MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JUNE 21, 2013:

A meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Friday, June 21, 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	Matt Knudson, Engineering Manager
Gloria Dizmang, Committee Member	Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Mngr.
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	1 member 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 May 24, 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 May 24, 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 water production through May is higher than budgeted; that actual water use versus projected water use is higher; and that water is being taken from Littlerock Reservoir and

minimum pool will be maintained followed by discussion of the District's State Water Project allotment, carry-over water, and water levels in San Luis Reservoir.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula informed the Committee that staff continues work and negotiations on water banking opportunities and will provide a full report when available.

Chair Dexter requested a closed session be included on the next agenda, if possible, to further review this item.

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 a tour of the Oroville facilities was held June 7; that operation of this facility and the State Water Project is a balancing act between environmental issues and pumpage; that the Department of Water Resources has classified this year as a critical year rather than a dry year resulting in the relaxation of some fishery standards; and then reviewed power produced through the State Water Project Hyatt facility.

4.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Amendment to Contract With Aspen Environmental Group for the Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project EIR/EIS/Permit Assistance. ($TBD – 2013A Series Water Revenue Bond – Engineering Manager Knudson)

Engineering Manager Knudson and Ms. Negar Fahidi, of Aspen Environmental, provided an overview of the amendment to the Aspen Environmental contract, and after a brief discussion of the tasks included in the amendment, cultural resources for the Littlerock Dam area, outreach and public meetings, the proposed cost of $530,560.00, and funding for this work, the Committee concurred with staff's recommendation to present the amendment to the contract with Aspen Environmental Group for the Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project EIR/EIS/Permit Assistance to the full Board for consideration.

5) Project Updates.

5.1) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority met briefly; that the draft reallocation agreement for recycled water from Sanitation Districts 14 and 20 does not include a direct allocation to the Authority; that the City has agreed that this draft agreement does not comply with the settlement agreement between the City and the District and will be corrected; and that the next Authority meeting will be held in August.

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

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula provided an update on the District's negotiations for the acquisition of suspended Table A water through the umbrella agency of Central Coast Water Agency as well as interest in this water from other agencies.

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

Engineering Manager Knudson stated that a meeting is scheduled next week with the Forest Service regarding this Project.

5.4) Upper Amargosa Recharge Project. (Engineering Manager Knudson)

Engineering Manager Knudson stated that the City of Palmdale obtained $6.5 million in grant funds to build the Upper Amargosa Recharge Project, which requires 50% matching funds; that there has been progress on a four-way agreement between the City of Palmdale, the District, AVEK, and L.A. County Waterworks for participation in this Project with each agency receiving 25% capacity; that the District's cost for this capacity is $1.25 million, which is included in the 2013A bond funds; and that the City is ensuring the District is involved with the selection of the design consultant for the project.

5.5) Water Supply Fee Analysis. (Engineering Manager Knudson/Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Engineering Manager Knudson stated that the District contracted with Carollo Engineers to develop a Water Supply Fee based on the Strategic Water Resources Plan; that preliminary numbers and calculation methodologies have been received; that the District provided comments; and that this information can be presented to the Committee in July.

6) Information Items.

Engineering Manager Knudson requested that "Consideration and possible action on a four-way agreement for the City of Palmdale's Upper Amargosa Recharge Project" and "Consideration and possible action on the Water Supply Fee" be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

There were no additional information items to discuss.

7) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

The next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

8) Adjournment.

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

Chair