MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 15, 2013:

A meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Friday, February 15, 2013, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Dexter called the meeting to order.

1) **Roll Call.**

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Water Supply & Reliability Cmte:	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Gordon Dexter, Chair	Robert Alvarado, PWD Director
Gloria Dizmang, Committee Member	Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Mngr.
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	0 members of the public

2) **Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Committee Member Dizmang, seconded by Chair Dexter, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda, 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 January 18, 2013.

It was moved by Committee Member Dizmang, seconded by Chair Dexter, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting held January 18, 2013, as written.

4.2) Presentation of Monthly Water Demand and Supply Status. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula reviewed the water supply projections and charts included with the agenda packet and informed the Committee that comparisons are based on budgeted numbers; that it is the beginning of the year; and that water demand and supply are tracking as expected.

4.3) Discussion of the District's Water Banking Opportunities. (Chair Dexter)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that water banking opportunities are available and that staff is in discussions with various agencies.

4.4) Status on the Operations of the State Water Project. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that the level of San Luis Reservoir is below average due to not being able to move water through the Delta; that 700,000 acre feet of water has been lost since January 1 through the State Water Project; that pumping has been curtailed on both the state and federal sides of the State Water Project; that rainfall is flat and snowpack is not very good; that effort is being made to study the direct effect of effluent in the State Water Project as a cause to the reduction in the Delta smelt population as it is not necessarily caused from the pumps; that the Department of Water Resources is discussing a reduction in the State Water Project allocation; and that the Governor is promoting a State Water Project alternative.

5) Project Updates.

5.1) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the second meeting of the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority is scheduled for next week; that the agenda involves foundational paperwork and discussion of three candidates for the fifth Board member seat; and that one candidate will be presented to the Authority's respective Boards for consideration.

5.2) Water Purchase Opportunities. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that staff is making progress on water purchase opportunities and that the Department of Water Resources is analyzing the potential opportunities followed by discussion of financing options for these opportunities, the development of a fee structure for new development according to the Strategic Water Resources Plan, and establishing water purchase opportunities as either needed for reliability or needed for new supply.

5.3) Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project. (Engineering Manager Knudson)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the Forest Service has requested a meeting with District staff to discuss this project and that the Forest Service is seriously considering using a side canyon to dispose of the sediment.

6) Information Items.

General Manager LaMoreaux informed the Committee that the Department of Water Resources emailed the District regarding the LGA grants; that project rankings for these grants will be posted next week; and that the Department will hold a meeting later this month to determine funding for the ranking list.

There were no additional information items to discuss.

7) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

The next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting was then scheduled for March 22, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

8) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Water Supply & Reliability Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair