Press Release

Palmdale Water District

Board Meeting Actions
August 8, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
August 22, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, AUGUST 23, 2012 –The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 8, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: July 25, 2012 meeting minutes; November 21, 2011 Finance Committee meeting minutes; payment of bills for August 8, 2012; and Semi-Annual Employee Reimbursement Report.
- *Consideration and possible action on Ernst & Young 2012/2013 State Water Project Audit Contract. ($4,805.00 - $6,006.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes the District to enter into a contract with Ernst & Young for auditing services of the State Water Project for the 2012/2013 period. Other State Water Contractors are also expected to approve the contract.
- *Consideration and possible action on voluntary compliance with the Brown Act. (President Dexter):* The Board concurred that the District is committed to transparency and will comply with the provisions of the Brown Act.
- *Consideration and possible action on Board attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: 2012 California Special Districts Association's Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase to be held September 21 – 27, 2012 in San Diego:* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Board attendance at the conference.
- *Consideration and possible action on Palmdale Water District participation in the 2012 Antelope Valley Fair Parade on August 18, 2012:* This item was approved and authorizes full District participation in the 2012 Antelope Valley Fair Parade on August 18, 2012.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 22, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Cash for Grass Rebate Program:* Cash for Grass rebates were awarded to Josephine Polites in the amount of $253.20 and to Timothy Weld in the amount of $787.20.
- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: August 1, 2012 workshop minutes; August 8, 2012 regular meeting minutes; and payment of bills for August 22, 2012.
- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 12-11 congratulating the City of Palmdale on the 50th anniversary of its incorporation. (President Dexter):* This item was unanimously approved. City Manager Dave Childs accepted the Palmdale Water District's Resolution and congratulations on the City of Palmdale's 50th anniversary of its incorporation.

- *Consideration and possible action on cost of living allowance in accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor. (Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously approved to award a 1.9% cost of living one-time payment for September – December, 2012.
- *Consideration and possible action on Vacation Purchase Program employee benefit cost saving option. ($24,000.00/year potential savings w/full employee participation –General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* This item was unanimously approved. The Vacation Purchase Program allows employees to purchase additional vacation time resulting in a cost savings to the District.
- *Consideration and possible action on letter supporting the appointment of Keith Dyas, AVEK Director, to Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes the submittal of a letter in support of Mr. Dyas' appointment to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- *Consideration and possible action on setting Palmdale Water District's assessment rates for fiscal year 2012-13 and adoption of Resolution No. 12-12 regarding said rates. (Financial Advisor Egan):* This item was unanimously approved and sets the Palmdale Water District's assessment rates for 2012-13 at 0.333614. Assessment rates are levied to cover the District's share of costs associated with the State Water Project.
- *Consideration and possible action on Agreement with Starnik for the use of Utility TrakR customer service information software. (Finance Manager/CFO Williams):* This item was approved and authorizes the use of Utility TrakR customer service information software to replace the District's current software program subject to legal counsel's approval of the Agreement with Starnik. The cost is based on the number of bills generated.
- *Consideration and possible action on participation in the Hexavalent Chromium Study with the Water Research Foundation. ($14,500.00 – Non-budgeted – Operations Manager Thompson II):* This item was unanimously approved at a not-to-exceed cost of $14,500.00. This research will help the District understand the options and costs associated with upcoming Hexavalent Chromium regulations.
- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: ACWA Regions 5 & 8 Joint Program to be held September 9 & 10, 2012 in Santa Barbara and American Backflow Prevention Association "2012 Western Regional Backflow Conference" to be held September 24 – 26, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada:* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Board and staff attendance at these conferences.

The Palmdale Water District Board of Director meetings are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held September 12, 2012. Board meetings are held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, and the public is invited to attend.

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About Palmdale Water District:

The Palmdale Water District has grown from an agency providing irrigation water for 60 customers to an agency providing domestic water to the thriving community we know today. Founded as an irrigation district supplying water mainly to farms for agricultural use, the District's boundaries expanded with Palmdale's rapid population growth, and the District has shifted to providing predominantly municipal and industrial water. The Palmdale Water District is currently divided into five divisions covering areas in East and South Palmdale. The Palmdale Water District remains dedicated to providing clean, pure water; state of the art facilities to meet current and future needs; attentive staff committed to customer satisfaction; treatment and testing to ensure high quality water; education on water conservation and safety; and reliable supply and resourceful planning insuring customer satisfaction and continued reasonable rates. The Palmdale Water District can be reached by calling (661) 947-4111. The Palmdale Water District is located at 2029 East Avenue Q in Palmdale, California.

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