Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
May 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
May 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, June 2, 2016 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the MAY 11, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held April 27, 2016 and payment of bills for May 11, 2016.

- *Consideration and possible action on Amendment No. 1 with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants authorizing the 2016 Scope of Work and budget for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project. ($97,000.00 – Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 1. Continuing work on the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project will help ensure future reliability of water supplies and demands.

- *Consideration and possible action on authorizing the General Manager to have the District's construction crew complete the El Camino pipeline and appurtenances replacement project under Specification No. 1503. ($70,000.00 – Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to authorize General Manager LaMoreaux to move forward on this replacement project. Performing this work in-house results in cost savings for the District.

- *Consideration and possible action on information regarding a Spanish interpreter for Board meetings. (Director Dino):* President Alvarado appointed the Ad Hoc Committee of Directors Dino and Mac Laren to meet and discuss this topic, and in the interim, it was unanimously carried to provide interim Spanish interpreter services for public comments until such time as the Ad Hoc Committee presents its findings to the full Board and to include wording in both English and Spanish stating same on the agendas.

- *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: TPC Trainco Air Conditioning & Refrigeration to be held June 27 and 28, 2016 in Oakland:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at this conference.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present, considered the following matters at the MAY 25, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Presentation: Drought Report-Review of "Water Conservation and Reduction in Water Demand Efforts Report as of April, 2016:"* The Palmdale Water District ratepayers achieved a 25.6% reduction in water use compared to April, 2013, which is just short of the District's state-mandated water use reduction goal of 28%.

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held May 11, 2016; payment of bills for May 25, 2016; and approval of 2016 proposed bylaws amendments for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA).

- *Approval to deny claim of Basil Hilo. (Finance Manager Williams):* It was unanimously carried to deny the claim received from Basil Hilo. This claim will be forwarded to the District's insurance carrier for processing.
- *Approval of Communications Site Lease Agreement between Palmdale Water District and Verizon Wireless. ($3,000.00/Month Revenue – Assistant General Manager Knudson/Facilities Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve this Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless, which will result in revenue of $3,000.00 for the District.
- *Approval of scanner/plotter purchases. ($50,000.00 – Budgeted – Information Technology Manager Stanton/Facilities Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve scanner/plotter purchases in the not to exceed amount of $50,000.00.
- *Approval to declare various vehicles and equipment as surplus property per Article 12.08 of the District's Rules and Regulations. (Facilities Manager Moore/Facilities Committee):* It was unanimously carried to declare various vehicles and equipment as surplus property per Article 12.08 of the District's Rules and Regulations.
- *Approval to purchase used construction equipment utilizing proceeds from selling surplus equipment. (Facilities Manager Moore/Facilities Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve the purchase of construction equipment as recommended by staff utilizing proceeds from selling surplus equipment.
- *Consideration and possible action on appeal of Iraj Hormozi of the determination of emergency water conservation restriction violation upholding the water waste fine. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was carried on a 3 – 1 vote, with Director Henriquez opposed, to deny Mr. Hormozi's request for an appeal.
- *Consideration and possible action on approval of the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club. The Palmdale Fin & Feather Club has leased Palmdale Lake for a number of years and provides various activities to its members.
- *Consideration and possible action on purchasing an ad in a Spanish publication for publishing the list of unclaimed funds. (President Alvarado/General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to direct staff to investigate the cost of purchasing an ad in a Spanish publication for publishing a list of District unclaimed funds. The District attempts mailing funds to last known addresses and holds unclaimed funds for a period of three years.

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 June 8, 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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