



**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT**  
A CENTURY OF SERVICE

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April 25, 2019

**AGENDA FOR A SPECIAL 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**  
**TUESDAY, April 30, 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.

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) 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.)
  - 4.1) Consideration and possible action on appointment to fill vacancy for Division 3 of the Board of Directors. (General Counsel Dunn)



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- 4.2) Administering of Oath of Office to appointed Director. (General Counsel Dunn)
- 5) Adjournment.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dennis D. LaMoreaux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,  
General Manager

DDL/dd

**LINDA J. GODIN** AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.1

4305 Casimo Ct  
Palmdale, CA 93552

(661) 810-2047

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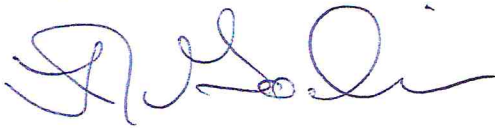
Mr. Vincent Dino  
President of the Board of Directors  
Palmdale Water District  
2029 East Avenue Q  
Palmdale, CA 93550

RESPONSE FOR DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR VACANCY

Dear Mr. Dino:

Attached please find my completed Applicant Questionnaire for the Division 3 Director position. I look forward to the Board's consideration of my application.

Sincerely,



Linda J. Godin

## DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: LINDA GODIN

ADDRESS: 4305 CASIMO CT, PALMDALE, CA 93552

TELEPHONE: (661) 840-2047

EMAIL: linda.godin@gmail.com

Why are you interested and how does your background prepare you for the Division 3 Director position?

See attachment.

What is your vision for Palmdale Water District over the next five years?

See attachment.

Maintaining infrastructure is a major national and local issue. What are your ideas to ensure safe, reliable service to our customers?

See attachment.

How will you engage customers in the Palmdale Water District's activities?

See attachment.

Please disclose any potential conflicts?

N/A

Please disclose any relationships with Palmdale Water District staff?

N/A

Please disclose any involvement with current and/or pending litigation?

N/A

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

## **DIVISION 3 APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE**

**LINDA GODIN**

### **Response 1:**

My passion for water came about back in 2004/2005 when my boys began having trouble golfing at Desert Aire Golf Course. My oldest son, getting to driving age, was also anxious to go to work at the golf course, however, the course was having continuous grounds issues, namely, No Water! That began my journey into the world of water. I began scheduling meetings, making phone calls and talking to anyone who'd listen and/or educate me, ultimately being called "the water lady" when I attended any community functions. The issues were large and complicated, from adjudication to groundwater recharge and many things in between. The golf course did eventually get water and open (with a new ball boy . . . my son!). This journey for me began as a mom simply making inquiries. It was these issues that ultimately led me to Palmdale Water District in 2006 for consideration to fill the seat of a then-vacating Director for Division 3. I was thrilled when given the opportunity to fill that vacancy through 2007. Late 2007 brought a new election and I was honored to again serve Division 3 for the following four-year term.

I spent much of my time serving Division 3 engaging staff for education, ratepayers for consideration and input, and others serving our community for exchanges of information. I served on or chaired multiple standing committees, including the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (AVSWCA). As Chair of the AVSWCA, I was able to build outstanding relationships throughout these agencies as well as at a state level for our region. Being elected to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 8 Board brought representation from our community for the first time! These kinds of relationships, staying engaged, being open to changes and creating that change when needed are important roles for Directors. My previous service with PWD included visits and presentations to various community groups on multiple informational issues including rate revision, the Proposition 218 process, as well as long-term planning and goals for PWD. I participated in the ongoing adjudication process and worked diligently through the process of hosting a water conference in Palmdale. Through my work with the Region 8 Board, I was very pleased to be invited by ACWA to make a presentation on water budget rates for Palmdale Water District at the Fall 2011 ACWA Conference. I have completed the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Special District Leadership Academy series of courses and received the Recognition in Special District Governance Award. In addition, I completed Special District Institute training. I believe these trainings and accreditations strongly assist Directors in better understanding the role, responsibility, and accountability of a Board Member.

It is my previous service and actions as well as my passion for water and continuing desire to serve my community that qualify me and led me to ask for your serious consideration to fill this vacancy.



## **DIVISION 3 APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE**

**LINDA GODIN**

Response 2:

My vision for the next five years is more of the same, however with myself involved! It's been exciting to watch the many changes implemented by the PWD Board and staff to communicate with our ratepayers, engage our community and share the processes in a way ratepayers can understand and be involved in. I love the new programs and look forward to brainstorming continued ways to stay engaged and promote new PWD programs.

Response 3:

I believe one major role of a Director is to ensure the financial means are in place to keep not only the current infrastructure safe and reliable but also to oversee and expect consistency in seeking grants, awards, etc. that can escalate existing projects as well as aid in development of new ones on the horizon. I would also continue to support the District's excellent planning efforts for infrastructure repair and replacement.

Response 4:

I plan to get out and engage our community groups, invite residents for coffee and conversation, especially on public issues (good, bad, informational). I prefer to meet with people, have conversation, share what's going on and most importantly, invite them to be involved, and make them welcome and heard.



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Ms. Linda Godin  
4305 Casimo Court  
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VIA: U.S. MAIL AND HAND-DELIVERED

**RE: PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT –  
OFFICE OF DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR**

Dear Ms. Godin:

The Palmdale Water District Board of Directors will consider the appointment of a Director for the vacant Division 3 Board of Directors' seat at a special meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the agenda for this meeting is attached.

A copy of your Division 3 Director Applicant Questionnaire has been provided to the Board of Directors. Division 3 candidates will be asked to provide a three to five-minute presentation and be available for questions.

Very truly yours,

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,  
General Manager

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cc: Palmdale Water District Board of Directors



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Palmdale, CA 93550

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Mr. Dennis Lamaroux, General Manager  
Palmdale Water District  
2029. East Avenue O  
Palmdale, CA 93550

Dear Mr. Lamaroux:

I am submitting my application for the District 3 vacancy at the Palmdale Water District. I have served four years as a Director and am very interested in resuming the position.

I have attached the questionnaire with responses. Please let me know if you have any questions,

I enjoyed serving on the earlier Board and had a sense of satisfaction that I had done a credible job.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Gloria A. Dizmang



## DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: Gloria A. Dizmang

ADDRESS: 2654 Joshua Hills Dr.

TELEPHONE: 561-947-2679 EMAIL: gdizmang@att.net

1. **Why are you interested and how does your background prepare you for the Division 3 position?**

I served on the Palmdale Water Board for four years-2012 to 2016. It took me two years of experience, study, and hard work to learn about the PWD and the California water system before I could have an educated conversation on the issues. I continued to learn how to become an educated and as fair a Board member as I could.

— When I came in there was much distrust from the employees and the public because of bad publicity and court cases with the City of Palmdale. There was dissension within the organization as well as with the public. Much of these hard feelings had resulted in law suits between the City of Palmdale and the PWD. I was one of the two Directors who went to meetings to resolve the court cases—which we did. In so doing we also established a cooperative organization with the City in how to manage recycled water.

—One of my personal crusades was to get lower rates for the seniors on fixed incomes and the low income veterans and others. It took a great deal of investigation because not many of these arrangements existed in the State. However a solution was finally found and the Board made a policy which is still continuing to assist many of our fixed and low income Rate Payers.

—I initiated a public information program called “Before the First Drop” to inform the Rate Payers what it takes in effort, work, cost and time to acquire the water and deliver it to households before they receive “the first drop.” I believe this program is still being continued.

—I was responsible for a Project Labor Agreement signed between the PWD and the Laborers Union, Local 300. This was the first agreement of its kind in the Antelope Valley.

—As a member of the Board I supported hiring a consultant to help improve our conflicts within our operation and our public image. Director MacLaren was the lead person on this issue and it was was a tremendous success. In addition, we hired an official public relations/conservation person who was an incredible representative for the PWD in the community.

—As a Board we worked to inform our Rate Payers about fees, often doing presentations throughout the community. It was incumbent upon us to prove that what the

agency was doing and how we needed to meet our costs was shared with the people. I found also, that I had to also make certain the people who worked in the Agency were treated fairly and paid appropriately for their backgrounds and conditions. It was amazing to me that a staff of less than 100 was working to supply over 100,000 individuals water.

—Because three of us were new Board members we attended conferences and training sessions to become more knowledgeable about the water business. We visited Oroville Dam and spent a couple of days traveling in the Delta to understand the problems of water distribution and water for conservation.

—Most importantly, I learned to listen—to the Rate Payers, to the employees, and to those who wanted us to do a better job. I learned that you can make mistakes and you can resolve them. The activities I have discussed were just a few faced I faced as a Board member for the Palmdale Water District.

## **2. What is your vision for the Palmdale Water District over the next five years?**

The vision I have for the District is the same as it has always been—to provide quality water at reasonable prices for the people. I want to see the water treatment facility stay ahead on new methods of treatment and other innovations that make PWD a leader in this area. We must continue to work on means of drought preparation even more than we have in the past. The work at Littlerock Dam, the Palmdale Regional Recharge Recovery Project and the Upper Armargosa Creek Recharge Project are good starts and should be completed and always updated. Our banking water throughout the state must continue,

PWD has often brought about successful innovations without fanfare and I believe the District should continue to work on our original goal, but also keep an eye for new techniques and procedures that will improve what we do.

## **3. Maintaining infrastructure is a major national and local issue. What are your ideas to ensure safe, reliable service to our customers.**

When I first ran for office one of the issues was the poor condition of water delivery on some streets. I visited Sumac street where the residents were blocking the leaking gutter water so pumps could water their yards. The street was covered with asphalt patches where repairs had been done. I went out a couple of times with Matt Knudson to observe the repair of pipes and observed first hand the process and the difficulties that arose. **Infrastructure is one of the most important jobs of the PWD.** We wound up going in and repairing entire neighborhood sections.

The best resource we have on the infrastructure is from the people who work with the system. They are some of the most hardworking and innovative people I have ever known. We



must be available to listen and act on their concerns and suggestions. No new innovation or process should come from the Board without the advice of the employees who are involved. Because we are part of other agencies—the city, the state and the nation—we should make certain that what we do is in compliance.

4. **Howl will you engage customers in the Palmdale Water District in the Palmdale Water District's Activities?**

During my past Board tenure we made several attempts to bring the Rate Payers into the process. Reaching out to the public through qualified speakers, and initiating meetings where we can engage the people and address their concerns. Recently our access to media has been severely limited which may mean in more spending to reach the Rate Payers and informing them. We tried in the past to have the Spanish newspapers attend and report our meetings and announcements but to no avail. Perhaps we should give that another try.

We can do wonders through our water education programs in the schools. Perhaps we can offer special programs to groups, instead of just waiting to be asked.

As a Director I tried to keep myself in communication with as many people in my district as I could. I either answered questions, or referred them to individuals in the area of the question. I will continue to do that, if selected.

5. **Please disclose any potential conflicts**

Currently my main problem is the time of the meetings. I teach for the college on Monday nights until 7 pm. This will last until the first week of June. After that I shouldn't have a problem. I also have a back problem that could give me some concerns.

6. **Please disclose any relationships with the Palmdale Water District staff.**

I know all of the Directors, and many people who work for the agency. Some I consider friends. I am not in the employ of any or they I'm my employ. I do not owe them money and at this time I have not married or adopted any of them.

7. **Please disclose any involvement with current and/or pending litigation.**

At this time I am litigation free and have no warrants out for my arrest.



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POSTING DATE: March 27, 2019

***NOTICE OF VACANCY  
OFFICE OF DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR  
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

***AND***

***INTENT TO APPOINT  
DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR***

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**DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX**  
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As of March 15, 2019, the position of Director for Palmdale Water District, Division 3, is vacant due to the resignation of Director Marco Henriquez. At the Regular Board Meeting held March 25, 2019, the remaining members of the Board of Directors chose to fill the vacancy by appointment in accordance with Government Code Section 1780. Therefore, an appointment may be made after this notice has been posted for fifteen (15) days.

Applicants for the Division 3 Director position must be registered voters and reside in Division 3 of the Palmdale Water District as shown on the attached map. Please submit a Division 3 Director Applicant Questionnaire to Mr. Vincent Dino, President of the Board of Directors, Palmdale Water District, 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA, 93550 on or before April 15, 2019 to be considered for the position. The Division 3 Director Applicant Questionnaire is attached and is also available on the District's website at [www.palmdalewater.org](http://www.palmdalewater.org).

Please note that your completed Questionnaire (except for your phone number and email) will be included in the Board of Directors' agenda materials and will be a public record.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors to consider the appointment is scheduled for April 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



## DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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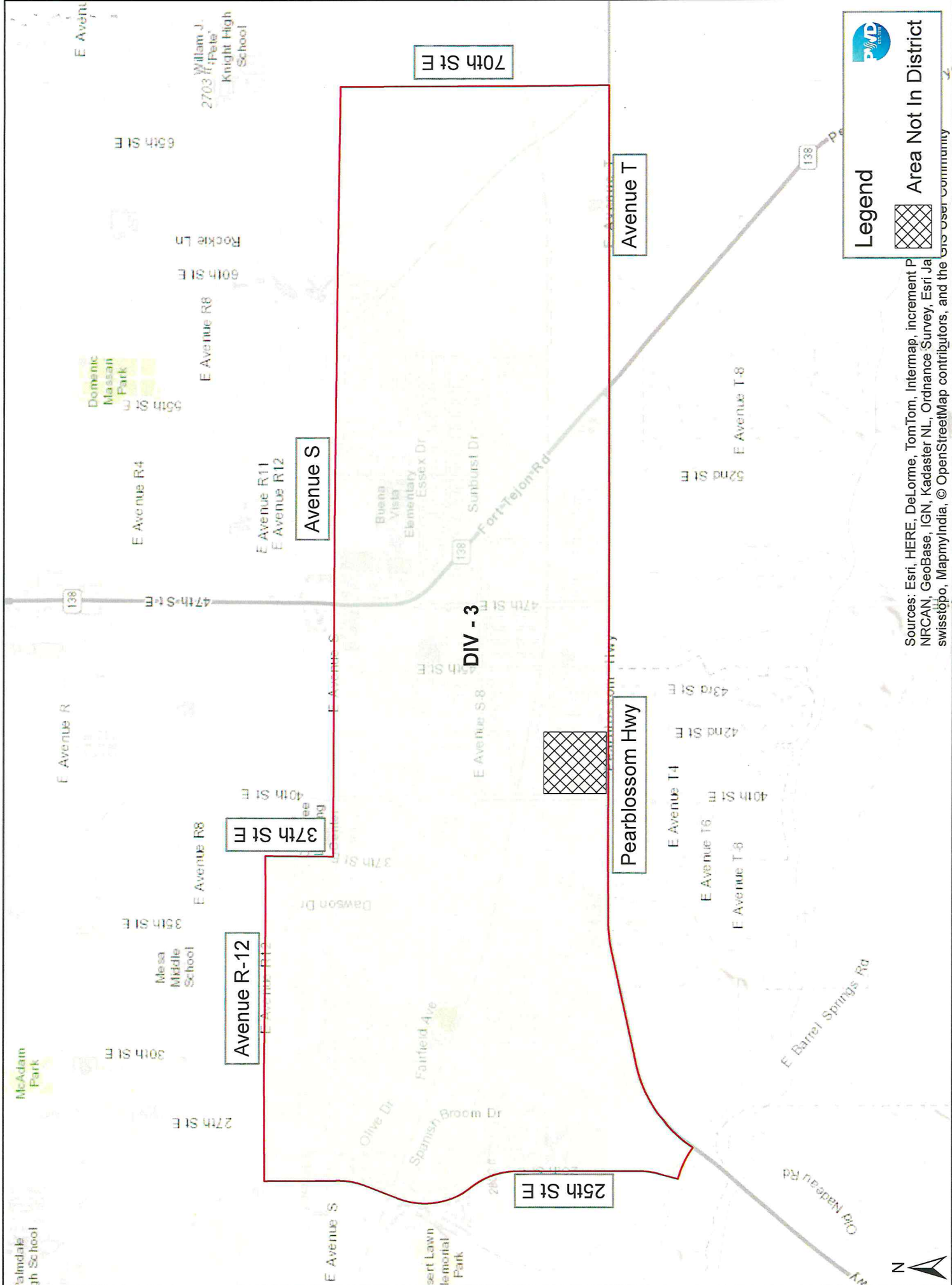
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