Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
April 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
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PALMDALE, CA, May 5, 2015 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the APRIL 8, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Presentation by ACWA/JPIA:* The District received an insurance rebate in the amount of $81,446.00. The District is part of a pooled insurance program and received the rebate due to staff participation in development and training programs and a low rate of property, liability, and worker's compensation claims.

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held March 25, 2015; payment of bills for April 8, 2015; and approval of job description and salary range for Operations Technician I/II which will include our current Pump Operator I/II, Equipment Mechanic I/II, Plant Maintenance Mechanic I/II, and Senior Plant Maintenance Mechanic.

- *Discussion and possible action on Itzen Architects' office remodel recommendations and potential next steps. (Itzen Architects/General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to request Itzen Architects to submit a proposal for developing a detailed design concept and a construction cost estimate for remodeling the District's front lobby, Customer Care Department, restroom, adding a public restroom, break room area, printing room, and Finance Department.

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 15-8 Approving the Submittal of a Water Recycling Planning Grant Request for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project. (Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 15-8. Resolution No. 15-8 authorizes staff to submit a grant application to the California State Water Resources Control Board for a $75,000 or any eligible cost sharing funding from the water recycling component of Proposition 1 for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the APRIL 9, 2015 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

- *Closed session – conference with labor negotiators and legal counsel for employment contract negotiations pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 with labor negotiators (Directors Alvarado and Dizmang) and District General Counsel to discuss the filling of the unrepresented position of General Manager:* It was unanimously carried to direct the District's labor negotiators and General Counsel to extend an offer to General Manager LaMoreaux for employment and a contract, the terms to be negotiated through General Counsel and the labor negotiators, and a contract brought to the Board for consideration in open session at a later date.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>APRIL 13, 2015 BOARD ROLE AND GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP MEETING:</u>

- *The role of the Board and best governance practices.* BHI Management Consulting presented detailed information to the Board regarding the Board's role, position, and obligations, the process of good governance and governance practices, and communication policies.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>APRIL 22, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held April 8, 2015, special meeting held April 9, 2015, workshop meeting held April 13, 2015, and payment of bills for April 22, 2015.

- *Consideration and possible action on Antelope Valley Board of Trade Board of Directors Election. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to delegate voting in the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Board of Directors election to President Mac Laren.

- *Consideration and possible action on scheduling a President's Dinner for informal discussion on the Strategic Plan. (President Mac Laren/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to schedule President's Dinners for informal discussions on the Strategic Plan. These dinners will be held in accordance with all Brown Act requirements with the first dinner to be held in June.

- *Consideration and possible action on authorization of the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2015 Budget: CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase to be held September 21 – 24, 2015 in Monterey:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at this conference.

- *Closed session – conference with labor negotiators and legal counsel for employment contract negotiations pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 with labor negotiators (Directors Alvarado and Dizmang) and District General Counsel to discuss the filling of the unrepresented position of General Manager:* It was unanimously carried to direct the District's labor negotiators and General Counsel to meet with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding additional terms to an employment contract.

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 May 13, 2015. 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 Q in Palmdale, California.

Palmdale Water District Board Members

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