Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
November 13, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
November 27, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, December 3, 2013 –The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the NOVEMBER 13, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: October 23, 2013 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for November 13, 2013; ratification of lowering Palmdale Lake below water elevation specified in Rules and Regulations Section 14.02; and approval of Attorney Conflict Waiver for Palmdale Recycled Water Authority.

- *Consideration and possible action on Reserve Policy. (Finance Manager Williams/Finance Committee):* This item was unanimously approved. The District's Reserve Policy sets aside a certain amount of reserve funds for specific projects.

- *Consideration and possible action on the Butte Water Lease Extension Contracts. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula):* This item was unanimously approved. Entering into the Extension Contracts provides the District with an additional supply of water from the State Water Project for the next eight years.

- *Consideration and possible action on Safety Footwear Policy. (Facilities Manager Moore/Personnel Committee):* This item was unanimously approved and establishes a Safety Footwear Policy for the District allowing for enforcement and replacement of safety footwear.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: California Special Districts Association Special District Leadership Academy Module 1 – Governance Foundations to be held December 17, 2013 in Claremont.:* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Board and staff attendance at this conference.

- *Consideration and possible action on increase of General Manager's compensation:* Based on an outstanding evaluation, it was unanimously approved to award General Manager LaMoreaux a 2.16% cost of living allowance.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with three Directors present, considered the following matters at the November 27, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: November 13, 2013 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for November 27, 2013; approval of 2014 District membership in Association of California Water Agencies ($20,102.50); approval of 2014 District membership in California Special Districts Association ($5,294.00); approval on removing freeze on merit incentives ($45,200.00); approval on removing freeze on bonus incentives ($58,000.00); approval on filling three vacant District positions as follows: Service Worker I/II, Service Worker I/II, and Construction Inspector I/II (Budgeted); and approval on concurrently funding the Assistant General Manager position and defunding the Engineering Manager position ($13,000.00).

- *Consideration and possible action on entering into and funding purchase options in the 2014 State Water Contractors Dry Year Water Transfer Program. ($25,000.00 - Budgeted – Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula/Water Supply & Reliability Committee):* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes entering into and funding purchase options in the 2014 State Water Contractors Dry Year Water Transfer Program with an initial deposit of $25,000.00 and an estimated cost of $300.00 per acre foot of water.

- *Consideration and possible action to recommend approval of the Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Palmdale, Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley to Design, Construct, Operate and Maintain the Upper Amargosa Creek Flood Control, Recharge, and Habitat Restoration Project. ($1.25 Million – Water Revenue Series 2013A Bond Funding – Engineering Manager Knudson/Water Supply & Reliability Committee):* It was unanimously approved to enter into a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Palmdale, Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley to design, construct, operate and maintain the Upper Amargosa Creek Flood Control, Recharge, and Habitat Restoration Project in the not-to-exceed amount of $1.25 million and that General Manager LaMoreaux is authorized to execute said Agreement. This Agreement is the next step in this important water banking project.

- *Consideration and possible action on postponing any automatic rate increases until after adoption of the 2014 Budget. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously approved to postpone any automatic rate increases until after adoption of the 2014 Budget.

- *Consideration and possible action on cancelling second regular Board Meeting in December. (General Manager LaMoreaux:* It was unanimously approved to cancel the second regular Board meeting in December as it falls on the Christmas holiday. The District will be closed beginning December 23 through December 27, 2013; however, a minimal crew will be available to process payments and respond to any emergencies.

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., with the exception of December, 2013. The next regular Board meeting will be held December 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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