MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MARCH 21, 2012:

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Facilities Committee:	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Robert Alvarado, Chair	Matt Knudson, Engineering Manager
Gordon Dexter, Committee Member	Tim Moore, Facilities Manager
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	4 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

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

3) Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

4) Action Items: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Committee Prior to Action Being Taken.)

4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held September 21, 2011.

It was moved by Committee Member Dexter, seconded by Chair Alvarado, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held September 21, 2011, as written.

4.2) Discussion and Possible Action on Energy Efficiency Proposal Received From Orion Engineered Systems West. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Willie Evans, Energy Reduction Consultant, Orion Engineered Systems West)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that staff recommends the Committee consider an energy efficiency lighting proposal for changing out the lighting at the District's office, shop buildings, and water treatment plant facilities after which Mr. Willie Evans, Energy Reduction Consultant for Orion Engineered Systems West, reviewed their lighting audit conducted on District facilities, the details and cost of their proposal for providing energy efficient lighting fixtures and bulbs, available rebates, and financing options followed by discussion of the details of the proposal and retrofit.

Mr. Bill McNeese, Business Development Manager for Energy Protection Systems, then gave a presentation on an overall energy savings program strategy for the District including the lighting retrofit, a proactive real-time sentinel program for measuring and monitoring the District's usage and costs, the generation of power through a PV system, which would create renewable energy credits and provide a return on investment, and then reviewed the cost of these programs and their involvement.

The Committee then recommended the energy efficiency lighting proposal be presented to the full Board for consideration and staff review the potential cost and savings, anticipated payback, and replacement costs.

4.3) Status Report on Request Received From the Antelope Valley Conservancy for Conservation Easement on District-Owned Property. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the Antelope Valley Conservancy's request for a conservation easement on District-owned property located between Una Lake and the travelway for Barrel Springs Road on the east side of Sierra Highway, including use of their grant funds to help with trash clean-up and provide fencing for this site, and then informed the Committee that revised mitigation requirements for the Palmdale Ditch Enclosure Project have been requested from the Department of Fish and Game; that the District cannot commit to a conservation easement until these mitigation requirements are received as the conservation easement and mitigation measures cannot overlap; that members of the Conservancy will be contacting Board members individually regarding the conservation easement; and that the District has issued a support letter to the Conservancy's grant issuing agency for a time extension on their use of potential grant funds in this area.

Chair Alvarado then requested that information on the conservation easement be made available to the Directors.

5) Information Items.

Chair Alvarado requested Facilities Manager Moore share information on the potential lighting energy efficiency project with facilities staff after which General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that this information can also be shared at next week's all-hands lunch/meeting.

There were no additional information items to discuss.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that staff is working with Black & Veatch for an evaluation of the wind turbine's performance, and this information will be brought before the Committee when available.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

7) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Facilities Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert E. Alvarado

Chair