Press Release

Palmdale Water District

Board Meeting Actions
April 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
April 14, 2014 Strategic Plan Workshop Meeting
April 23, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, April 30, 2014 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the APRIL 9, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: March 24, 2014 workshop meeting minutes; March 26, 2014 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for April 9, 2014; and approval of Professional Services Agreement with Tripepi Smith & Associates, Inc. for Web Site Development Services.

- *Presentation, consideration, and possible action on acceptance and filing of 2013 Audit and Management Report. (Charles Z. Fedak & Company, CPAs/Financial Advisor Egan/Finance Manager Williams):* It was unanimously approved to accept and file the 2013 Audit and Management Report. Audits are conducted annually.

- *Consideration and possible action on Annual Employee Memorial Picnic. (Non-Budgeted – Human Resources Manager Emery/Director Estes):* It was unanimously carried to authorize a not-to-exceed amount of $5,000.00 for the Annual Employee Memorial Picnic with funds to be provided from the recent ACWA/JPIA refund.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: CSDA General Manager Leadership Summit to be held June 22 – 24, 2014 in Olympic Valley:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at this conference.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the APRIL 14, 2014 STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP MEETING:

- *Consideration and possible action on election of Directors for Antelope Valley Board of Trade. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously approved that President Mac Laren cast the District's vote in the Antelope Valley Board of Trade's election for Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the APRIL 23, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: April 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes as revised; April 14, 2014 workshop meeting minutes, as revised; and payment of bills for April 23 2014.

- *Consideration and possible action on proposal(s) received for conducting a Water Rate Study and Outreach. ($50,000.00 –Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux/Finance Committee):* It was unanimously carried to award a contract to Bartle Wells in the not-to-exceed amount of $48,125.00 for conducting the financial section of the Water Rate Study and to award a contract to Passantino Andersen in the not-to-exceed amount of $78,732.00 for the outreach section of the Water Rate Study subject to final approval as to form by General Counsel.

- *Consideration and possible action on Special District LAFCO Representative. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously approved to cast the District's vote for E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach as the Special District LAFCO Representative.

- *Consideration and possible action on District participation in ACWA/JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program. (Facilities Manager Moore):* It was unanimously approved to authorize District participation in the ACWA/JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program. The District is a member of ACWA/JPIA and participates in their property, liability, worker's compensation, and insurance programs. The Commitment to Excellence Program was developed to help reduce the frequency and severity of vehicle, infrastructure, construction, employment practices, ergonomic strain, and fall losses. A list of Best Practices for the Program has been created, and ACWA/JPIA member agencies have been encouraged to follow these Best Practices. The District follows all Best Practices outlined in the Program.

- *Consideration and possible action on Internship Program. (Human Resources Manager Emery/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve the job descriptions and budget for the District's Internship Program subject to Department Manager and General Counsel's approval of the job descriptions. The District has partnered with the Antelope Valley College, and this Program has the potential for expansion with other organizations.

- *Consideration and possible action on Alcohol at Annual Employee Memorial Picnic. (Human Resources Manager Emery):* It was approved to have the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club sell alcohol at the District's Annual Employee Memorial Picnic.

- *Consideration and possible action on revised Organization Chart. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously approved to refer the proposed Organization Chart back to the Personnel Committee for further review and discussion.

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 May 14, 2014. 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.

Palmdale Water District Board Members

Division 1 Robert E. Alvarado
Division 2 Joe Estes
Division 3 Gloria Dizmang
Division 4 Kathy Mac Laren
Division 5 Vincent Dino

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