Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
November 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
November 21, 2014 Workshop Board Meeting
November 26, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, December 8, 2014 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the NOVEMBER 12, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held October 22, 2014; minutes of special meeting held October 27, 2014; payment of bills for November 12, 2014; approval of 2015 District membership in California Special Districts Association; approval of amendment to Contract Services Agreement for General Counsel Services, appointing Ms. Patricia J. Quilizapa and Ms. Lindsay M. Tabaian of Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, as General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel, respectively.

- *Consideration and possible action on award of contract for the construction of Specification No. 1205 being the water main replacement project in 30th St. E., Frontier Ave., 31st St. E., Glenbush Ave., Lemsford Ave., 32nd St. E., and pond Ave.. ($1,200,000.00 – Water Revenue Bond Series 013A – Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to accept the request dated October 21, 2014 from Borden Excavating, Inc. withdrawing their bid due to a mathematical error and to award a contract for this project to Barnett VanDyne Construction, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of $1,250,476.00. This project is funded through water revenue bonds and is the next step in the District's progress towards upgrading its infrastructure.

- *Consideration and possible action on appointment of a Water Supply & Reliability Committee Member to attend AVEK meetings. (Director Dizmang/Water Supply & Reliability Committee):* It was unanimously carried to appoint Director Dino as the Palmdale Water District representative to attend AVEK meetings with Director Dizmang as the alternate.

- *Consideration and possible action to create an Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff on ideas from the Informational Tour of Rowland and Cucamonga Valley Water Districts. (President Mac Laren):* It was unanimously carried to create an Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff on ideas from the informational tour of Rowland and Cucamonga Valley Water Districts. This is the next step in the District's efforts to improve and enhance our customers' experience with the District.

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 14-18 to adopt District Rules of Order as Appendix DD to the Board Rules and Regulations. (President Mac Laren):* It was carried, with Director Estes opposed, to approve this Resolution adding Appendix DD titled "Board Meetings: Rules of Procedure" to the District's Rules and Regulations in its entirety.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: AWWA Water Quality Technology Conference 2014 to be held November 16 – 20, 2014 in New Orleans, Louisiana; Dealing With Difficult People Seminar to be held November 19, 2014 in Santa Clarita; Making the Transition from Staff to Supervisor Seminar to be held December 11, 2014 in Bakersfield; CUEMA Central Valley Summit: Invest in Leadership Conference to be held December 15 – 16, 2014 in Coalinga; and ACWA/JPIA "An Effective Board Can Limit the Risk of Liability" Training to be held January 14, 2014 at the Palmdale Water District :* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at these conferences.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>NOVEMBER 21, 2014 WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consideration and possible action on 2015 Budget:* It was carried, with Directors Dizmang and Dino opposed, to approve the 2015 Budget with a 2.5% water rate increase resulting in a 0.5% revenue increase and to require employees to contribute 1.67% towards CalPERS, which is equal to the cost of living included in the 2015 budget.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>NOVEMBER 26, 2014 REGULAT BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held November 12, 2014; payment of bills for November 26, 2014; and approval of Resolution No. 14-19 amending the Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code for the Palmdale Water District.

- *Consideration and possible action on cancelling second regular Board meeting in December. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to cancel the second regular Board meeting in December. The District will be closed from December 22 through December 26, 2014 and January 1 and 2, 2015 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

- *Consideration and possible action on continuation of the District's Internship Program. (Human Resources Director Emery/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to continue the District's Internship Program adding a Level 2 to the Program.

- *Approval for Legal Counsel to retain a firm regarding General Manager evaluation:* It was carried for General Counsel to retain a firm, collect information and qualifications of other candidates, and conduct the evaluation for the position of the existing General Manager in tandem with the review and qualifications of other candidates with a contract for any firm retained brought before the Board for consideration at the December 10, 2014 Board meeting.

The Palmdale Water District Board of Director meetings are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held December 10, 2014. Board meetings are held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, and the public is invited to attend.

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About Palmdale Water District:

The Palmdale Water District has grown from an agency providing irrigation water for 60 customers to an agency providing domestic water to the thriving community we know today. Founded as an irrigation district supplying water mainly to farms for agricultural use, the District's boundaries expanded with Palmdale's rapid population growth, and the District has shifted to providing predominantly municipal and industrial water. The Palmdale Water District is currently divided into five divisions covering areas in East and central Palmdale. The Palmdale Water District remains dedicated to providing clean, pure water; state of the art facilities to meet current and future needs; attentive staff committed to customer satisfaction; treatment and testing to ensure high quality water; education on water conservation and safety; and reliable supply and resourceful planning insuring customer satisfaction and continued reasonable rates. The Palmdale Water District can be reached by calling (661) 947-4111. The Palmdale Water District is located at 2029 East Avenue Qin Palmdale, California.

Palmdale Water District Board Members

Division 1 Robert E. Alvarado
Division 2 Joe Estes
Division 3 Gloria Dizmang
Division 4 Kathy Mac Laren
Division 5 Vincent Dino

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