Press Release

Palmdale Water District

Board Meeting Actions
January 4, 2013 Workshop Meeting
January 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
January 23, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, January 30, 2013 –The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JANUARY 4, 2013 WORKSHOP MEETING:

- *Discussion and workshop on 2013 budget:* As cost saving measures, it was unanimously approved to terminate the District's contract with Capitol Dynamics at an annual savings of approximately $72,000.00; it was unanimously approved to freeze 2013 performance and merit increases and cost of living increases at an annual savings of approximately $240,000.00 with the understanding that if the District's financial condition improves, the freeze can be reconsidered; and it was approved to increase water rates 8%, which is effectively a 3% water rate increase due to the Settlement Agreement with the City of Palmdale.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JANUARY 9, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: December 11, 2012 workshop meeting minutes, December 12, 2012 regular meeting minutes, ratification of payment of bills for December 26, 2012, and payment of bills for January 9, 2013.

- *Consideration and possible action on adoption of 2013 Budget. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Department Heads):* The 2013 Budget was approved, as presented.

- *Consideration and possible action on Palmdale Water District 2012 redistricting. (Engineering Manager Knudson/National Demographics Corporation):* This item was unanimously approved and adopts Plan A as presented by National Demographics for redistricting the District's elective boundaries with minimal revisions.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority "Employment Litigation: Limiting Liability Through Governance" to be held January 23, 2013 at the Palmdale Water District; CareerTrack Seminar "Dealing with Difficult People" to be held February 14, 2013 in Lancaster; Antelope Valley Board of Trade Business Outlook Conference to be held February 22, 2013 in Lancaster; and WateReuse California Annual Conference to be held March 17 – 19, 2013 in Monterey:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at these conferences, seminars, and training sessions.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>JANUARY 23, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: January 4, 2013 workshop meeting minutes and Resolution No. 13-1 Adopting the Reapportionment Plan for the District.

- *Approval of minutes of regular meeting held January 9, 2013:* The minutes for the regular meeting held January 9, 2013 were approved, as amended.

- *Payment of bills for January 23, 2013:* The January 23, 2013 bills were approved, as amended, with Verizon Wireless I-Pads reassigned from the Board of Directors to the field crew.

- *Consideration and possible action on adoption of Resolution No. 13-2 Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the California Department of Water Resources to Obtain Stormwater Flood Management Grant Funding Pursuant to the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 5096.800 et. seq.) for the Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project and to Enter into an Agreement With Respect Thereto. (Engineering Manager Knudson):* This item was unanimously approved and adopts Resolution No. 13-2. This Resolution allows the District to apply for a grant opportunity to fund approximately 50% of the Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project through the Proposition 1E process.

- *Consideration and possible action on cost estimate for implementing a Level Pay Program. (Director Dizmang/Finance Manager Williams):* It was unanimously approved to table this item until a customer survey can be obtained to determine if there is enough interest to implement a Level Pay Program in light of the costs the District will incur in establishing such a Program.

- *Consideration and possible action on establishing a Staff Per Diem Travel Expense Policy. (Director Dizmang/Finance Manager Williams):* It was unanimously approved that no action be taken on this item and that the District's existing Staff Expense Reimbursement Policy remain unchanged.

- *Consideration and possible action on reorganization of the Board of Directors. (Director Alvarado):* It was approved that Kathy Mac Laren become President of the Board of Directors; it was unanimously approved that Gordon Dexter become Vice President of the Board of Directors; it was unanimously approved that Gloria Dizmang become Treasurer of the Board of Directors; and it was unanimously carried that Robert Alvarado remain Secretary of the Board of Directors.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: American Water Works Association 2013 Inorganic Contaminants Symposium and Water Research Foundation Hexavalent Chromium Workshop to be held February 4 – 6, 2013 in Sacramento and California Special Districts Association Board Secretary/Clerk Conference to be held February 28 – March 1, 2013 in Anaheim:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at these conferences, seminars, and training sessions.

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 February 13, 2013. 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.

Palmdale Water District Board Members

Division 1	Robert E. Alvarado
Division 2	Gordon G. Dexter
Division 3	Gloria Dizmang
Division 4	Kathy Mac Laren
Division 5	Steve R. Cordova

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