PALMDALE RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY (PRWA)
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
2029 EAST AVENUE Q
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA NO. 7
AUGUST 21, 2013
7:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER.

Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: DIRECTORS JAMES C. LEDFORD, JR., GORDON DEXTER, LAURA BETTENCOURT, KATHRYN MAC LAREN, AND HELEN GONZALEZ

Chair Ledford, Vice Chair Mac Laren, and Director Gonzalez were present.

Motion: Excuse the absence of Directors Dexter and Bettencourt.
Moved by Vice Chair Mac Laren, seconded by Director Gonzalez.

Vote: Motion carried (3-0).
Yes: Chair Ledford, Vice Chair Mac Laren and Director Gonzalez
Absent: Directors Dexter and Bettencourt.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR – PUBLIC COMMENTS ONLY:

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

5.1 Approve receipt and filing of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended July 31, 2013. (Staff Reference: Treasurer/Auditor St. John)

5.2 Consideration and possible action regarding an amendment proposal of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City of Palmdale and the Palmdale Water District as to JPA Section 4.19 "Authority Documents" which requires written resolutions for specific matters and amending to allow Authority direction on minor or routine matters via "minute orders". (Staff Reference: Authority Counsel Ditzhazy)

5.3 Approve the Minutes from the previous meeting held on June 19, 2013. (Staff Reference: Secretary Smith)

Motion: Approve the recommendations and findings on all items listed under the Consent Calendar.
Moved by Vice Chair Mac Laren, seconded by Director Gonzalez.

Vote: Motion carried (3-0).
Yes: Chair Ledford, Vice Chair Mac Laren and Director Gonzalez
Absent: Directors Dexter and Bettencourt.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Loel Havilland asked if Item 5.2 was to take care of the issue between the City and Palmdale Water District regarding the contract discussed at the last meeting. Executive Director LaMoreaux explained that he was talking about recycled water allocation from the Sanitation District to various entities in the Valley and that Item 5.2 was put on the agenda in order to streamline the Joint Powers Authority so that items could be approved by minute order instead of resolution and clarified that the issue is with outside agencies.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Director Gonzalez had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Mac Laren had nothing to report.

Chair Ledford stated that at the next meeting he would like to discuss our next effort at Domenic Massari Park and get a report from staff.

Assistant Executive Director Mischel stated that yes we could provide a report.

General Counsel Ditzhazy stated that the Authority has several goals including irrigation to parks and the other one was to allow for in lieu farming which was to allow a trade between the Palmdale Water District which would be a buyer of the water for the parks, and the other aspect was to do in lieu farming where there is

an exchange for ground water rights. The Palmdale Water District would buy recycled water and sell it to agriculture for non-human consumption crops. Another goal is for ground water recharge which both the City of Palmdale and the Palmdale Water District have plans to allocate recycled water for that.

Executive Director LaMoreaux spoke indicating that Carollo (our consultant) is melding our two plans together and the process includes phasing, and he will give a future update. He also gave the Board an update as far as the re-allocation of recycled water stating that he spoke with the Sanitation District a couple of weeks ago and they understand what our intent is and hopefully at the September meeting we will have a final draft, and we will bring that back to the Board.

Assistant Executive Director Mischel stated he had nothing to report.

Chair Ledford spoke regarding the Palmdale Power Plant Project. Part of the Palmdale Power Plant provides for a $20 million dollar interconnect for the recycled water between both the Sanitation Districts for tertiary treatment. He stated that the members of our sister city to the north would like to kill the power plant. He stated it seems like they would rather have the taxpayers pay for the $20 million interconnect as opposed to making it a part of a project like the Power Plant and asked if there is way, as a Board, we could consider supporting the Palmdale Power Plant for that reason and allow others locally to weigh in on the issue.

Vice Chair Mac Laren stated that it is important for both the City and the Water District to definitely support that.

Chair Ledford stated we could bring it back for consideration and the Palmdale Water District and the City could administratively figure out.

General Counsel Ditzhazy stated it sounded like direction was to bring back a Resolution. The Board concurred. Chair Ledford stated he should like for other entities to weigh in and ask them to take a position as well.

Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that they could put together a summary of that backbone, and that he thought all of the agencies in the Valley approved it back in 2006, how far that is from completion, and what the $20 million dollars would mean to it.

Chair Ledford stated that as part of that Resolution, he would like to ask our friends to the north that seem to have a counter position how they would pay for the interconnect? The Board concurred.

Chair Ledford asked if the interconnect opens up the west side of the Valley for recycled water? Executive Director LaMoreaux stated yes. Chair Ledford stated

that if we want to get everyone on board, this becomes an important part of our Recycled Water Authority.

Assistant Executive Director Mischel stated that it helps our system too, our system as an agency.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Vice Chair Mac Laren adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to September 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Palmdale City Hall Council Chambers located at 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this18th day of September 2013.

James C. Ledford, Jr.
Chair

ATTEST:

Rebecca J. Smith
Secretary