Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
January 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
January 19, 2016 Special Board Meeting
January 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, January 28, 2016 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JANUARY 13, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held December 9, 2015; ratify payment of bills for December 23, 2015; ratify payment of bills for December 30, 2015; and payment of bills for January 13, 2016.

- *Consideration and possible action on reorganization of the Board of Directors. (President Mac Laren):* It was unanimously carried to elect Director Alvarado as President; carried to elect Director Dino as Vice President; unanimously carried to elect Director Estes as Treasurer; and unanimously carried to elect Director Henriquez as Secretary.

- *Consideration and possible action on proposal received from Rothman Business Intereiors for front office modifications. ($4,241.00 – Budgeted – Human Resources Director Emery):* It was unanimously carried to approve the proposal received from Rothman Business Interiors to modify the front office work space in the not-to-exceed amount of $4,241.00.

- *Consideration and possible action on Change Order No. 1 to Specification No. 1402-A being the construction and implementation of the Palmdale Water District Site Security Improvement Project. ($28,628.90 – Budgeted – Project Manager Thompson Sr.):* It was unanimously carried to approve Change Order No. 1 to Specification No. 1402-A in the not-to-exceed amount of $28,628.90.

- *Consideration and possible action on adoption of Strategic Plan. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to adopt the updated Strategic Plan with the following Strategic Initiatives: Initiative No. 1 – Water Resource Reliability; Initiative No. 2 – Organizational Excellence; Initiative No. 3 – Systems Efficiency; Initiative No. 4 – Financial Health and Stability; Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership; and Initiative No. 6 – Customer Care and Advocacy.

- *Consideration and possible action on scheduling President's Dinner. (Board President):* It was unanimously carried to schedule a President's Dinner. President's Dinners are informal meetings held with Board members, Department Managers, and the public to review Strategic Plan initiatives and to discuss District issues.

  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 2016 Budget: Palmdale Chamber of Commerce 75th Anniversary Celebration and Installation of 2016 Board of Directors to be held January 22, 2016 in Palmdale and Antelope Valley Board of Trade Business Outlook Conference to be held February 26, 2016 in Lancaster. 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 JANUARY 19, 2016 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

- *Consideration and possible action to transfer water waste fines to Conservation Rebate Program. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was carried to transfer water waste fines to the District's Water Conservation Rebate Programs.

- *Consideration and possible action on Cost of Living Adjustment and Employee CalPERS contributions. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve a 0.74% cost of living adjustment for the 2016 Budget with classic CalPERS employees paying an additional 0.74% towards the cost of their CalPERS.

- *Consideration and possible action on revisions to cap for Rate Assistance Program. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to revise the cap for the Rate Assistance Program at $160,000.00.

- *Consideration and possible action on staff's recommendation for Standing Board Committees. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to revise Standing Board Committees and their meeting frequency as follows: Finance Committee – meets monthly; Facilities Committee – meets quarterly plus Board assignments; Personnel Committee – meets quarterly plus Board assignments; Outreach Committee – full Board participation at the second regular Board meeting of each month; Water Supply & Reliability Committee – disband with production, consumption, and other water-related information presented to the Board monthly in the General Manager written report.

- *Consideration and possible action on 2016 Budget. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the 2016 Budget as presented by staff.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JANUARY 27, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held January 13, 2016; revision to minutes of regular meeting held December 9, 2015 regarding time of adjournment; payment of bills for January 27, 2016; reappointment of Helen Velador to Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Board; approval of Resolution No. 16-1 Authorizing Specified Individuals to Transact Business with Citizens Business Bank; approval of Resolution No. 16-2 Authorizing Specified Individuals to Transact Business with UBS Financial Services, Inc.; approval of Resolution No. 16-3 for Employer Paid Member Contributions for CalPERS; and receive and file Semi-Annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the Period Covering July 1, 2015 Through December 31, 2015.

- *Consideration and possible action to nominate a Palmdale Water District representative to fill the Public Water Supplier seat on the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board of Directors. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried that General Manager LaMoreaux fill the Public Water Supplier seat on the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board of Directors. Once all nominations are received, the Public Water Supplier Group Advisory Committee will recommend a candidate by majority vote, and this candidate will then be presented to the Board of Directors or Council for each of the Public Water Suppliers for consideration.

- *Consideration and possible action to appoint a Palmdale Water District representative to the Public Water Supplier Group Advisory Committee. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to appoint Assistant General Manager Knudson as the Palmdale Water District representative and Director Mac Laren as the District's Alternate Representative to the Public Water Supplier Group Advisory Committee. Members of the Public Water Supplier Group Advisory Committee will provide direction to the Antelope Valley Watermaster Public Water Supplier Board member.

- *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 2016 Budget: California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Webinar: Public Meetings and the Brown Act to be held February 2, 2016; CSDA Webinar: Annual Employment Law Update: Recent Cases & Trends to be held February 4, 2016; Water Education Foundation (WEF) Water 101 Workshop to be held February 4 – 5, 2016 in Sacramento; CSDA Proposition 26, Proposition 218 & Rate Setting to be held February 9, 2016 in Fountain Valley; CSDA Supervisory Skills for the Public Sector to be held February 11, 2016 in Sacramento; CSDA Webinar: The Affordable Care Act in 2016 to be held February 11, 2016;CSDA Understand Board Member & District Liability Issues (Plumas) to be held February 17, 2016 in Quincy; CSDA How to be an Effective New Board Member to be held February 18, 2016 in Martinez; CSDA Webinar: Workplace Violence Prevention to be held February 18, 2016; WEF and DWR Dry, Wet or Average "The Challenges for Water Project Operations" to be held February 23, 2016 in Sacramento; Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) DC2016 Annual Washington D.C. Conference to be held February 23 – 25, 2016 in Washington, D.C.; CSDA Governance Foundations (Tehachapi) to be held February 24, 2016 in Tehachapi; CSDA Webinar: Paying for Capital Projects: Key Considerations to be held February 24, 2016; CSDA Webinar: Rules of Order Made Easy! to be held February 25, 2016; CSDA Webinar: Understanding Board Member & District Liability to be held March 1, 2016; CSDA Understand Board Member/District Liability and Harassment Prevention to be held March 2, 2016 in Clovis; CSDA Webinar: Ethics AB 1234 Compliance Training to be held March 3, 2016; WEF Lower Colorado River Tour 2016 to be held March 2 – 4, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada; CSDA HR Boot Camp for Special Districts to be held March 9, 2016 in Vista; ACWA 2016 Legislative Symposium to be held March 9, 2016 in Sacramento; CSDA Financial Management for Special Districts to be held March 10, 2016 in Vista; CSDA Webinar: Grassroots Advocacy and Public Outreach to be held March 15, 2016; WateReuse California Annual Conference "Reuse: The New Normal" to be held March 13 – 15, 2016 in Santa Rosa; WEF 2016 Executive Briefing "Defining the New Normal" to be held March 17, 2016 in Sacramento; CSDA Webinar: Completing Statement of Economic Interest-Form 700 to be held March 17, 2016; CSDA Webinar: Conflict of Interest & When One Must Step Aside to be held March 24, 2016; CSDA Special District Risk Management Authority Safety/Claims Education Day to be held March 28 – 29, 2016 in Newport Beach; CSDA Webinar: How to Prepare for Your District's Annual Audit to be held April 5, 2016; CSDA Webinar: New Developments in the Brown Act to be held April 7, 2016; CSDA Staying in Compliance: Understand Special District Laws to be held April 12, 2016 in Sacramento; CSDA Board Secretary/Clerk Foundations to be held April 13, 2016 in Sacramento; WEF Central Valley Tour 2016 to be held April 13 – 14, 2016 in Sacramento; CSDA Webinar: Legislative Round-up to be held April 14, 2016; CSDA Supervisory Skills for the Public Sector to be held April 20, 2016 in Rancho Cucamonga; CSDA Webinar: Compensation Earnable – Comply with CalPERS to be held April 20, 2016; California Water Policy Conference to be held April 20 and 21, 2016 in Davis; Green California Summit and Exposition 2016 "Greening the Golden State Ten Years and Growing" to be held April 20 – 21, 2016 in Sacramento; CSDA Who Does What? Best Practices in Board/Staff Relations to be held April 25, 2016 in McKinleyville; CSDA Webinar: Technology and the Public Records Act to be held April 26, 2016; CSDA Webinar: Best Practices in Agenda Prep and Taking Minutes to be held April 28, 2016; ACWA 2016 Spring Conference & Exhibition to be held*

May 3 – 6, 2016 in Monterey; CSDA Webinar: Records Retention & Management to be held May 10, 2016; CSDA Webinar: Communication Protocols for Board Members/Staff to be held May 12, 2016; CSDA 2016 Special District Legislative Days to be held May 17 – 18, 2016 in Sacramento; WEF San Diego Tour 2016 to be held May 19 – 20, 2016 in a location to be determined; CSDA Webinar: AB1825 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training to be held June 1, 2016; CSDA General Manager Leadership Summit to be held June 12 – 14, 2016 in Olympic Valley; WEF Bay-Delta Tour 2016 to be held June 16 – 17, 2016 in Sacramento; WEF International Groundwater Conference to be held June 28 – 30, 2016 in San Francisco; CSDA Webinar: LAFCO 101 for Special Districts to be held June 29, 2016; CSDA Special District Leadership Academy Conference #2 to be held July 10 – 13, 2016 in Napa; CSDA Webinar: Avoiding Construction Payment & Performance Problems to be held July 19, 2016; CSDA Webinar: What is Public Engagement and Why Do It? to be held July 21, 2016; CSDA Webinar: New Tools to Pay for Infrastructure to be held July 27, 2016; CSDA HR Boot Camp for Special Districts to be held August 3, 2016 in El Dorado Hills; CSDA Financial Management for Special Districts to be held August 4, 2016 in El Dorado Hills; CSDA Webinar: Legislative Round-Up to be held August 11, 2016; CSDA Webinar: Understanding Property Taxes and Your Budget to be held August 16, 2016; CSDA The Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of Public Engagement to be held September 7, 2016 in Sacramento; ACWA 2016 Continuing Legal Education for Water Professionals to be held September 15 – 16, 2016 in San Diego; CSDA CEQA-California Environmental Quality Act to be held September 21, 2016 in Sacramento; CSDA 2016 Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase to be held October 10, 2016 in San Diego; WEF Northern California Tour 2016 to be held October 19 – 21, 2016 in Sacramento; WEF San Joaquin Restoration Tour 2016 to be held November 2 – 3, 2016 in Fresno; CSDA Webinar: Ethics AB 1234 Compliance Training to be held November 8, 2016; CSDA Board Secretary/Clerk Conference and Certificate Program to be held November 14 – 16, 2016 in Seaside; ACWA 2016 Fall Conference & Exhibition to be held November 29 – December 2, 2016 in Anaheim; and CSDA Webinar: Responding to Data Breaches to be held December 6, 2016: It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at these conferences.

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 February 10, 2016. 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

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

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