MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011:

A meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 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	Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Mngr.
Jeff Storm, Committee Member	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	0 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Storm, 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 August 9, 2011.

It was moved by Committee Member Storm, seconded by Chair Dexter, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 9, 2011, as written.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula reviewed the water demand graphs and charts included with the agenda packet and then informed the Committee that production is curving downwards, production and consumption are under the five-year average, water sales were close to projections for August, water use is trending towards

the 60/40 surface water/groundwater split, and there is water available for banking from State Water Project reserves.

4.3) Status Report on 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 informed the Committee that the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency has issued a negative declaration for the work under this Agreement and that the conceptual plan and layout is expected to be submitted for District approval within the next few weeks.

4.4) Status Report on Natural Solutions, Inc. Soil Bio-Remediation Pilot Program With Antelope Valley Union High School District. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that he met with representatives from the Antelope Valley Union High School District regarding the use of Natural Solutions products on Knight Field to help reduce water use; that the previous Natural Solutions pilot project was not working due to poor coordination; that it was determined to aerate Knight Field four times per year with soil amendments added each time; and that Natural Solutions and Antelope Valley Union School District representatives will now coordinate directly on the pilot project with the District's only role being to cover minimal bills from Natural Solutions.

It was then discussed that it may take as long as a year to see any benefit from this pilot project.

5) Project Updates.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that there are no updates to report on this item.

5.2) Strategic Water Resources Plan. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Strategic Water Resources Plan is now in its 45-day public review period; that a public meeting was held at the District on August 31 with no members of the public attending; and that, to date, no public comments have been received.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that he is meeting with Butte County this month and is working on development of other water purchase opportunities.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that a conference call was held this morning regarding this Project; that Castaic Lake Water Agency announced they will no longer participate in this Project; that the current Memorandum of Understanding and costs on the Reconnaissance Study are being completed; that additional tasks include water rights applications and development of a new Memorandum of Understanding; that this project is currently on hold as a northern California partner for the project is pursued; and that the District's decision on whether or not to continue its participation in this Project will need to be discussed.

6) Information Items.

General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that a shift was made today towards more groundwater production and less surface water use; that this shift will be made gradually to avoid any shocks to the system; and that this shift will be made prior to the start of construction on the 9th Street water main replacement project.

Committee Member Storm inquired about Palmdale Lake turbidity resulting from the recent storm after which General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that

no sediment entered Palmdale Lake, and the Lake is fine; that the diversion ditch worked as designed catching sediments up to three feet in places with some water going through the spillways for the ditch; but that the Water Treatment Plant itself experienced water running through the buildings, staff is currently assessing any damage and making repairs, and a full report on this incident will be included with the monthly Department Status Report.

There were no further additional information items to discuss.

7) Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Matters.

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

8) Closed Session Under Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference With Real Property Negotiator:

Subject: Water Storage Rights
Property Negotiator: Dennis LaMoreaux, Jon Pernula
Negotiating Party: Homer, LLC
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms.

At 5:38 p.m., Chair Dexter called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference With Real Property Negotiator - Subject: Water Storage Rights; Property Negotiator: Dennis LaMoreaux, Jon Pernula; Negotiating Party: Homer, LLC; Under Negotiations: Price and Terms. He reconvened the Committee meeting at 5:48 p.m.

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

Chair Dexter reported that a closed session had been held under Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference With Real Property Negotiator - Subject: Water Storage Rights; Property Negotiator: Dennis LaMoreaux, Jon Pernula; Negotiating Party: Homer, LLC; Under Negotiations: Price and Terms and that no action reportable under the Brown Act was taken in closed session on this matter.

10) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

The next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting will be held October 11, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

11) Adjournment.

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

Chair