

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JANUARY 17, 2011:**

A meeting of the Environmental Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, January 17, 2011, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Godin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Environmental Committee:
Linda Godin, Chair
Gordon Dexter, Committee
Member --
EXCUSED ABSENCE

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Mngr.
Matt Knudson, Engineering Manager
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
0 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

Chair Godin stated that the agenda is adopted, as written.

3) Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

4) Action Items:

**4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting
Held December 7, 2010.**

Chair Godin stated that the minutes of the meeting held December 7, 2010 will be considered at the next Environmental Committee meeting.

**4.2) Status Report on Carollo Engineers' Evaluation of Renewable Projects,
Potential Net Metering, and/or Power Purchase Projects. (Water & Energy Resources
Manager Pernula)**

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that staff met with Borrengo Solar regarding leasing District property and/or facilities for a solar project but determined the District's properties and facilities are not large enough for their needs; that staff also met with Grid Solar regarding either a power purchase agreement, which is not feasible in the current market, or a public/private partnership, which is quite costly;

that these proposals were evaluated through the model prepared by Carollo Engineers; but that comparing to realistic assumptions, these projects are not feasible.

Chair Godin questioned the District installing its own solar project on the property across from the water treatment plant to generate its own power after which Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that the public/private partnership proposed by Grid Solar is a scenario for this property; that assumptions by manufacturers and developers for these types of projects are not realistic at this time without the large incentives; and that the environment is changing on these projects.

4.3) Review of the District's Overall Energy Programs. (Committee Member Dexter)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula reviewed staff's efforts to keep the District's gas and Edison prices as low as possible followed by discussion of other potential programs that may become available to meet 2020 reduction goals.

General Manager LaMoreaux then stated that it may have been Committee Member Dexter's intent for staff to provide an overview of all District energy projects as a preview to the Committee and then as a presentation to the full Board.

Continuing meetings of the Environmental Committee was then discussed, and it was determined that this item remain on the agenda for the next meeting along with an item for determining monthly or quarterly meetings for the Environmental Committee.

5) Information Items.

There were no further information items to discuss.

It was then determined that the next Environmental Committee meeting will be held February 15, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Godin stated that "Review of the District's Overall Energy Programs" and "Discussion of determining monthly or quarterly meetings for the Environmental Committee" will be included on the next agenda.

7) **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. R. Baker", written over a horizontal line.

Chair