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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ACTIONS
AUGUST 9, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 9, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Presentation of Certificate of Transparency:* The Palmdale Water District earned a Certificate of Transparency from the California Special Districts Association/Special District Leadership Foundation. This Certificate represents the District's commitment to transparency in its operations and governance, being open and accessible to the public, and engaging with the public to create greater awareness of the District's activities.

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held July 26, 2017; payment of bills for August 9, 2017; approve absence of Director Henriquez from July 26, 2017 Board Meeting due to business training; and receive and file semi-annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the period covering January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

- *Consideration and possible action on Amendment No. 3 to Professional Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project. ($229,500.00 – Budgeted - Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 3, which will complete the planning phase for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 17-17 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Authorizing the District's Application for Funding from the Bureau of Reclamation Watersmart: Title XVI Water Recycling Projects Under the WIIN Act for Federal Fiscal Year 2017. (No Budget Impact – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 17-17, which authorizes the District to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for the receipt and administration of grant funds for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

- *Consideration and possible action on the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to explore the formation of a Community Liaison Committee. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to create a Board Ad Hoc Community Liaison Committee, with President Alvarado and Director Mac Laren appointed to this Ad Hoc Committee. The intent of a Community Liaison Committee is for members of the public to provide input and ideas to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 23, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held August 9, 2017; payment of bills for August 23, 2017; approve absence of Director Estes from August 9, 2017 Board meeting due to vacation; approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Contract Services Agreement for General Counsel Services between the Palmdale Water District and Aleshire & Wynder, LLP dated March 14, 2014. The Amendment includes a $10 hourly rate increase pursuant to Section 5 of the Agreement to begin on July 1, 2018 and remain in effect until at least July 1, 2020; approval of Resolution No. 17-18 being a Joint Tax Transfer Resolution Antelope Valley Cemetery District Annexation No. 2017-03; and approval of Resolution No. 17-19 (Reimbursement Resolution) and Resolution No. 17-20 (Authorization Resolution) for the Financial Security Package for submittal to State of California Water Recycling Grant and Construction Loan Program for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

- *Consideration and possible action on setting Palmdale Water District's assessment rates for fiscal year 2017-2018 and adoption of Resolution No. 17-21 regarding said rates. (Financial Advisor Egan):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 17-21 setting the District's assessment rates for fiscal year 2017-2018 at a rate of 0.265906. These assessments are levied to cover the District's share of costs associated with the State Water Project.

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 17-22 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Authorizing the Purchase of Tax Defaulted Properties. ($13,704.00 – Budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 17-22 to purchase tax defaulted properties. These properties will be beneficial to the District for future facilities and infrastructure.

- *Consideration and possible action on revisions to Appendix T "Facility Tour Policy" of the Palmdale Water District's Rules and Regulations. (No budget impact – Public Affairs Director Shay):* It was unanimously carried to approve revisions to the District's Facility Tour Policy regarding restrictions on identification and photography.

- *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 2017 budget: WateReuse Symposium to be held September 10 – 13, 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at this conference.

- *Consideration and possible action on opposition to SB 623:* It was carried for the District to take the position of "oppose unless amended" to SB 623, the proposed statewide water tax imposed on all water customers throughout the state to provide funding to disadvantaged water systems to ensure safe drinking water.

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. 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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