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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ACTIONS FEBRUARY 14, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2018 JOINT WORKSHOP WITH PWD, AVEK, AND LCID FEBRUARY 28, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the FEBRUARY 14, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held January 24, 2018; payment of bills for February 14, 2018; receive and file semi-annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the period covering July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 (Finance Manager Williams); and approval of Resolution No. 18-2 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Authorizing Specified Individuals to Transact Business with Citizens Business Bank. (No Budget Impact – Finance Manager Williams).

- *Consideration and possible action on engagement letter with Nigro & Nigro for the preparation of the annual audit for 2017 and 2018. ($18,500.00 for 2017, $19,000.00 for 2018 – Budgeted – Finance Manager Williams):* It was unanimously carried to approve this engagement letter to conduct the District's required annual audit.

- *Consideration and possible action on participation through the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association in the 2018 Home Show and Water Expo to be held March 17 – 18, 2018 in Lancaster. ($4,739.00 – Budgeted – Deputy Water and Energy Resources Director Thompson II):* It was unanimously carried to approve this participation in the not-to-exceed amount of $4,739.00. The 2018 Home Show and Water Expo will raise public water awareness, will highlight water conservation rebate programs, will include water related vendors, will offer the opportunity for the agencies to share information about their projects, and will provide speakers on water related topics.

- *Consideration and possible action on changing the meeting days for Regular Board Meetings. (Director Mac Laren):* It was unanimously carried to change Regular Board meeting days to the second Wednesday and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 2018.

- *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 2018 Budget: Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) 2018 Annual Conference to be held March 22 – 23, 2018 in Sacramento*: It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at this conference.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the FEBRUARY 15, 2018 JOINT WORKSHOP WITH PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY EAST KERN WATER AGENCY, AND LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

- *No action was taken at this workshop.* Items reviewed and discussed were existing and proposed groundwater banking and recharge projects for each of the agencies, replacement water programs, and developing a joint recharge project within Big Rock Creek through the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the FEBRUARY 28, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Re-accreditation of Palmdale Water District's 'District of Distinction' certification. (Chris Palmer/Public Affairs Field Coordinator, California Special Districts Association):* The District was presented with its re-accreditation of the Special District Leadership Foundation's District of Distinction and is in the top 1% of California special districts to achieve 'gold' status with this honor. The re-accreditation affirms the District's dedication and commitment to good governance and to ethical and sound operating practices.

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held February 14, 2018; approval of minutes of joint PWD, AVEK, and LCID Workshop held February 15, 2018; and payment of bills for February 28, 2018.

- *Consideration and possible action on legislative outreach alert regarding SB 623. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux):* SB 623 would impose a tax on each of the District's customers with these funds then being turned over to the state to dispense to disadvantaged water agencies. It was unanimously carried that the District's position on SB 623 is to oppose unless amended, and staff was directed to prepare opposition letters to be sent to legislators and to perform outreach regarding this bill.

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 18-2 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Regarding its Intention to Issue Tax-Exempt Obligations for Various Capital Projects. (Potential revenue through reimbursement of loans – Finance Manager Williams/Finance Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 18-2, which will allow the District to be reimbursed for capital expenditures incurred prior to the issuance of bonds for the construction of the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project, the grade control structure and related improvements for the Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project, and for miscellaneous capital replacement projects throughout the District's water system.

- *Consideration and possible action to authorize purchasing materials to complete inventory level determined necessary for emergency response. ($245,000.00 – Non-Budgeted – Finance Manager Moore/Facilities Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve this purchase in the not-to-exceed amount of $245,000.00 to ensure the District has the necessary inventory on hand to repair infrastructure in the event of an emergency.

- *Consideration and possible action on revision to Palmdale Water District Rules and Regulations Article 4.03.1. (No Budget Impact – General Counsel Dunn):* It was unanimously carried to change the previous action regarding Board meeting days for Regular Board Meetings to be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. beginning in April 2018.

- *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 2018 Budget: ISC West Conference to be held April 9 – 13, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at this conference.

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. through March 2018. *Beginning in April 2018, Board of Director meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:00 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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