MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JANUARY 18, 2013:

A meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Friday, January 18, 2013, 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.
	0 members 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 November 16, 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 November 16, 2012, 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 supply projections and charts included with the agenda packet and informed the Committee that 2012 projected and actual year-end water use are very close; that groundwater/surface water percentages were adjusted to use more treated water; that the District has 3,300 acre

feet of available carryover water; and then reviewed 2013 projected water usage and production based on a 40% State Water Project allocation.

General Manager LaMoreaux then informed the Committee that water from Littlerock Reservoir is calculated into projected water usage and production for 2013.

State Water Project allocations, Butte water, water banking costs, carryover water, annual water losses, leaks, and annual water treatment plant maintenance and the effect on the distribution system were then discussed.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula reviewed several water banking opportunities under negotiation and stated that the District has repaid its water debt to West Kern, and water banking opportunities through West Kern are under review.

Chair Dexter then stated that more agencies are becoming involved in water banking and that as water banking opportunities arise, the Board must determine how to proceed either through development of its own water bank or participating in other area water banks followed by discussion of water banking projects included in the Strategic Water Resources Plan, the adjudication process, the District's current financial restrictions, options for developing a water bank, and the success of the Before the First Drop marketing campaign.

4.4) Status on the operations of the State Water Project. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that no additional major precipitation is anticipated through the end of January; that the model indicates a potentially dry year; that the State Water Project allocation remains at 40%; that the District is in good shape with this allocation; that the reliability of the State Water Project system is an issue; but that there is progress on the State Water Project Contractor's Authority's efforts to assume the operation and maintenance of the State Water Project.

He then informed the Committee that he is now a Board member of the State Water Project Contractor's Authority.

5) Project Updates.

5.1) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that there are no updates on this item.

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

There was no additional update on this item.

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

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the Forest Service is reviewing disposal of the sediment just east of Littlerock Reservoir on Forest Service property and that staff is hopeful this project will move forward.

6) Information Items.

General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that Mr. Noel Wong is the main Engineer with Woodward Clyde Consultants, now URS, who designed the raising and strengthening of Littlerock Dam; that Mr. Wong informed him that a meeting of the International Association of Dams will be held in the United States for the first time since 1988; that the United States branch of this organization is developing a Report on all major dam work that occurred in the United States since 1988; that Mr. Wong requested permission to include Littlerock Dam in the Report; and that unless there are objections, he will inform Mr. Wong it is acceptable to include Littlerock Dam in this Report. The Committee had no objections to including Littlerock Dam in this Report.

There were no 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 Rights
Property Negotiator: Dennis LaMoreaux, Jon Pernula
Negotiating Party: Department of Water Resources
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms.

At 3:40 p.m., Chair Dexter called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 - Conference With Real Property Negotiator - Subject: Water Rights; Property Negotiator: Dennis LaMoreaux, Jon Pernula; Negotiating Party: Department of Water Resources; Under Negotiations: Price and Terms.

He reconvened the regular meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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

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

10) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

The purpose for the formation of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee was discussed, and there were no requests for future agenda items.

The next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting was then scheduled for February 15, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

8) Adjournment.

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

Chair