Press Release

Palmdale Water District

Board Meeting Actions
August 14, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
August 28, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, September 3, 2013 –The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 14, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: July 24, 2013 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for August 14, 2013; and receiving and filing the Semi-Annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the Period Covering January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

- *Consideration and possible action on claim received from Omar Ramirez. (Finance Manager Williams):* It was unanimously approved to reject the claim received from Omar Ramirez.

- *Consideration and possible action on setting Palmdale Water District's assessment rates for fiscal year 2013-2014 and adoption of Resolution No. 13-11 regarding said rates. (Financial Advisor Egan):* It was unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 13-11 setting the Palmdale Water District's assessment rates for fiscal year 2013-2014 at 0.328978. Assessments are reviewed on an annual basis and are used as payment of the fixed costs associated with the State Water Project (California aqueduct).

- *Consideration and possible action on removing freeze on annual cost of living adjustment. ($130,000 – Budgeted but frozen – General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously approved to remove the freeze on the annual cost of living adjustment granting an annual cost of living adjustment to the District's employees' salaries in the amount of 2.2% retroactive to January 1, 2013.

- *Consideration and possible action on proposal received from The Mathis Group to recruit for the position of Human Resources Manager and to provide guidance for an RFQ for Board/District's attorney. ($15,560.00 – non-budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously approved for The Mathis Group to recruit for the position of Human Resources Manager and to provide guidance for an RFQ for Board/District's attorney in the not-to-exceed amount of $15,560.00.

- *Consideration and possible action on Attorney Services Agreement between the District and Lagerlof Senecal Gosney & Kruse LLP. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Ad Hoc Legal Committee):* This item was unanimously approved and establishes a written agreement for attorney services between the District and Lagerlof Senecal Gosney & Kruse LLP.

- *Consideration and possible action on ACWA Region 8 election for the 2014-2015 term. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously approved for the District to cast their ballot for ACWA's recommended slate of candidates for the ACWA Region 8 election for the 2014-2015 term.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: California Utility Executive Management Association "Leadership Summit 2013" to be held September 4 – 6, 2013 in San Diego; Public Works – Utilities – Waterworks Management Institute "Basic Management Institute" to be held September 16 – 20, 2013 in Salt Lake City, Utah; AUMA Actuator, Inc. "Service Training and AC Parameterization" to be held September 23 – 26, 2013 in Tustin; and Shimadzu Customer Training and Education Center "Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Training" to be held September 24 – 27, 2013 in Columbia, Maryland:* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Board and staff attendance at these conferences.

- *Selection of winner for 'Facebook Like' Campaign. (Information Technology Manager Stanton):* A 'Facebook Like' campaign was developed as part of the Outreach Committee's efforts to gain more interest in the District. The winners of the campaign are: Sonia Casanova, Bo Shim, Leslie Jay, Rolando Salazar, Bonnie Burton, JoAnn Molzahn, Miltha Harrold, Jimmy Portillo, Rosemary Nord, and Jose Alvarez, and they received a free t-shirt.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the August 28, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: August 12, 2013 workshop meeting minutes; August 14, 2013 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for August 28, 2013; and approval of District 2013 membership in The Water Research Foundation.

- *Consideration and possible action on schedule for the recruitment of the Human Resources Manager position. (Dr. Bill Mathis):* It was unanimously approved to accept the updated Human Resources Manager job description. This position is now being advertised for qualified applicants.

- *Consideration and possible action on schedule for Request for Qualifications for District/Board's attorney. (Dr. Bill Mathis):* It was unanimously approved to refer this item to the Ad Hoc Legal Committee for further review and discussion.

- *Consideration and possible action on proposal from The Mathis Group for conducting the General Manager evaluation process and for establishing new General Manager goals for 2014. (Dr. Bill Mathis):* It was unanimously approved to accept the proposal from The Mathis Group in the not-to-exceed amount of $6,000.00 for conducting the evaluation for General Manager LaMoreaux and for establishing 2014 goals.

- *Consideration and possible action on recommendation from The Mathis Group to update the District's Strategic Plan beginning January, 2014. (Dr. Bill Mathis):* It was unanimously approved to table the proposal from The Mathis Group for updating the District's Strategic Plan to the second regular Board meeting in September.

- *Consideration and possible action on : on award of contract for the construction of the water main replacement in 20th Street East, 22nd Street East, Avenue Q-1, Avenue Q-2, Malby Avenue, Ladelle Avenue, Avenue Q-5, Sweetbriar Street, and Puerta Avenue under Specification No. 1201 ($1,410,042.00 – 2013A Water Revenue Bonds – Engineering Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously approved to award a contract to B.V. Construction, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of $1,410,042.00 for the construction of this water main replacement project under Specification No. 1201. Construction is anticipated to begin late October, 2013. This project was included in the funding for the 2013A Water Revenue Bonds.

- *Consideration and possible action on ACWA Committee appointment nominations for the 2014-2015 term. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously approved to nominate members of the District's legal counsel, Lagerlof Senecal Gosney & Kruse LLP, to the Association of California Water Agencies' Legal Affairs, State Legislative, Groundwater, and Local Government Committees.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Tri-State Seminar to be held September 24 – 26, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada; American Water Works Association 2013 Annual Conference "Water Challenges - Working Together Towards Solutions" to be held September 30 – October 3, 2013 in Sacramento; The Premier Conference for Water Quality Professionals Around the World to be held November 3 – 7, 2013 in Long Beach; and HACH Water Training to be held November 5 – 7, 2013 in Fullerton.* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Board and staff attendance at these conferences.

- *Selection of winner for 'Before the First Drop' marketing campaign. (Water Conservation Supervisor Beck):* The "Before the First Drop" campaign was developed to help educate our customers about the District's operations and the costs of water before a customer receives their "first drop." The winner of this campaign is Charles Redfern, and he will receive a free front-yard landscape makeover.

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 11, 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 Qin Palmdale, California.

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