

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MAY 28, 2014:**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, May 28, 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) Pledge of Allegiance.**

At the request of President Mac Laren, Director Dino led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our military.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:**

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

Gloria Dizmang, Treasurer --  
EXCUSED ABSENCE

**Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager  
William Wynder, Attorney  
Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager  
Mike Williams, Finance Manager  
Linda Trevino, Water Conservation Aide  
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant  
3 members of the public

**3) Adoption of Agenda.**

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

**4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.**

There were no public comments.

**5) Presentations:**

**5.1) Cash for Grass Rebate Program. (Retired Annuitant Beck)**

Water Conservation Aide Trevino informed the Board of the five recent Cash for Grass recipients and then introduced Cash for Grass recipient, Mr. Don Holloman. Mr. Holloman and his family then provided an overview of their participation in the District's Cash for Grass Program, thanked the Board for developing this Program, and then offered suggestions for improvements to the Program.

Water Conservation Aide Trevino then reviewed recent water conservation activities and the coloring pages submitted by students.

**6) Action Items – Consent 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.)**

**6.1) Approval of Minutes of Workshop Meeting Held May 12, 2014.**

**6.2) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held May 14, 2014.**

**6.3) Payment of Bills for May 28, 2014.**

**6.4) Approval of First Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Tripepi Smith & Associates, Inc. for Web Site Creation, Support, Hosting and Related Services. (\$4,000.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux)**

**6.5) Approval of District 2014 Membership in the Water Research Foundation (Formerly Known as American Water Works Association Research Foundation-AWWARF). (\$13,402.00 – Budgeted – Operations Manager Thompson II)**

President Mac Laren announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Estes, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

**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 Resolution No. 14-10 Being a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Palmdale Water District Approving the Adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)**

Assistant General Manager Knudson provided a brief overview of Resolution No. 14-10 and the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan process after which it was moved by Director Estes, seconded by Director Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting

to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 14-10 being a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Palmdale Water District Approving the Adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

A copy of said Resolution No. 14-10 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

**7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on District Membership in the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. (\$350.00 – Non-budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux/Outreach Committee)**

General Manager LaMoreaux reviewed the Outreach Committee's recommendation to become a member of the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, as well as a member of the African-American Chamber of Commerce, after which Mr. Isaac Barcelona, co-founder and President of the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of the benefit of membership in their Chamber.

It was then moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Estes, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve District membership in the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the not-to-exceed amount of \$350.00.

**7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on District Membership in the African-American Chamber of Commerce. (\$450.00 – Non-budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux/Outreach Committee)**

It was moved by Director Estes, seconded by Director Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve District membership in the African-American Chamber of Commerce in the not-to-exceed amount of \$450.00.

**7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Board and Staff Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, and Training Sessions as Follows:**

a) Water Education Foundation Briefing "The Challenges of the 2014 Drought: Water Project Operations" to be Held June 4, 2014 in Sacramento.

b) Association of State Dam Safety Officials "Dam Safety" Conference to be Held September 21 – 25, 2014 in San Diego.

**c) California Special Districts Association Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase to be Held September 29 – October 2, 2014 in Palm Springs.**

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Estes, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Water Education Foundation Briefing "The Challenges of the 2014 Drought: Water Project Operations" to be held June 4, 2014 in Sacramento; Association of State Dam Safety Officials "Dam Safety" Conference to be held September 21 – 25, 2014 in San Diego; and California Special Districts Association Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase to be held September 29 – October 2, 2014 in Palm Springs.

**8) Information Items.**

**8.1) Reports of Directors: Meetings/Committee Meetings/General Report.**

Director Estes reported that on May 20, he and Director Dino attended the Facilities Committee meeting where there was discussion regarding a long-term GAC contract with Calgon Carbon and new Chromium VI regulations, additional quotes were requested for a new digital wireless voting system for the Board room, the Committee toured the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant, and Plant staff is to be congratulated for their work on winter maintenance; that on May 21, he and Director Dizmang attended the Outreach Committee meeting where there was discussion regarding District membership in the Chambers of Commerce considered earlier this evening, the District's website redesign, and manning a booth at the Four-Points Swap Meet; that the Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for May 22 was cancelled; and that on May 27, he and Director Alvarado attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux.

Director Alvarado reported that on May 20, he attended the Facilities Committee meeting and tour of the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant, he is very impressed with the sophistication of the District's treatment of water, and then expressed kudos to Plant staff; that on May 21, he attended the Outreach Committee meeting; that also on May 21, he attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that on May 22, he attended the District's Cash for Grass Workshop and expressed kudos to Water Conservation Aide Trevino for her work hosting the Workshop; that on May 27, he and Director Estes attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on May 29, he will be attending the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting; and that on May 31, he will be attending the District's Employee Appreciation Day. A copy of

Director Alvarado's detailed written report is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

President Mac Laren reported that on May 21, she attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting where the Authority's business was conducted, City Councilman Fred Thompson was welcomed to the Authority, and the Authority Board discussed Los Angeles County Waterworks issues; that on May 22, she met with Dr. Mathis and General Manager LaMoreaux to ensure everyone is moving in the right direction; and that Strategic Initiatives have been posted, and she looks forward to the completion of the Strategic Plan brochure.

Director Dino reported that on May 19, he attended the Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting where they discussed the Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project and the Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery Project; that on May 20, he attended the Facilities Committee meeting with Director Estes; that on May 21, he attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting as the Alternate Member, and progress is slow but is moving along; and that on May 27, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux.

There were no further reports from Directors.

**8.2) Report of General Manager.**

**a) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Status.**

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that Site Supervisor Training for Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Board Members, Alternate Members, and the general public will be held June 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Palmdale and that the next regular meeting of the Authority is scheduled for June 18, 2014 at the City of Palmdale.

He then stated that iPad training for the Directors is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on June 5, 2014.

**b) Monthly Department Reports.**

He then reported that the Monthly Department Status Report was included in the agenda packets if there are any questions on same and that an additional report regarding water conservation activities since January was placed before the Board this evening.

**c) District Vacancy Report.**

He then reported that for the District's three open positions, the PIO/Water Conservation Director position is currently under recruitment by The Mathis Group, and staff is working on recruitment of two Service Worker positions.

He then reported that over 160 guests have confirmed attendance at this weekend's picnic and that the District's insurance carrier has restricted the use of alcohol at the event followed by discussion of this restriction.

**8.3) Report of Attorney.**

Attorney Wynder provided an overview of the California Water Bond Bills included in their written report, and after discussion of the proposed Bills, he recommended the District either endorse, oppose, or remain neutral on the proposed Bills.

It was then determined that an item will be placed on the next agenda for consideration of the California Water Bond Bills.

**9) Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Matters.**

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

**10) Closed Session Under:**

**10.1) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases.***

**10.2) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *United States, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al., United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. ED CV06-0055-GW.***

**10.3) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561.***

**10.4) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *Omar Ramirez v. Palmdale Water District.***

At 8:08 p.m., President Mac Laren called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Pending Litigation – Four Cases: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases* and *United States, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al.*, United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. ED CV06-0055-GW and *Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561* and *Omar Ramirez v. Palmdale Water District*.

She reconvened the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m.

**11) Public report of any action taken in closed session.**

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that a closed session had been held under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Pending Litigation – One Case: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*; that the Board was briefed on the current status of this item of litigation; and that no reportable action was taken in closed session.


Attorney Wynder then reported that a closed session had also been held under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Pending Litigation – Two Cases: *United States, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al.*, United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. ED CV06-0055-GW and *Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561*; that the Board was provided with a privileged and confidential briefing on the current status of these cases; and that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

**12) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

It was determined that an item be placed on the next agenda for consideration of the California Water Bond Bills.

**13) Adjournment.**

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

  
Secretary

## **RESOLUTION NO. 14-10**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2013 UPDATE TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated, regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water and many other; and

WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency; Palmdale Water District; Quartz Hill Water District; Littlerock Creek Irrigation District; Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association; City of Palmdale; City of Lancaster; County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County; County Sanitation District No. 20 of Los Angeles County; Rosamond Community Services District; and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, have established a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) by means of a Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, the RWMG for the Antelope Valley IRWM Region is responsible for the preparation and adoption of an IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the RWMG for the Antelope Valley IRWM Region has developed the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the RWMG solicited and incorporated input from all interested stakeholders in preparation of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan; and



WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan will enable participants in the Antelope Valley IRWM to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including grants from Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under section 15262 of the guidelines as a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District does hereby:

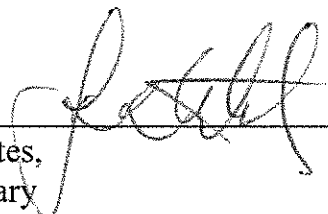
1. Adopt the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 28th day of May, 2014 by the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Palmdale Water District.

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

  
Kathy Mac Laren,  
President

ATTEST:

  
Joe Estes,  
Secretary

# **DIRECTOR ALVARADO'S REPORT**

**MAY 28, 2014**

**ON MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, I ATTENDED THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING.**

**ALSO ON THE 21<sup>st</sup>, I ATTENDED THE PALMDALE RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY AND WE WELCOMED OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER COULCILMAN FRED THOMPSON.**

**ON THE 22<sup>nd</sup>, I ATTENDED OUR CASH FOR GRASS WORKSHOP**

**ON MAY 27, DIRECTOR ESTES AND I HAD A BRIEFING WITH OUR GENERAL MANAGER. THE AGENDA, BILLS AND OTHER WATER RELATED ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED.**

**COMING UP ...**

**ON MAY THE 29<sup>th</sup>, I WILL ATTEND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION MEETING.**

**ON SATURDAY THE 31<sup>st</sup>, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY AT THE FIN & FEATHER CLUB.**

**THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT.**