MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MARCH 22, 2013:

A meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Friday, March 22, 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	Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Mngr.
Gloria Dizmang, Committee Member	Matt Knudson, Engineering Manager
	Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
	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 February 15, 2013.

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 February 15, 2013, 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 it is still early in the year; that the District's State Water Project allocation has been reduced to 35% due to several issues including below average snowpack and low

precipitation; that water use charts will be updated to reflect this reduction; and then reviewed the District's water supply amounts followed by discussion of water supply strategies for continuing dry years, limits on groundwater supplies, reservoir levels, the Delta smelt, and data on this species.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that staff is in discussions with various agencies regarding water banking opportunities; that other agencies are realizing the benefit of water banking; and that an agreement for water banking may be possible this year.

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 this item was reviewed under Agenda Item No. 4.2.

4.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Professional Services Agreement to Conduct a Water Supply Fee Analysis Based on the Adopted Strategic Water Resources Plan. ($23,851.00 – Budgeted – Engineering Manger Knudson)

Engineering Manager Knudson stated that the Strategic Water Resources Plan and environmental work have been adopted; that the next step is the development of a Water Supply Fee and policy for collecting fees from new customers dedicated towards new water supply; and then reviewed the Request for Proposals, the proposals received, and staff's recommendation to award a contract to Carollo Engineers for the preparation of a Water Supply Fee Analysis, and after a brief discussion of the proposals, the Committee concurred with staff's recommendation to award a Professional Services Agreement to Carollo Engineers for conducting a Water Supply Fee Analysis based on the adopted Strategic Water Resources Plan in the not-to-exceed amount of $23,851.00 and that this item be presented to the full Board for consideration at the next regular Board meeting.

5) Project Updates.

5.1) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority has hired Carollo Engineers to combine the District's and the City's Master Plans in order

to obtain state and federal funding for build-out of the Master Plan and for the creation of developer fees; that future agendas will include authorization to apply for grant funding; and that a budget was approved with each agency contributing $100,000.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that staff is scheduled to meet with the Department of Water Resources next week along with the waterworks financial consultant to review Table A transfers and that staff is also reviewing other water purchase opportunities and will keep the Committee informed of any progress.

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

Engineering Manager Knudson stated that the letter sent to the Forest Service expressing the District's dissatisfaction with their lack of progress on review of the documents for this project was distributed to the Board; that this letter seemed to have some positive impact as there has been activity this week from the Forest Supervisor's office; and that an amendment to the agreement with Aspen Environmental Group to continue working on the EIR/EIS for this Project, to design the grade control structure to protect the arroyo toad, and to start working with the regulatory agencies on obtaining necessary permits will be presented to the Committee for consideration.

6) Information Items.

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that a one for one water exchange agreement with Central Coast Water Agency was previously developed; that the District borrowed 2,500 acre feet of water from Central Coast Water Agency as they had water in San Luis Reservoir that would spill and needed to put the water to beneficial use; and that the District may be able to repay this supply under the exchange agreement later this year.

He then distributed and reviewed presentations on the Hyatt/Thermalito Power Plant below Oroville.

General Manager LaMoreaux then informed the Committee that the District's field crew will be working on Palmdale Ditch in preparation of taking water from Littlerock Reservoir; that staff anticipates taking the water at one time but this may change to

maintain a minimum level in the Reservoir until Labor Day; and that the Reservoir level is within 7 – 8 feet of the spillway.

There were no additional information items to discuss.

7) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

The next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting was scheduled for April 26, 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