MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JUNE 15, 2012:

A meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Friday, June 15, 2012, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Dexter called the meeting to order.

1) **Roll Call.**

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Water Supply & Reliability Cmte:	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Gordon Dexter, Chair	Robert Alvarado, PWD Director
Gloria Dizmang, Committee Member	Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Mngr.
	Matt Knudson, Engineering Manager
	Peter Thompson Sr., Project Manager
	Danielle Doll, Administrative Assistant
	1 member of the public

2) **Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Committee Member Dizmang, seconded by Chair Dexter, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) **Public Comments.**

There were no public comments.

4) **Action Items:**

4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held May 18, 2012.

It was moved by Committee Member Dizmang, seconded by Chair Dexter, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting held May 18, 2012, as written.

4.2) Presentation of Monthly Water Demand and Supply Status. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that water consumption is slightly above budgeted and slightly below projected and that the water

production plan will change if the District acquires Butte water and then reviewed the status of this acquisition and proposed use of this water and the water use and production charts and graphs included in the agenda packets followed by discussion of groundwater reporting for additional water supplies, the impact of treating additional surface water, water losses, and the District's 65% State Water Project allocation.

4.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Strategic Water Resources Plan. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that the Strategic Water Resources Plan is on hold pending confirmation of a settlement agreement with the City of Palmdale.

4.4) Discussion of the District's Water Banking Opportunities. (Chair Dexter)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that staff is exploring water banking opportunities within and outside of the Antelope Valley and then reviewed the importance of water banking in both areas, how each water banking project is evaluated, and proposed locations for water banking projects followed by discussion of the District's 2,600 acre feet of water banked in the Semitropic-Rosamond Water Banking Authority and the terms of this banking agreement, water banking in Littlerock Wash under the Strategic Water Resources Plan and entities approaching the District for banking in this area, the District acquiring its own water bank, limited funds for water banking opportunities, the vulnerabilities of water banking in the Antelope Valley, the adjudication process, and how water is stored underground and the benefit of banked water during periods of drought.

General Manager LaMoreaux then suggested a tour of the Semitropic-Rosamond Water Bank.

5) Project Updates.

5.1) Recycled Water Master Plan. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that the Recycled Water Master Plan is on hold pending confirmation of a settlement agreement with the City of Palmdale.

5.2) Garden Bar Water Supply and Power Project. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

The need and cost of the Garden Bar Water Supply and Power Project was discussed after which Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee of future potential levels of participation in this Project.

5.3) Water Purchase Opportunities. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that the C.E.Q.A. environmental documents for the Butte County water acquisition will be presented for consideration at the July 11, 2012 Board meeting, and the agreements and the Memorandum of Understanding are nearly complete after which the Committee concurred with presenting the environmental documents to the full Board at the July 11, 2012 Board meeting.

5.4) Water Treatment and Transportation Agreement Between Palmdale Water District and Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency – Acton Water Treatment Plant. (Engineering Manager Knudson)

General Manager LaMoreaux distributed a written report from Engineering Manager Knudson on this item and informed the Committee that the contractor is working on the raw water line for the AVEK connection to bring their State Water Project water to Palmdale Lake for treatment and that this project is progressing followed by discussion of the anticipated schedule for delivering water through this connection.

5.5) Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project. (Engineering Manager Knudson)

General Manager LaMoreaux distributed a written report from Engineering Manager Knudson on this item and informed the Committee that it has been determined

that the Wild and Scenic River designation does not apply to Littlerock Creek and that this project is progressing.

6) Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Matters.

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

7) Closed Session Under:

7.1) Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Existing Litigation: ***Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases.***

At 3:56 p.m., President Dexter called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Existing Litigation – one case: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases.*

He reconvened the regular meeting at 3:58 p.m.

8) Public Report of Any Action Taken in Closed Session.

Chair Dexter reported that a closed session had been held under Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Existing Litigation – one case: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases;* that the Committee was briefed on the current status of this matter; but that no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken in closed session on this matter.

9) Information Items.

General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that staff is making repairs on some of the worst areas of Palmdale Ditch, which moves water from Littlerock Dam to Palmdale Lake; that water may be taken from Littlerock Dam to check these repairs; but that the intent is to carry-over the water in Littlerock Dam until next year.

There were no additional information items to discuss.

10) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Dexter requested additional discussions be held on water banking opportunities at the next meeting so this topic can be presented to the full Board.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

11) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Water Supply & Reliability Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair