peña", is positioned above the typed name.

PEÑA, Acting P.J.