Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
September 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
September 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, September 27, 2013 –The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: August 28, 2013 regular meeting minutes and payment of bills for September 11, 2013.

- *Consideration and possible action on Amendment No. 1 to Temporary Employment Agreement for retired annuitant Jeannie Burns. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved. Amendment No. 1 to the Temporary Employment Agreement allows retired annuitant Jeannie Burns to provide human resources services to the District through December 31, 2013 or until a new Human Resources Manager is hired.

- *Consideration and possible action on requiring staff attendance reports for conferences, seminars, and training sessions. (Director Dizmang):* It was unanimously approved to require District staff to complete attendance report forms after attending conferences, seminars, and training sessions with these reports attached to monthly Department Status Reports.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Local Agency Formation Commission Independent Special District Selection Committee Meeting to be held October 7, 2013 in Glendale (President Mac Laren) and ACWA 2013 Fall Conference & Exhibition to be held December 3 – 6, 2013 in Los Angeles:* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Board and staff attendance at these conferences.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the September 25, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: September 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for September 25, 2013; and approval of Communications Site Lease Agreement between Palmdale Water District and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. (Revenue $28,800/year – Engineering Manager Knudson/Facilities Committee)

- *Consideration and possible action on District participation on the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Technical Advisory Committee. ($23,250.00 – Budgeted – Operations Manager Thompson II/Facilities Committee):* It was unanimously approved to continue District participation on the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Technical Advisory Committee in the not-to-exceed amount of $23,250.00. Participation on this Committee allows the District to provide input on the quality of the water in the State Water Project.

- *Consideration and possible action on proposal from The Mathis Group for updating the District's Strategic Plan beginning January, 2014 tabled from the August 28, 2013 Board meeting. ($7,000 plus expenses – non-budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was approved to accept the proposal from The Mathis Group for updating the District's Strategic Plan beginning January, 2014. The District's Strategic Plan is a top level planning document and serves as the framework and basis for decision making and detailed planning.

- *Consideration and possible action on the District's Grievance Policy. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously approved to update the District's Grievance Policy to provide for a more streamlined process.

- *Consideration and possible action on 1% employee contribution toward CalPERS retirement effective January 1, 2014. ($61,000 savings – General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously approved to table this item and refer it back to the Personnel Committee for further review and discussion.

- *Consideration and possible action on removing freeze on merit and bonus incentives. ($103,000.00 – Budgeted but frozen – General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously approved to table this item and refer it back to the Personnel Committee for further review and discussion.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Project Management Workshop to be held October 23, 2013 in Lancaster; American Backflow Prevention Association Regions 5, 6, & 7 "2013 Western Regional Backflow Conference" to be held October 28 – 30, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada; and California Special District Association's Special District Leadership Academy Conference to be held November 17 – 20, 2013 in Napa Valley.* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Board and staff attendance at these conferences.

- *Closed session under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: SCWA v. DWR, Superior Court of California for the County of Sacramento, Case No. 34-2008-00016338 CU-BC-GDS (Area of Origin):* This matter has been settled. The District was involved in this matter due to its status as a State Water Project Contractor. This matter involves increasing shares of State Water Project water to the four plaintiffs in this matter.

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 October 9, 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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