Press Release

Palmdale Water District

Board Meeting Actions
May 12, 2014 Strategic Plan Workshop Meeting
May 14, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
May 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, May 29, 2014 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the MAY 12, 2014 STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP MEETING:

- *Update Palmdale Water District's Strategic Plan. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve updating the District's Strategic Plan to include the following Strategic Initiatives: 1) Strategic Water Management; 2) Increased Efficiency; 3) Improve Infrastructure, 4) Regional Leadership, and 5) Exceptional Customer Service. Specific projects are outlined under each of these Initiatives.

- *Palmdale Water District's Organization Chart. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the scheduling of a Board Workshop to discuss and approve an updated Organization Chart.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the MAY 14, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: April 23, 2014 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for May 14, 2014; and approval of Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for Palmdale Water District Specification No. 1207 Railroad Crossing.

- *Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 14-9 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Urging Heightened Water Conservation by Customers in Response to Drought. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 14-9. This Resolution urges Palmdale Water District customers to continue to conserve water in response to Governor Brown's declaration of a drought state of emergency and recognizes customers' significant efforts to already conserve.

- *Consideration and Possible Action on the District's Participation in the Palmdale Community Foundation's Community Garden Program. ($7,000.00 – Budgeted – Retired Annuitant Beck):* It was unanimously carried to approve the District's participation in the Palmdale Community Foundation's Community Garden Program in the not-to-exceed amount of $7,000.00.

- *Consideration and Possible Action on Award of Contract for the Construction of the Water Main Abandonment and Service Reconnection in 10th St. E. From Palmdale Blvd. to Ave. Q-4 and Water Main Replacement in 10th St. E. From Ave. Q-4 to Ave. P Under Specification No. 1207. ($1,264,382.00 – Budgeted – Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2013A – Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to award a contract for the construction of Specification No. 1207 to Cedro Construction, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of $1,264,382.00. This construction will be paid for with bond funds.

- *Consideration and Possible Action on Proposed California Special Districts Association Bylaws Updates. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the proposed California Special Districts Association bylaws updates.

- *Consideration and Possible Action on Development of an Employee Recognition Fund. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to increase the Employee Retention budget in the amount of $18,500.00 with funds from the JPIA refund for a total Employee Retention budget line item of $20,000.00. These funds will allow for an annual employee picnic, employee Christmas party, and t-shirts for employees.

- *Consideration and Possible Action on Lifting the Hiring Freeze With the Exception of Supervisor/Management Positions. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to lift the hiring freeze with the exception of Supervisor/Management positions.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: ESRI International User Conference to be held July 14 – 18, 2014 in San Deigo:* 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 <u>MAY 28, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: May 12, 2014 workshop meeting minutes; May 14, 2014 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for May 28, 2014; approval of First Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Tripepi Smith & Associates, Inc. for Web Site Creation, Support, Hosting and Related Services ($4,000.00); and approval of District 2014 membership in the Water Research Foundation (formerly known as American Water Works Association Research Foundation-AWWARF)($13,402.00).

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 14-10 being a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Palmdale Water District Approving the Adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (AVIRWMP). (Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 14-10. This Resolution approves the update to the AVIRWMP giving the AVIRWM group the continued opportunity to apply for grant funding for projects to support sound regional water management.

- *Consideration and possible action on District membership in the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. ($350.00 – Non-budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve District membership in the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the not-to-exceed amount of $350.00.

- *Consideration and possible action on District membership in the African-American Chamber of Commerce. ($450.00 – Non-budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve District membership in the African-American Chamber of Commerce in the not-to-exceed amount of $450.00.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Water Education Foundation Briefing "The Challenges of the 2014 Drought: Water Project Operations" to be held June 4, 2014 in Sacramento; Association of State Dam Safety Officials "Dam Safety" Conference to be held September 21 – 25, 2014 in San Diego; and California Special Districts Association Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase to be held September 29 – October 2, 2014 in Palm Springs:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at this conference.

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 June 11, 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.

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