

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, OCTOBER 24, 2012:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. President, Gordon Dexter, called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of President Dexter, Director Mac Laren led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Gordon Dexter, President
Gloria Dizmang, Vice President
Kathy Mac Laren, Treasurer
Robert Alvarado, Secretary
Steve Cordova, Director

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Jim Ciampa, Attorney
Matt Knudson, Engineering Manager
Tim Moore, Facilities Manager
Randy Hardenbrook, Equipment Mechanic Spvsr.
Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
4 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Dizmang, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Presentations:

There were no presentations scheduled.

6) Action Items – Consent Calendar: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)

6.1) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held October 10, 2012.

6.2) Payment of Bills for October 24, 2012.

It was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Dizmang, and unanimously carried to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

7) Action Items – Action Calendar: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)

7.1) Consideration and Possible Action on District 2013 Membership in the California Special District Association (CSDA). (\$4,925.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux)

After discussion of the benefits of continuing the District's membership in CSDA, it was moved by Director Dizmang, seconded by Director Cordova, and unanimously carried to approve District 2013 Membership in the California Special District Association in the amount of \$4,925.00.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on District Participation in the Antelope Valley Veterans Parade on November 3, 2012 in Lancaster. (Director Alvarado/Outreach Committee)

Director Alvarado stated that District participation in the Antelope Valley Veterans Day Parade is a good way for the District to pay respect to Veterans in the Antelope Valley, and after discussion of associated costs, the use of the District logo, District participation in the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade, and developing a list of all events proposed for District participation for consideration at a future meeting, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Alvarado, and unanimously carried to approve District participation in the Antelope Valley Veterans Parade on November 3, 2012 at no cost to the District.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on District Participation in the Palmdale Holiday Parade on December 8, 2012. (Director Alvarado/Outreach Committee)

Director Dizmang stated that the District should have greater participation in this event, and after a brief discussion of past District participation in this event, future participation in this event, and the costs involved, Director Dizmang moved to approve District participation in the Palmdale Holiday Parade based on a future expenditure

report after which President Dexter recommended this item be tabled to the first regular meeting in November to allow staff time to provide a budget for participation.

It was then moved by Director Dizmang, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried to table this item to the first regular Board meeting in November.

7.4) 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)

General Manger LaMoreaux reviewed the bidding process for redistricting the District's elective divisions and staff's recommendation to award a contract to National Demographics Corporation (NDC) for this work, and after a brief discussion of the proposals received, of past redistricting of the District's elective division boundaries by NDC, of software costs and regulations to perform redistricting in-house, of Directors being elected at-large, of a past failed measure to change the election of Directors by division, and of the requirements of the Irrigation Act, Attorney Ciampa recommended redistricting be performed by an experienced professional consultant.

Data on demographics and population growth was then briefly discussed, after which it was moved by Director Dizmang, seconded by Director Cordova, and unanimously carried to award a contract to NDC for completing a redistricting of the District's Elective Divisions based on the 2010 Census in the not-to-exceed amount of \$11,500.

7.8) Consideration and Possible Action on Board and Staff Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, and Training Sessions as Follows:

- a) None requested at this time.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that are currently no requests to attend conferences, seminars, or training sessions.

8) Information Items.

8.1) Reports of Directors: Meetings/Committee Meetings/General Report.

Director Mac Laren reported that she attended the Personnel Committee meeting last Wednesday; that the Committee continues to wait for information regarding the

CalPERS pension reform legislation; that Human Resources Consultant Burns has many research tasks; that the Committee wants employees to have the opportunity to help make decisions that will impact them; that last night she attended the Finance Committee meeting; that the draft budget was reviewed from the ground up; and that there is a lot of work to be done with the budget.

Director Alvarado reported that on October 17, 2012, he attended the Personnel Committee meeting; that on October 18, 2012, he attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting and was introduced as a new Commissioner starting December 13, 2012; that on October 19, 2012, he attended a Board briefing and a Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting; that on October 22, 2012, he attended and chaired the Facilities Committee meeting and a report that he requested on the potential negative impacts to District facilities from deferred maintenance and the factors involved was provided by staff and a copy will be provided to the full Board; and on October 23, 2012, he attended the Finance Committee meeting with Director Mac Laren, and they are both working on presenting a responsible draft budget without compromising the mission statement of the District.

Director Dizmang reported that on October 15, 2012, she attended an Ad Hoc Committee meeting with President Dexter to discuss the organization chart; that on October 17, 2012 she attended the Personnel Committee meeting; that on October 18, 2012, she participated in the Water Supply and Reliability Committee meeting; and that on October 22, 2012 Engineering Manager Knusdon took her to view the installation of a water line in Avenue Q-3 and afterwards they tracked down a water leak in the area.

President Dexter reported that he attended the Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting, the Facilities Committee meeting, and the Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss the organization chart; that the Ad Hoc Committee will meet again to finalize the organization chart; that he attended his last Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting as a Commissioner on October 18; and then suggested that the Committee Chairs focus their next Committee meetings on the budget and report on the Committee's budget inclusions during their next regular Board meeting report.

There were no further reports from Directors.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) District vacancies.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that vacancies and department status reports were included with the agenda packet; that an additional facilities report will be provided to the Board at a later date; and that he attended a Public Water Agencies Group meeting today and a copy of the CalPERS pension reform legislation summary discussed at the meeting has been placed Directors' mailboxes.

8.3) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Ciampa stated that the CalPERS pension reform legislation was discussed at the Public Water Agencies Group meeting; that the terms and implementation of the legislation remain very unclear; that patience will be needed as CalPERS works through the statutes of the legislation; and that CalPERS will be conducting their annual actuarial valuations and upon completion CalPERS member agencies will receive information pertaining to their plan valuation and relative detail for the normal cost rate.

The clarification needed for the CalPERS pension reform legislation terms was then briefly discussed.

9) Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Matters.

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

At 7:40 p.m. President Dexter called for a five minute recess. He reconvened the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

10) Closed Session Under:

10.1) Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Existing Litigation: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*.

10.2) Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Existing Litigation: *United States, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al., United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. ED CV06-0055-GW*.

10.3) Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Pending Litigation: *Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561*.

10.4) Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Pending Litigation: *Velez vs. City of Palmdale, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC023216*.

At 7:45 p.m., President Dexter called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Existing and Pending Litigation – four cases: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases* and *United States, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al., United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. ED CV06-0055-GW* and *Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561* and *Velez vs. City of Palmdale, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC023216*.

He reconvened the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m.

11) Public Report of Any Action Taken in Closed Session.

Attorney Ciampa reported that a closed session had been held under Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Existing and Pending Litigation – four cases: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases, United States, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al., United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. ED CV06-0055-GW* and *Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561* and *Velez vs. City of Palmdale, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC023216*; that these matters were reviewed; but that no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken in closed session on any of these matters.

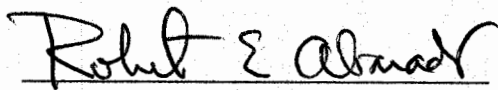
12) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Dizmang requested a status update on the wind generator and Recycled Water JPA be provided at the next meeting.

President Dexter then stated that an update on the wind turbine, hydro-electric generator, and Recycled Water JPA will be provided at the next meeting along with "Consideration and possible action on District Participation in the Palmdale Holiday Parade on December 8, 2012" tabled from this evening.

13) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was adjourned.


Secretary