# MINUTES OF WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT JANUARY 15, 2014:

A Workshop meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. President, Kathy Mac Laren, called the meeting to order.

#### 1) Roll Call.

#### Attendance:

Kathy Mac Laren, President Robert Alvarado, Vice President Gloria Dizmang, Treasurer Joe Estes, Secretary Vincent Dino, Director

#### Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager
Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Peter Thompson, Operations Manager
Tim Moore, Facilities Manager
Jim Stanton, Information Technology Manager
Mynor Masada, Treatment Supervisor
Amanda Williams, Water Quality Supervisor
Kelly Jeters, Systems Supervisor
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Senior Accountant
Robert Egan, Financial Advisor
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
1 member of the public

## 2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Dizmang, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda, as written.

# 3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

## 4) Discussion and Workshop on 2014 Budget.

Staff addressed several questions regarding staffing, providing low income assistance, CalPERS actuarials, water losses, the bad debt process, replacing infrastructure items, building reserves to fund the District's Reserve Policy, debt service coverage, the recent bond issue, detailing of contracted services, providing adequate public outreach for rate increases, the proposed 3% rate increase, staff's efforts to coordinate with the City of Palmdale, the rate increase approved in the five-year rate study and actual rate

increases, the various methods of publicizing the January 22, 2014 Board meeting, the District's efforts towards transparency, and staff's efforts to reduce and hold costs followed by a review of projects funded in the proposed 2014 budget.

After a further discussion of the 2014 budget, of publicizing the January 22, 2014 Board meeting, and of the foresight to plan ahead, there was no action taken on this item.

At 9:16 p.m., President Mac Laren called for a one-minute recess. She reconvened the workshop meeting at 9:17 p.m.

### 5) Board Members Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Alvarado requested a future agenda item for "Presentation on Granular Activated Carbon."

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

## 6) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.