Press Release

Palmdale Water District

Board Meeting Actions
September 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
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October 24, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, November 7, 2012 –The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present, considered the following matters at the SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: August 22, 2012 meeting minutes and payment of bills for September 12, 2012.
- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 12-13 Honoring and Congratulating The Retirees of 2012. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 12-13 recognizing the many years of valuable service provided by staff retiring from the District in 2012.
- *Consideration and possible action on the Cash-in-Lieu of Medical Insurance Program. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved. The Cash-in-Lieu of Medical Insurance Program offers employees the option of a monthly stipend in-lieu of medical benefits resulting in a cost savings to the District.
- *Consideration and possible action on AVBOT membership. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved and renews the District's membership in this organization for the budgeted membership fee of $500.00.
- *Consideration and possible action on Agreement with Starnik Systems, Inc. ("Starnik") for the use of Utility TrakR customer service information software. (Finance Manager/CFO Williams):* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes the use of Utility TrakR customer service information software to replace the District's current software program.
- *Consideration and possible action on revisions made to the Rules and Regulations in regards to Late Charges. (Finance Manager/CFO Williams):* This item was unanimously approved and modifies the District's Rules and Regulations for late charges in accordance with the new single billing statements and elimination of delinquent notices.
- *Consideration and possible action on Professional Services Agreement with Black & Veatch for the update of the Watershed Sanitary Survey and Source Water Assessment. ($46,550 – Water Quality Fund – Engineering Manager Knudson):* This item was unanimously approved. Black & Veatch will update the Watershed Sanitary Survey and Source Water Assessment in the not-to-exceed amount of $46,550.00.
- *Consideration and possible action on Board attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: CA-NV AWWA Annual Fall Conference 2012 to be held October 8-11, 2012 in San Diego; ACWA's 2012 Fall Conference & Exhibition to be held December 4-7, 2012 in San Diego; and North American Lake Management Society to be held November 7-9, 2012 in Madison, Wisconsin:* This item was unanimously approved and

authorizes Board attendance and staff attendance, with approval of the General Manager, at these conferences.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the SEPTEMBER 26, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: September 6, 2012 special meeting minutes; September 12, 2012 regular meeting minutes; and payment of bills for September 26, 2012.
- *Consideration and possible action on claim received from Thomas Brian McDow. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved to deny the claim from Thomas Brian McDow requesting reimbursement of $350.00 for vehicle damages after from driving over a loose valve lid.
- *Consideration and possible action on Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Creating the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved.
- *Consideration and possible action on Human Resources Consultant Contract. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved and provides Human Resources services to the District by Burns Business Solutions.
- *Consideration and possible action on Water Meter Exchange Project at Various Locations under Specification No. 1202. (Engineering Manager Knudson):* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes the replacement of non-registering meters at various locations in the not-to-exceed amount of $50,000.00.
- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Schneider Electric Advanced ClearSCADA Training to be held November 6-8, 2012 in Fresno:* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes staff attendance at this conference.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present, considered the following matters at the OCTOBER 10, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: September 26, 2012 regular meeting minutes; and payment of bills for October 10, 2012.
- *Consideration and possible action to Investigate Refunding of 1998 and 2004 Series Certificates of Participation. (Financial Advisor Egan):* The Board concurred to move forward with the refinancing of the 1998 Bond only.
- *Consideration and possible action on Proposal Received from Siemens Industry, Inc. to Supply an Alternative Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Media for Full Scale Testing. (Operations Manager Thompson II):* This item was unanimously approved, subject to the Agreement approval by legal counsel, and authorizes full scale testing of one GAC contactor with coconut base Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) media provided by Siemen's Industry, Inc.

- *Consideration and possible action to Revise PWD Rules & Regulations Section 4.08 to Include Use of District Logo. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This Item was unanimously approved.
- *Consideration and possible action on Adding Section 4.10 - Directors' Social Media Communications Policy to PWD Rules & Regulations. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was determined to refer this item back to the Outreach Committee and provide legal counsel the opportunity to revise the proposed policy to include language on limitations of electronic communications during election periods.
- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Dionox Ion Chromatography Training to be held December 3-7, 2012 in Bannockburn, IL:* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes staff attendance at this conference.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>OCTOBER 24, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: October 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes and payment of bills for October 24, 2012.
- *Consideration and possible action on District 2013 membership in the California Special District Association (CSDA). ($4,925.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved and renews the District's membership in this organization. The District benefits from CSDA include lobbying on behalf of the District and many educational programs.
- *Consideration and possible action on District participation in the Antelope Valley Veterans Parade on November 3, 2012 in Lancaster. (Director Alvarado/Outreach Committee):* This item was unanimously approved and authorizes Board participation in the Antelope Valley Veterans Parade at no cost to the District.
- *Consideration and possible action on District participation in the Palmdale Holiday Parade on December 8, 2012. (Director Alvarado/Outreach Committee):* It was unanimously approved to table this item to the first regular Board meeting in November (November 14) to allow staff the opportunity to provide a budgeted amount for participation in the Palmdale Holiday Parade.
- *Consideration and possible action to award a contract for completing a redistricting of the District's elective divisions based on the 2010 Census. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* This item was unanimously approved and awards a contract to National Graphics Corporation to complete a redistricting of the District's elective divisions maps based on the 2010 Census.

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 November 14, 2012. 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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About Palmdale Water District:

The Palmdale Water District has grown from an agency providing irrigation water for 60 customers to an agency providing domestic water to the thriving community we know today. Founded as an irrigation district supplying water mainly to farms for agricultural use, the District's boundaries expanded with Palmdale's rapid population growth, and the District has shifted to providing predominantly municipal and industrial water. The Palmdale Water District is currently divided into five divisions covering areas in East and South Palmdale. The Palmdale Water District remains dedicated to providing clean, pure water; state of the art facilities to meet current and future needs; attentive staff committed to customer satisfaction; treatment and testing to ensure high quality water; education on water conservation and safety; and reliable supply and resourceful planning insuring customer satisfaction and continued reasonable rates. The Palmdale Water District can be reached by calling (661) 947-4111. The Palmdale Water District is located at 2029 East Avenue Q in Palmdale, California.

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