Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
February 11, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
February 18, 2015 Board Norms Workshop
February 25, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, February 26, 2015 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the FEBRUARY 11, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held January 28, 2015; payment of bills for February 11, 2015; approval of contract with Evoqua for replacement of first generation AC1230CX GAC with second generation AC1230CX GAC and continued reactivation services of AC1230CX GAC; and approval of District participation in the 2015-2016 Multi-Year Water Pool Demonstration Program.

- *Consideration and possible action on awarding a contract for the development of a Water Management Information System (WMIS). ($69,730.00 – Budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to approve a Professional Services Agreement with DCSE, Inc. to develop a WMIS for the District. This system will provide a centralized database for managing water-related data.

- *Consideration and possible action on award of contract for Specification No. 1401 being the construction of the domestic water meter change-out in various areas located within the District's primary service area. ($325,000.00 – Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to enter into a contract with Bob O Construction for this project in the not-to-exceed amount of $155,505.96. This work is scheduled to begin soon and customers will be notified as their meter is changed out.

- *Consideration and possible action on intern for Water Conservation Department. (Human Resources Director Emery):* It was unanimously carried to approve hiring an intern for the Water Conservation Department. This intern position will assist staff in the development of a conservation program for businesses.

- *Consideration and possible action on revisions to Organization Chart in accordance with the Customer Service 2015 Campaign. (Human Resources Director Emery/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve the creation of a Customer Care Department separate from the Finance Department. The Customer Care Department has been created with the sole purpose of advocating for the District's customers.

- *Consideration and possible action on the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the District's Energy Policies. (President Mac Laren):* It was unanimously carried to appoint Director Dino and President Mac Laren to the Ad Hoc Energy Policies Committee with this Committee's purpose being to review the District's energy policies and to continue to explore how the District can improve its services to customers.

- *Consideration and possible action on the appointment of two Directors as the District's negotiators for filling the position of General Manager pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. (President Mac Laren):* It was unanimously carried to appoint Directors Alvarado and Dizmang as the District's negotiators for filling the position of General Manager.

- *Consideration and possible action on Board and staff attendance at conferences, seminars, and training sessions as follows: American Water College Advanced Management & Supervisory Leadership Training Program to be held February 24 – 26, 2015 in Yuba City:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at this conference.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>FEBRUARY 18, 2015 BOARD NORMS WORKSHOP:</u>

- *Consideration and possible action on adoption of amendments to Article 4 (Board of Directors) of the District's Rules and Regulations (Attorney Quilizipa):* It was unanimously carried to direct General Counsel Quilizapa to prepare the final form of Article 4 (Board of Directors) of the District's Rules and Regulations with the changes discussed at the Board Norms Workshop for consideration at a future Board meeting.

- *Consideration and possible action on proposal received from BHI Management Consulting for facilitating a Board Role and Governance Workshop. ($5,000.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the proposal from BHI Management Consulting to facilitate a Board Role and Governance Workshop in the not-to-exceed amount of $5,000.00.

- *Consideration and possible action on proposal received from The Mathis Group for updating the District's Strategic Initiatives, conducting a cultural survey, and conducting management meetings. ($37,245.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the proposal from The Mathis Group for updating the District's Strategic Initiatives, conducting a cultural survey, and conducting management meetings in the not-to-exceed amount of $37,245.00.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>FEBRUARY 25, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held February 11, 2015 and payment of bills for February 25, 2015.

- *Consideration and possible action to approve submittal of a WaterSMART application to the Bureau of Reclamation for the Littlerock Creek Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project – Resolution No. 15-4. (Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 15-4. If received, this grant funding will be applied towards the cost of work in the next phase of the feasibility study for the Littlerock Creek Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

- *Consideration and possible action to direct staff to work with other local agencies to explore the possibility of an area wide Wi-Fi system. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to direct staff to begin researching the possibility of partnering with other agencies on an area wide Wi-Fi system.

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 11, 2015. 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 central 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 Q in 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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