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September 19, 2013

Agenda for Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District
to be held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES: **The prescribed time limit per speaker is three-minutes. Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments, or cheering. Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the District to carry out its meeting will not be permitted and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting.**

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

4) Public comments for non-agenda items.

5) Presentations:

No presentations scheduled at this time.

6) Action Items - Consent 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.)

6.1) Approval of minutes of regular meeting held September 11, 2013.

6.2) Payment of bills for September 25, 2013.

6.3) Approval of Communications Site Lease Agreement between Palmdale Water District and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. (Revenue $28,800/year – Engineering Manager Knudson/Facilities Committee)

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 District participation on the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Technical Advisory Committee. ($23,250.00 – Budgeted – Operations Manager Thompson II/Facilities Committee)

7.2) Consideration and possible action on proposal from The Mathis Group for updating the District's Strategic Plan beginning January, 2014 tabled from the August 28, 2013 Board meeting. ($7,000 plus expenses – non-budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux)

7.3) Consideration and possible action on the District's Grievance Policy. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee)

7.4) Consideration and possible action on 1% employee contribution toward CalPERS retirement effective January 1, 2014. ($61,000 savings – General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee)

7.5) Consideration and possible action on removing freeze on merit and bonus incentives. ($103,000 – Budgeted but frozen – General Manager LaMoreaux/Personnel Committee)

7.6) Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows:

a) Project Management Workshop to be held October 23, 2013 in Lancaster.

b) American Backflow Prevention Association Regions 5, 6, & 7 "2013 Western Regional Backflow Conference" to be held October 28 – 30, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

c) California Special District Association's Special District Leadership Academy Conference to be held November 17 - 20, 2013 in Napa Valley.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors: Meetings/Committee Meetings/General Report.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) District vacancies. (no changes)

b) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority status.

c) Monthly Department Reports.

8.3) Report of Attorney.

9) Public comments on closed session agenda matters.

10) Closed session under:

10.1) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases.*

10.2) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *United States, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al., United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. ED CV06-0055-GW.*

10.3) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561.*

10.4) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *Velez v. City of Palmdale, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC023216.*

10.5) Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), pending litigation: *SCWA v. DWR, Superior Court of California for the County of Sacramento, Case No. 34-2008-00016338 CU-BC-GDS (Area of Origin Litigation).*

11) Public report of any action taken in closed session.

12) Board members' requests for future agenda items.

13) Adjournment.

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,
General Manager

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