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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ACTIONS
JULY 10, 2017 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JULY 12, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 26, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JULY 10, 2017 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

- *Public employee performance evaluation – General Legal Counsel:* It was unanimously carried in closed session to update the contract with General Legal Counsel for three years through 2020 and to increase the hourly rate for Aleshire & Wynder LLP by $10.00 per hour.

- *Public employee performance evaluation – General Manager:* It was unanimously carried in closed session to extend the contract for General Manager LaMoreaux until 2020 and to award General Manager LaMoreaux a 2.7% cost of living increase and a 2.3% salary increase for a total increase of 5%.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the JULY 12, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held June 28, 2017; payment of bills for July 12, 2017; and approve absence of Director Mac Laren from June 28, 2017 Board Meeting due to vacation.

- *Consideration and possible action to authorize the preparation and distribution of an RFP for a Project Manager for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project. (President Alvarado/Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to authorize the preparation and distribution of this RFP. A Project Manager is needed to implement and oversee the construction process for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

- *Consideration and possible action on activities for Palmdale Water District's 100-year anniversary celebration. ($100,000.00 - $60,000.00 in 2017 and $40,000.00 in 2018 – Non-budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux/Ad Hoc 100th Anniversary Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve the activities as recommended by staff and the Ad Hoc 100th Anniversary Committee for the District's 100-year anniversary celebration in the not-to-exceed amount of $100,000.00. These activities begin with an Open House on August 5, 2017 at the District with a grand celebration to be held July, 2018.

- *Consideration and possible action on Professional Services Agreement between the District and Kinsey Aesthetics + Communications for design and layout of a new logo, business materials, commemorative flag, and 100th anniversary commemorative book. ($25,000.00 – portion of 100-year anniversary budget considered in previous item –General Manager LaMoreaux/Ad Hoc 100th Anniversary Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the District and Kinsey Aesthetics + Communications in the not-to-exceed amount of $25,000.00.

- *Consideration and possible action on District participation in Antelope Valley Fair Parade as part of announcement of Palmdale Water District's 100-year anniversary celebration. ($5,000.00 – Non-budgeted – President Alvarado/General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve District participation in the Antelope Valley Fair Parade as part of the announcement of the District's 100-year anniversary celebration in the not-to-exceed amount of $5,000.00.

- *Consideration and possible action on California Special Districts Association 2017 Board elections. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to cast the District's vote for Mr. Richard Hall, of Mojave Water Agency, in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) 2017 Board elections. CSDA provides legislative advocacy, education and member services for all special districts.

- *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: Salute to Service Tri-State Seminar to be held September 26 – 28, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada:* 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 <u>JULY 26, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of special meeting held July 10, 2017; minutes of regular meeting held July 12, 2017; and payment of bills for July 26, 2017.

- *Consideration and possible action on proposal for the preparation of the 2017 Sanitary Survey and Drinking Water Source Assessment Update. ($49,773.00 – Budgeted – Operations Manager Masaya):* It was unanimously carried to approve a proposal from Black & Veatch for the preparation of the 2017 Sanitary Survey and Drinking Water Source Assessment update in the not-to-exceed amount of $49,773.00. Source water protection is the first and foremost barrier required in establishing a well-developed, multiple-barrier protection and treatment plan for public drinking water supplies.

- *Consideration and possible action on approval to hire a consultant to complete a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI Water Recycling Projects under the WIIN Act. ($19,500.00, not-to-exceed – Non-budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to approve hiring a consultant to complete this grant application. There is a short time frame to submit this grant application, and the District could potentially be awarded millions in grant funding for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

- *Consideration and possible action on Contract Amendment No 1 to General Manager Employment Agreement dated July 30, 2015 authorizing a 2.7% cost of living increase, authorizing a 2.3% salary increase, and approving an extension of the General Manager Employment Agreement to July 30, 2020. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve Contract Amendment No. 1, which was authorized at the July 10, 2017 Special Board Meeting.

- *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: ACWA Region 8 Program "Water Reliability: The Continued Value of Local Projects" to be held August 24, 2017 in Los Angeles; Itron Utility Week Conference to be held October 13 – 20, 2017 in Houston, Texas; and AWWA Water Quality Technology Conference 2017 to be held November 12 – 16, 2017 in Portland, Oregon:* 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. 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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