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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ACTIONS MARCH 9, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 23, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the MARCH 9, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- ◆ **Presentation: Overview of the District's Overall Energy Programs. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula/Environmental Committee):** Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula provided an overview of the District's energy programs including continuing efforts to reduce the District's Gas and Edison prices; using the most efficient pump first; off-peak production; Edison incentives; designated time-of-use, super-off-peak, and rate structures for the best pricing; gas commodity pricing based on the market and on fixed rates; the hydro-electric plant at Palmdale Lake commissioned in 2008; the wind turbine at the water treatment plant constructed in 2004; and the solar array panels at the shop building completed in 2003.
- ◆ **Consent calendar items** were unanimously approved as follows: February 17, 2011 special meeting minutes; February 23, 2011 regular meeting minutes; and payment of bills for March 9, 2011.
- ◆ **Consideration and possible action on Employee Handbook. (Human Resources Manager Burns):** The Employee Handbook was unanimously approved.
- ◆ **Consideration and possible action on Board attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Association of California Water Agencies Region 8 "H2O: It's Only Money...Or Is It? Program to be held April 13, 2011 in Thousand Oaks.** Board attendance at this conference was unanimously approved.

- ◆ **Consideration and possible action on District membership in Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance. (\$2,500.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):** District membership in this organization was unanimously approved in the amount of \$2,500.00.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the MARCH 23, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- ◆ **Presentation: Demonstration of Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment (EBPP). (Finance Manager Williams/Infosend):** Infosend, the District's bill processor, presented a live meeting on the District's new web site feature of Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment (EBPP). The options to District customers include a user-friendly environment to pay water bills on line, go entirely paperless with their water bill, schedule automatic payments, pay with either credit card or ACH check, view up to 18 months of water bills and payments, view up to 12 months of water bill inserts, manage multiple accounts, and ask questions or request information via email.
- ◆ **Consent calendar items** were unanimously approved as follows: March 9, 2011 regular meeting minutes and payment of bills for March 23, 2011.
- ◆ **Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 11-3 Concurring in Nomination of E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach to the Office of President of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA):** This item was unanimously approved and supports E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach as a candidate for reelection to the office of President of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority.
- ◆ **Consideration and possible action on Amendment No. 1 to General Manager Employment Contract:** This item was unanimously approved and amends General Manager LaMoreaux's Employment Contract to be consistent with the action taken at the March 9, 2011 Board meeting regarding compensation for the General Manager.

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. The next regular Board meeting will be held April 13. Board meetings are held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, and the public is invited to attend.