MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 16, 2012:

A meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Friday, November 16, 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
	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 October 19, 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 October 19, 2012, as written.

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

Committee Member Dizmang commended Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula on his recent solar and green energy Board presentation and then requested a future Board presentation on the status of the wind turbine.

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula then reviewed the water supply projections and charts included with the agenda packet and informed the Committee that the year-end water supply is great; that groundwater/surface water percentages are being adjusted to use all surface water; that Palmdale Lake has been drawn down for water treatment plant cattail maintenance; but that the Lake level will be increased before the Fin & Feather Club's opening day.

Chair Dexter inquired about stored water after which Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that the District stored its State Water Project carryover water in the Rosamond-Semitropic Water Bank.

Chair Dexter then requested the total amount of stored and payback water be reviewed at year-end to establish the District's efforts to store water in the ground it would have ordinarily taken, and Engineering Manager Knudson stated that water was not taken from Littlerock Reservoir during 2012 and was also stored.

Projected water use, actual water use, water production, and water losses were then reviewed and discussed.

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

Committee Member Dizmang inquired about the Garden Bar Project after which Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that this project is on hold and that he is in discussion on a water supply and storage project outside the State Water Project followed by discussion of the cost and location of the Garden Bar Project.

Engineering Manager Knudson then informed the Committee that he and Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula met this morning with AVEK's Assistant General Manager regarding banking opportunities on the east side of the Antelope Valley near Littlerock and the District may benefit as a partner in this opportunity.

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 the District will be notified of the initial State Water Project allocation by December 1; that reservoir levels do not indicate the dryness of 2012; and that 2012 snowpack levels are

similar to 2007 drought-year levels followed by discussion of the vote on the Hetch-Hetchy Reservoir.

5) Project Updates.

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

Chair Dexter stated that he met yesterday with Mayor Ledford, City Manager Dave Childs, Mike Mischel from the City of Palmdale, General Manager LaMoreaux, and Engineering Manager Knudson to discuss the next steps and the function of the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority JPA as well as establishing requirements for the fifth member of the JPA's Board, meeting locations, scheduling the first meeting for January 16 with future meetings to be held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., holding meetings initially monthly with the goal of meeting quarterly, and legal representation, which will be provided by the City's legal counsel.

He continued that determinations on the direction of the Technical Committee will have to be made; that development of the bylaws must be done in public session; that financing for the JPA will eventually be developed; that the JPA will be self-sufficient through recycled water sales and capital fees; and that a ceremony for the first use of recycled water at McAdam Park is being scheduled.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that he is working on potential opportunities with several State Water Contractors.

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

Engineering Manager Knudson stated that the Forest Service is open to disposing of sediment just east of Littlerock Reservoir on Forest Service property; that this would be a significant environmental impact reduction and cost savings to the District; and that staff will continue working in this direction.

6) Information Items.

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula reviewed 2013 water costs associated with the amount of billed water and stated that the draft 2013 budget presented to the Finance Committee uses 18,800 acre feet as a projected water sales consumption number followed by discussion of water projections and sales for 2013 compared to 2009, the budget, a level pay plan, simplifying outreach efforts, and the Before the First Drop marketing campaign.

There were no additional information items to discuss.

7) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Dexter informed the Committee of a customer receiving a $3,000 water bill and requested that General Manager LaMoreaux contact the customer; that an item be added to a future Board meeting agenda for "Discussion of the District's responsibility to assist customers;" and that the Outreach Committee discuss educating customers on water units equaling a certain amount of water with graphics showing this amount, how to better track water use, using a water use calculator, and informing customers to not tamper with water meters.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

The next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting was then scheduled for January 18, 2012 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