

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 23, 2015:

A regular meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, February 23, 2015, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Dizmang called the meeting to order.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Water Supply & Reliability Cmte:
Gloria Dizmang, Chair
Vincent Dino, Committee
Member

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Robert Alvarado, PWD Director
Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager
Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Director
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
3 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Dizmang, 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 26, 2015.

It was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Dizmang, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting held January 26, 2015, as written.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula reviewed the water supply projections and charts included in the agenda packets through January 2015 and stated that projections and actual consumption are tracking very close for this period.

**4.3) Presentation on Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery Project.
(Assistant General Manager Knudson)**

Mr. David Ferguson and Mr. Paul Tinhpheng, of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, provided a detailed overview of the results of their Feasibility Study for the Littlerock Creek Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project including their findings and the purpose of the Project, a long term water supply strategy incorporating recycled water, a description of the project and the best location for recharge, other alternatives considered, a conceptual drawing of how the Project will operate, the cost and potential partners, public outreach, land and easement acquisitions, and their proposal for preparing the environmental work for this Project.

Assistant General Manager Knudson then stated that local agencies have been invited to a Stakeholder Meeting on this Project on February 25, 2015; that this presentation will be made to the full Board at the February 25, 2015 Board meeting; that staff has reached out to several potential partners for this Project; that a meeting was held with Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts as landowners of a large portion of the property for this Project; that an agreement is nearing completion for the use of recycled water through the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority; that some remaining 2013A Water Revenue Bond funds can be used towards funding the next step of this Project; that a grant proposal will be presented at the February 25, 2015 Regular Board meeting for potential funding for this Project; and that staff has authorized Kennedy/Jenks to move forward with critical field work for the environmental work for this Project.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula reviewed the level of Lake Oroville, precipitation to date, and the Feather River contract provision regarding curtailment, and stated that there have been no indications of increases to the District's State Water Project Allocation.

Chair Dizmang then stated that Agenda Item No. 5.4 would now be considered.

5) Project Updates.

5.4) Status on Drought. (Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula reviewed the District's water needs for 2015, sources of water supply, State Water Project programs for water supply, and the cost of water after which General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the District's past planning efforts have helped insure the District can meet current water demands.

Chair Dizmang then stated that Agenda Item No. 5.1 would now be considered.

5.1) Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that the Forest Service has completed their review of the environmental documents for this Project and have requested a meeting in early March to review their comments; that a field visit was held between the Forest Service and Aspen Environmental with another field visit scheduled with the Fish & Wildlife Services; and that these meetings are part of the outreach process related to permits needed from the various regulatory agencies.

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

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Board approved the Master Plan at their last meeting; that staff prepared a Request for Proposals to design a pipeline from 30th St. E. and Ave. R to Ave. R-8 and 30th St. E. to 55th St. E. to Domenic Massari Park and is evaluating the five proposals received; that these proposals will be presented for consideration at the Authority's meeting scheduled for March 18, 2015; and that funds provided by the City and District will cover the cost of this design work.

He then stated that the Sanitation Districts are revising Los Angeles County Waterworks' contract to reduce the amount of water they are served with this water moved to contracts with the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, and the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority and that the Sanitation Districts are pleased with the District's work on the Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery Project as they see the potential to dispose of their water with this Project.

5.3) City of Palmdale's Upper Amargosa Recharge Project. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that the four partner agencies for this Project are still reviewing the 60% construction design drawings.

6) Information Items.

6.1) Water Purchase Opportunities. (Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that the District has submitted a request for 5,000 acre feet of water through the Dry-Year Transfer Program with an administrative fee deposit and 50% agency deposit due by the end of March and that he will keep the Committee informed of this water purchase, which is budgeted.

6.2) Other.

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that along with treated recycled water for future water supply, the District will stay involved in the State Water Project contract extension and proportionate share of the Delta tunnels and that farmers may opt out of the State Water Project in the future, which will lead to a reduction in the cost of State Water Project water.

There were no further information items.

7) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

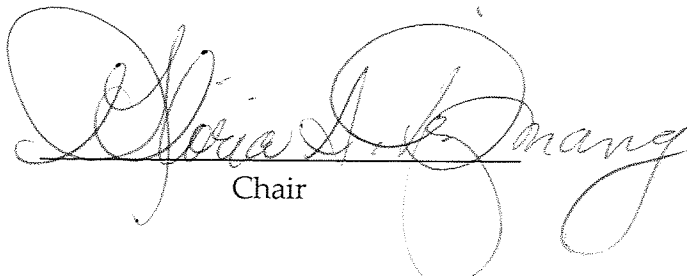
Chair Dizmang requested "Status on drought" remain as a standing item for future agendas.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

It was then stated that the next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting will be held March 23, 2015 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