



Press Release

Palmdale Water District

Board Meeting Actions

February 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

February 26, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, March 3, 2014 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the FEBRUARY 12, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- ◆ *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: January 15, 2014 workshop meeting minutes; January 22, 2014 regular meeting minutes; January 27, 2014 workshop meeting minutes; January 29, 2014 special meeting minutes; payment of bills for February 12, 2014; receive and file Semi-Annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the Period Covering July 1, 2013 Through December 31, 2013.
- ◆ *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 14-4 Approving Waiver of District Bid Procurement and Change Order Policy With Respect to Acceptance of Proposal for Construction of Palmdale Lake Outlet Dredging and Repair. (Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 14-4 due to the urgency of completing construction of the Palmdale Lake Outlet dredging and repair work. Completion of this repair work will ensure the District can use all available water during times of drought.
- ◆ *Consideration and possible action on acceptance of proposal, and award of contract to, Cushman Contracting Corporation, with respect to construction of Palmdale Lake Outlet Dredging and Repair. (\$300,000.00 – Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to accept the proposal, and award a contract to, Cushman Contracting Corporation, with respect to construction of Palmdale Lake Outlet Dredging and Repair on a time and material basis in the not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00. Cushman Contracting Corporation has mobilized their crane and equipment and has started work on this project.
- ◆ *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 14-5 Acknowledging Retiring AVEK Director Andy Rutledge. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 14-5. Mr. Rutledge was a Director for the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency for 26 years.
- ◆ *Consideration and possible action to approve iPad Loan Agreement and Provide for the use of iPads by Directors. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the iPad Loan Agreement and provide for the use of iPads by Directors. The iPads to be provided to Directors are already owned by the District.

- ◆ *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 14-6 for Exception to the 180-Day Wait Period Under Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21221(h) for the Temporary Employment of Retired Annuitant Claudette Beck and Revisions to the Temporary Employment Agreement for Retired Annuitant Claudette Beck. (Human Resources Manager Emery):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 14-6 to comply with CalPERS provisions.

- ◆ *Consideration and possible action on Request for Proposals for grant writing services. (President Mac Laren):* It was unanimously carried to refer this item to the Finance Committee for further review and discussion.

- ◆ *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: Association of California Water Agencies 2014 Drought Impacts and Actions to be held February 14, 2014 in Sacramento; Antelope Valley Board of Trade Business Outlook Conference to be held February 21, 2014 in Mojave; Netcom Learning Core Solutions and Advanced Solutions of Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013 Boot Camp to be held March 3 – 8, 2014 and August 11 – 16, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada; Association of California Water Agencies Legislative Symposium to be held March 5, 2014 in Sacramento; 2014 Wateruse California Annual Conference to be held March 16 – 18, 2014 in Newport Beach; Association of California Water Agencies Small Hydro Workshop & Tour to be held March 21, 2014 in Rancho Cucamonga; Association of California Water Agencies 2014 Spring Conference & Exhibition to be held May 6 – 9, 2014 in Monterey; and California Special Districts Association Education Webinars: The Essential Guide to the Brown Act to be held February 13, 2014; Understanding Board Member & District Liability Issues to be held February 19, 2014 or August 13, 2014; Maximize your CSDA Membership to be held February 25, 2014 and May 13, 2014; Required Ethics Compliance Training-AB1234 to be held March 5, 2014 or November 13, 2014; What's a Public Record? How to Comply with the Public Records Act to be held March 11, 2014; New Developments Under PEPPRA to be held March 13, 2014; Affordable Care Act-Present & Future to be held March 20, 2014; Talent Management: Building Your Workforce in the 21st Century to be held March 25, 2014; Legislative Round-up to be held March 27, 2014 & July 30, 2014; Ask the Experts: CSDA Finance Corp. to be held April 2, 2014; Incident Writing: Just the Facts to be held April 8, 2014; Best Practices in Agenda Preparation & Taking/Recording Minutes to be held April 10, 2014; Records Retention & Management to be held April 23, 2014; Proposition 218, Proposition 26, and Rate Setting to be held April 29, 2014; R.A.P.I.D. Innovation: Converting Ideas Into Results to be held May 1, 2014; Top Ten Tips for a Trouble Free Construction Project to be held June 4, 2014; Best Practices in Managing Special District Investments to be held June 11, 2014; Required Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Special Districts to be held July 16, 2014; Improve Your Outreach Skills and Build Bridges to Your Community to be held August 6, 2014; The New Transparent District: Building the Public's Trust to be held August 19, 2014; Understanding the Brown Act: Beyond the Basics to be held August 21, 2014; Dos and Don'ts for Employee Performance Evaluations to be held August 27, 2014; Now is Not the Time to Panic: Emergency Preparedness to be held October 22, 2014; and Must Have Communication Protocols for District Board Members & Staff to be held December 10, 2014:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at these conferences.

- ◆ *Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), potential litigation – one case – Nabil Abd Allah v. Palmdale Water District:* It was unanimously carried to in closed session to reject the claim received from Nabil Abd Allah and to direct legal counsel to give Notice of Rejection of the claim to the claimant's attorney.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the FEBRUARY 26, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- ◆ *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: February 12, 2014 regular meeting minutes; payment of bills for February 26, 2014; approve and authorize an agreement with MWH (\$196,043) for the update of the Water System Master Plan. (\$200,000.00 - Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Knudson/Facilities Committee); and approval to fill one vacant District position as follows: Field Service Tech. 1. (Budgeted – Human Resources Manager Emery/Personnel Committee)
- ◆ *Approval to concurrently fund the Community & Government Affairs Coordinator position and defund the Water Conservation Supervisor position. (Human Resources Manager Emery/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to direct staff to contact The Mathis Group and obtain a proposal for recruitment for a position of this nature.
- ◆ *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 14-7 Honoring Retired Sheriff Lee Baca for his 48 Years of Service. (Director Estes):* It was carried to approve this Resolution.
- ◆ *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 14-8 Approving an Amendment to Installment Purchase Agreement and Certain Other Actions in Connection Therewith. (Finance Manager Williams)* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 14-8 to pledge the establishment of the District's Rate Stabilization Fund with the necessary financing issues.

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 March 12, 2014. 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 Qin Palmdale, California.

Palmdale Water District Board Members

Division 1 Robert E. Alvarado
Division 2 Joe Estes
Division 3 Gloria Dizmang
Division 4 Kathy Mac Laren
Division 5 Vincent Dino

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