MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, APRIL 9, 2018:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, April 9, 2018, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. President, Vincent Dino, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Dino, Director Alvarado led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Vincent Dino, President	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Kathy Mac Laren, Vice President	Maya Mouawad, Assistant General Counsel
Marco Henriquez, Treasurer	Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Joe Estes, Secretary	Jim Riley, Engineering/Grant Manager
Robert Alvarado, Director	Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
	Jon Pernula, Water and Energy Res. Dir.
	Peter Thompson II, Deputy Water and Energy Res. Dir.
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	2 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

President Dino stated that Agenda Item No.'s 9, 10, 11, 11.1, 11.2, and 12 can be removed from the agenda as there are no updates on these items after which it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Henriquez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as amended, removing Agenda Item No.'s 9, 10, 11, 11.1, 11.2, and 12.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Presentations:

5.1) None at This Time.

There were no presentations.

6) Action Items – Consent Calendar: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is Considered Collectively by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)

6.1) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held March 28, 2018.

6.2) Payment of Bills for April 9, 2018.

6.3) Ratification of Participation in 2018 Dry Year Water Transfer Program. ($25,000.00 – Budgeted – Water and Energy Resources Director Pernula)

6.4) Approve Absence of Director Mac Laren From March 28, 2018 Board Meeting Due to a Work Commitment. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

President Dino announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Estes, seconded by Director Henriquez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

7) Action Items - Action Calendar (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)

7.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, and Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association for the Big Rock Creek – Groundwater Recharge Project. (Cost to be Determined – Budgeted – Deputy Water and Energy Resources Director Thompson II)

Deputy Water and Energy Resources Director Thompson II provided an overview of the work included in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Big Rock Creek – Groundwater Recharge Project and staff's recommendations to revise the cost allocation under Section 2.4 to up to 50% for both Palmdale Water District and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and to approve the MOU subject to General Counsel's review and approval, and after a brief discussion of the MOU, it was moved by Director Henriquez, seconded by Director Estes, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Antelope Valley-

East Kern Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, and Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association for the Big Rock Creek – Groundwater Recharge Project subject to General Counsel's review and approval and with revisions to Section 2.4 as recommended by staff.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Contract Amendment With Aspen Environmental to Complete Preconstruction Biological Surveys for Littlerock Sediment Removal Project. ($78,590.00 – Non-Budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley)

Engineering/Grant Manager Riley provided an overview of the proposed amendment with Aspen Environmental, and after a brief discussion of the requirement to conduct biological surveys for this Project, it was moved by Director Estes, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the contract amendment with Aspen Environmental to complete preconstruction biological surveys for the Littlerock Sediment Removal Project in the not-to-exceed amount of $78,590.00 and that General Manager LaMoreaux be authorized to execute the amendment.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Outreach Activities for 2018. (Public Affairs Director Shay)

Public Affairs Director Shay stated that the District has achieved platinum status through the California Special Districts Association's Special District Leadership Foundation and that the District is one of six out of 2,000+ special districts in California to have achieved this status.

a) Update on 100th Year Anniversary Events.

Public Affairs Director Shay stated that work continues on the commemorative anniversary book; that Director biographies will be included in the book; that twelve videos are nearly complete; and that plans for the July 22, 2018 celebration event are progressing.

b) Outreach Plans for 2018.

Public Affairs Director Shay stated that the District participated in the Café con Leche radio program this morning with Lab Analyst Narez participating in the

interview and that water awareness contest awards will be presented at the April 23, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

c) Upcoming Events.

Public Affairs Director Shay stated that a District article will be published in the upcoming City of Palmdale activities newsletter.

d) Outreach Recommendations From Directors.

There were no outreach recommendations from Directors.

7.4) 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:

a) American Water Works Association Annual Conference and Exposition "Innovating the Future of Water" to be Held June 11 – 14, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

General Manager LaMoreaux reviewed this conference, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2018 Budget: American Water Works Association Annual Conference and Exposition "Innovating the Future of Water" to be Held June 11 – 14, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Meetings/General Report.

Director Estes reported that on April 4, he attended a meeting with Dr. Mathis regarding the annual evaluations for General Counsel Dunn and General Manager LaMoreaux; that on April 5, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting; and that on April 9, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting.

Director Henriquez reported that on April 5, he attended a meeting with Dr. Mathis regarding the annual evaluations for General Counsel Dunn and General Manager LaMoreaux and then informed the Board that the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association will meet on April 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Director Mac Laren reported that on March 22, she attended the Littlerock Recreation Citizens' Committee presentation and that on April 9, she attended a meeting with Dr. Mathis regarding the annual evaluations for General Counsel Dunn and General Manager LaMoreaux.

Director Alvarado reported that on April 4, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting and that on April 7, he met with Dr. Mathis regarding the annual evaluations for General Counsel Dunn and General Manager LaMoreaux.

President Dino reported that on March 29, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on April 4, he met with Dr. Mathis regarding the annual evaluations for General Counsel Dunn and General Manager LaMoreaux; that also on April 4, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting; and that on April 9, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting.

b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):

1) None.

There were no further reports on Standing Committee/Assignments.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that he attended an ACWA meeting regarding the status of the state water tax bill; that ACWA is seeking contributions for their educational program for this bill with a suggested $10,000.00 contribution; that this will be placed on a future agenda for discussion; and that ACWA also provided an update on two upcoming water bonds, one being a mixed-use bond and one being a bond more focused on water.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

Assistant General Counsel Mouawad provided a brief report on a recent hearing regarding SB 998, the Rubio/Dodd bill, where the bill was renamed The Discontinuation of Residential Water Service bill and referred to the Environmental Quality Committee followed by a brief discussion of Director Mac Laren's recent meetings with Senator Dodd where she informed him of the District's policies regarding water service to its customers and the Proposition 218 process.

Director Mac Laren then recommended information on the District's customer service polices be sent to Senator Dodd and Assemblyman Gipson.

Assistant General Counsel Mouawad then provided a brief report regarding the California Water Commission's investigations on using non-Table A Article 21 water for water storage projects followed by discussion of the District's use of Article 21 water.

13) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

14) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Secretary