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April 16, 2015

Agenda for Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District
to be held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

4) Public comments for non-agenda items.

5) Presentations:

5.1) Cash for Grass Rebate Program. (PIO/Water Conservation Director McNutt)

6) Action Items - Consent Calendar (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is considered collectively by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.)

6.1) Approval of minutes of regular meeting held April 8, 2015.

6.2) Approval of minutes of special meeting held April 9, 2015.

6.3) Approval of minutes of workshop meeting held April 13, 2015.

6.4) Payment of bills for April 22, 2015.

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 Resolution No. 15-9 Declaring Continued Emergency Water Conservation Restrictions and Reaffirming State Water Resources Control Board Regulations on the Delivery and Consumption of Water for the Purpose of Achieving the Mandated 25% Reduction in Potable Water Use as required on April 1, 2015 by Executive Order B-29-15. (Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula/Water Supply & Reliability Committee)

7.2) Consideration and possible action on Antelope Valley Board of Trade Board of Directors election. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

7.3) Consideration and possible action on scheduling a President's Dinner for informal discussion on the Strategic Plan. (President Mac Laren/Personnel Committee)

7.4) Consideration and possible action on authorization of the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2015 Budget:

a) CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase to be held September 21 – 24, 2015 in Monterey.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Meetings/General Report.

b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):
1) Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association
2) Water Supply & Reliability Committee

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) Update on customer payment methods. (Finance Manager Williams)

b) Fitch Ratings review of PWD. (Finance Manager Williams)

c) City-wide Wi-Fi project status. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

d) Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA) Board participation. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

9) Public comments on closed session agenda matters.

10) Closed session under:

10.1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel regarding pending litigation to which the District is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases.*

10.2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(2) because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

10.3) Conference with Legal Counsel – Public Employee Appointment: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code §54957, with District General Counsel to discuss the appointment of an employee to the position of General Manager.

10.4) Conference with Labor Negotiators and Legal Counsel – Employment Contract Negotiations: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, with the District's labor negotiators (Directors Alvarado and Dizmang) and District General Counsel to discuss the filling of the unrepresented position of General Manager.

11) Public report of any action taken in closed session.

12) Board members' requests for future agenda items.

13) Adjournment.

Dennis D. LaMoreaux

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DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,
General Manager

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P A L M D A L E W A T E R D I S T R I C T

B O A R D M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 15, 2015 **April 22, 2015**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**

FROM: Mr. Jon M. Pernula, Water and Energy Resources Director

VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.1 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 15.9 DECLARING CONTINUED EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS AND REAFFIRMING STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) REGULATIONS ON THE DELIVERY AND CONSUMPTION OF WATER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING THE MANDATED 25% REDUCTION IN POTABLE WATER USE AS REQUIRED ON APRIL 1, 2015 BY EXECUTIVE ORDER B-29-15***

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 15-9 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Declaring a Continued Water Shortage Emergency and Reaffirming Stage 1 of PWD 's Urban Water Management Plan Calling for Mandatory Conservation in Compliance With the State Water Resources Control Board's Emergency Regulation as amended on April 1, 2015.

This item will be considered by the Water Supply & Reliability Committee at their April 20, 2015 meeting.

Background:

The 2015 water year is the third consecutive dry year and has delivered historically low snowpack. Water resources and reserves are dwindling throughout the state, and there is the real possibility that the drought cycle could continue into 2016 and beyond. In response to the drought, the District urged our customers to cooperate in water use efficiency efforts, declared emergency conservation restrictions, and adopted State Water Resources Control Board Regulations on delivery and consumption of water for public use in order to help lower overall water demand. Through publicity notices and staff outreach, the District was hoping to offset shortages through reduced water use. The District recognizes the past efforts of our customers in exceeding the state required 20% reduction by year 2020 but have yet to realize sufficient additional reductions in water use this year.

In an effort to ensure adequate water supply for its customers, the District has purchased water through dry year purchase programs and must continue seeking additional sources of raw water supply to make up the shortfall in supply caused by the drought. The water shortage has increased the cost of raw water purchases. As the cost of water purchased during drought conditions continues to escalate, conserving water becomes an important part of reducing the financial burden the drought imposes on the District.

With continuing concerns over the extreme drought conditions throughout California, the Governor has issued an executive order mandating a 25% reduction in water use when compared to 2013 usage. This order also reaffirms prior drought restrictions while mandating further restrictions and programs for the purpose of achieving statewide reduction in water use. In order to comply with the governor's order and with the State Board's amended regulations, District staff is recommending adoption of Resolution No. 15-9 and continuance of Stage 1 mandatory conservation per our 2010 Urban Water Management Plan's Water Shortage Contingency Provision. This Resolution declares a water shortage emergency, extends mandatory water conservation restrictions, and complies with the State Water Resources Control Board's current regulations on the delivery and consumption of water for public use. The Resolution also conforms to our phase 1 Water Shortage Contingency Plan under our current Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

Strategic Plan Initiative:

This work is part of Strategic Initiative No. 1 – Strategic Water Management.

Budget:

Adoption of Resolution No. 15-9 will have no impact on the budget.

Supporting Documents:

- Resolution No. 15-9
- Executive Order B-29-15

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 15-9

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT DECLARING CONTINUED EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS AND REAFFIRMING STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD REGULATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING THE MANDATED 25% REDUCTION IN POTABLE WATER USE

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District ("District") is a water district empowered to provide water service within District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, due to inadequate snowfall and rainfall, opposition to the development and construction of water supply facilities, and legal restrictions on the flow of State Water Project water to Southern California, California in general, and the Antelope Valley, in particular, is experiencing shortages in water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Project allocation for 2015 has been established at a critically low 20% and deliveries have, therefore, been drastically curtailed in response to the inadequacy of water supplies; and

WHEREAS, groundwater supplies which provide a supplemental source of water to the District, are limited in nature, being subjected to increased demands, and now subject to legal rulings arising from a groundwater basin adjudication action that further limit the District groundwater supplies; and

WHEREAS, conservation of water by all District consumers that have not already conserved will help relieve the problems caused by the shortage in water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the District has attempted, through its public information program, to advise and alert the consumers to the serious nature of the water supply situation. Customers have made significant progress in water use efficiency from pre-2009 by exceeding the State required 20% reduction by the year 2020 under SBX 7-7, but the District has not experienced any significant reduction in consumer demand compared to 2013; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued a Proclamation January 17, 2014 declaring a State of Emergency to exist in California due to severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. further issued an Executive Order to strengthen the state's ability to manage water and habitat effectively in drought conditions and called on all Californians to redouble their efforts to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. further issued an Executive Order to re-affirm the orders and provisions contained in the January 17, 2014 Proclamation, the April

25 Proclamation, and Executive Orders B-26-14 and B-28-14 and mandated further restrictions and programs for the purpose of achieving a statewide reduction in potable water use through February 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the District adopted Resolution No. 14-9 on May 14, 2014 urging heightened water conservation by customers in response to drought and the April 25, 2014 Governor's Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 1058.5 grants the State Water Resources Control Board the authority to adopt emergency regulations in certain drought years in order to: "prevent the waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion, of water, to promote water recycling or water conservation;" and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency water conservation regulations prohibiting all individuals from engaging in certain water use practices and would require mandatory conservation-related actions of public water suppliers during the current drought emergency; and

WHEREAS, following the making of findings as required by law, the District has the power and authority to adopt mandatory water conservation measures within its boundaries pursuant to Part 5 of the Irrigation District Law, codified at Division 11 of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District is required to comply with State law, including regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), codified at Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and is authorized pursuant thereto to implement its requirements; and

WHEREAS the District now desires to comply with the SWRCB emergency water conservation regulations and to implement the Stage 1 Water Shortage Emergency Plan contained in the District's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, including mandatory water rationing which measures shall be implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District as follows:

Section 1: Findings: The Board of Directors of the District hereby finds and declares as follows:

1) On July 15, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board issued mandatory Emergency Water Conservation Regulations prohibiting all individuals from engaging in certain water use practices and requiring the District to implement its mandatory water conservation measures.

2) The State Water Project water available to the District is a critically low (20%) allocation.

3) Continued production of water from the groundwater basin without proportionate recharge of the basin through stream runoff, rainfall, and snow melt could result in irreparable damage

to the storage capacity of the basin aquifers and impair the long-term water delivery capability of the District.

4) Voluntary water conservation measures have not resulted in the recommended 25% reduction in consumption.

5) At present, without supplemental supplies, the anticipated water available to the District is insufficient to meet anticipated demands.

6) Should existing drought conditions continue, or should the District lose its water production capacity, there may be insufficient water available for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection.

Section 2: Declaration of Stage 1 Water Shortage Emergency: The Board of Directors of the District, in accordance with the foregoing findings, hereby determines and declares the existence of an emergency condition of water shortage within its service area and further determines and declares that the regulations and restrictions on delivery of water and consumption of water within its service area as hereinafter set forth are necessary, in the sound discretion of the Board of Directors of the District, to conserve the water supply for the greatest public benefit with particular regard to domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection.

Section 3: Authorization to Implement Restrictions on Water Consumption: The Board of Directors of the District hereby authorizes the General Manager of the District to take specific steps to meet water conservation goals, regulations, and restrictions on water consumption as hereinafter set forth.

Section 4: Conservation Goal and Authorized Actions. The conservation goal of the District and the State Water Board is a reduction in water use of twenty-five percent (25%) when compared against usage in 2013, which goal is mandatory through February 28, 2016. The General Manager is authorized to implement Action 1 Paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Resolution to meet said conservation goal.

Action 1. Mandatory Water Conservation Regulations. The General Manager shall take all steps necessary to advise the District's customers of the following mandatory regulations and to enforce them in accordance the District's existing Waste of Water Policy:

1. There shall be no hose washing of sidewalks, walkways, buildings, walls, patios, driveways, parking areas or other paved surfaces, or walls, except to eliminate conditions dangerous to public health or safety or when required as surface preparation for the application of architectural coating or painting.

2. Washing of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and other types of equipment shall be done only with a hand-held nozzle for quick rinses, except that

washing may be done with reclaimed wastewater or by a commercial car wash using recycled water.

3. No water shall be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes or other similar aesthetic structures unless such water is part of a closed recycling system.

4. No restaurant, hotel, cafe, cafeteria or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, shall serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested and shall display a notice to that effect.

5. All water users shall promptly repair all leaks from indoor and outdoor plumbing fixtures.

6. No lawn, landscape, or other turf area shall be watered more often than three (3) days per week and no more often than every other day nor during the hours between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Water days will be set as follows: addresses ending in an even number starting on Monday and addresses ending in an odd number starting on Tuesday.

   Exemptions:

   a. No watering **hour restrictions** during the months of November, December, January, February, and March. Watering can occur between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

   b. The District will allow an exemption from the watering schedule if an ET based controller is installed and operating. *The ET Controller Exemption Form* must be completed and the installation verified by a licensed landscape architect or PWD staff.

7. No water users shall cause or allow the water to run off landscape areas into adjoining streets, sidewalks, or other paved areas due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers or excessive watering. If cited, random acts of vandalism will be considered in any appeal.

8. No water shall be applied to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.

9. The owner and manager of every hotel, motel, inn, guest house, bed and breakfast facility, and short-term commercial lodging shall post a notice of such shortage and any necessary compliance measures.

10. Commercial nurseries, golf courses, parks, school yards, and other public open space, and landscaped areas shall be prohibited from watering lawn, landscaping, and other turf areas more often than five

days per week and between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except that there shall be no restriction on watering utilizing reclaimed water or where public use requires a modified and approved watering schedule.

Exemptions:

a. Athletic field watering can occur between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. the following morning.

b. No watering hour restrictions during the months of November, December, January, February, and March. Watering can occur between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

c. The District will allow an exemption from the watering schedule if an ET based controller is installed and operating. *The ET Controller Exemption Form* must be completed and the installation verified by a licensed landscape architect or PWD staff.

d. Watering schedules must be adhered to at all times. The District requires advance written notice of any maintenance activities requiring water use between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

11. The use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting and related activities and other uses of water for municipal purposes shall be limited to activities necessary to maintain the public health, safety, and welfare. Ongoing water system improvement projects are also exempt under this section and may continue to use construction meters in accordance with standard District policy.

Action 2: Mandatory Water Rationing: Upon specific authorization by the Board of Directors, the General Manager shall implement a phased water rationing to protect the water supply of the District and to guarantee adequate supply for domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection as follows:

1. Stage 1: Water Rationing: A twenty percent (20%) reduction in water deliveries to all District customers.

2. Stage 2: Water Rationing: A thirty percent (30%) reduction in water deliveries to all District customers.

3. Stage 3: Water Rationing: A forty percent (40%) reduction in water deliveries to all District customers.

Section 5: Duration of Water Emergency: The regulations, restrictions, and actions set forth herein shall take full force and effect immediately upon authorization by the Board of Directors and shall remain in full force and effect through February 28, 2016 or until otherwise directed by the SWRCB.

Section 6: Appeal: Decisions made by the District under the regulations set forth in this Resolution may be appealed by consumers in accordance with the procedure set forth in the District Rules and Regulations.

Section 7: Violation: A violation of the regulations and restrictions set forth herein will result in progressive warnings, fines, or result in the discontinuance of service to consumers willfully violating the conservation measures set forth herein or such other penalty or restriction as may be allowed by law.

Section 8: Severability: If any portion of this Resolution is found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the District hereby declares that it would have enacted the remainder of this Resolution regardless of the absence of any such valid part.

Section 9: Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors finds that the provisions of this Resolution are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act as an action to mitigate emergency conditions and as a rate setting measure pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4) and (8).

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Palmdale Water District held on April 22, 2015.

President, Board of Directors Palmdale Water District	Secretary, Board of Directors Palmdale Water District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
District Legal Counsel

Executive Department

State of California

EXECUTIVE ORDER B-29-15

WHEREAS on January 17, 2014, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout the State of California due to severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS on April 25, 2014, I proclaimed a Continued State of Emergency to exist throughout the State of California due to the ongoing drought; and

WHEREAS California's water supplies continue to be severely depleted despite a limited amount of rain and snowfall this winter, with record low snowpack in the Sierra Nevada mountains, decreased water levels in most of California's reservoirs, reduced flows in the state's rivers and shrinking supplies in underground water basins; and

WHEREAS the severe drought conditions continue to present urgent challenges including: drinking water shortages in communities across the state, diminished water for agricultural production, degraded habitat for many fish and wildlife species, increased wildfire risk, and the threat of saltwater contamination to fresh water supplies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta; and

WHEREAS a distinct possibility exists that the current drought will stretch into a fifth straight year in 2016 and beyond; and

WHEREAS new expedited actions are needed to reduce the harmful impacts from water shortages and other impacts of the drought; and

WHEREAS the magnitude of the severe drought conditions continues to present threats beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property continue to exist in California due to water shortage and drought conditions with which local authority is unable to cope; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8571 of the California Government Code, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, in particular Government Code sections 8567 and 8571 of the California Government Code, do hereby issue this Executive Order, effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The orders and provisions contained in my January 17, 2014 Proclamation, my April 25, 2014 Proclamation, and Executive Orders B-26-14 and B-28-14 remain in full force and effect except as modified herein.

SAVE WATER

2. The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall impose restrictions to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water usage through February 28, 2016. These restrictions will require water suppliers to California's cities and towns to reduce usage as compared to the amount used in 2013. These restrictions should consider the relative per capita water usage of each water suppliers' service area, and require that those areas with high per capita use achieve proportionally greater reductions than those with low use. The California Public Utilities Commission is requested to take similar action with respect to investor-owned utilities providing water services.

3. The Department of Water Resources (the Department) shall lead a statewide initiative, in partnership with local agencies, to collectively replace 50 million square feet of lawns and ornamental turf with drought tolerant landscapes. The Department shall provide funding to allow for lawn replacement programs in underserved communities, which will complement local programs already underway across the state.

4. The California Energy Commission, jointly with the Department and the Water Board, shall implement a time-limited statewide appliance rebate program to provide monetary incentives for the replacement of inefficient household devices.

5. The Water Board shall impose restrictions to require that commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, such as campuses, golf courses, and cemeteries, immediately implement water efficiency measures to reduce potable water usage in an amount consistent with the reduction targets mandated by Directive 2 of this Executive Order.

6. The Water Board shall prohibit irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians.

7. The Water Board shall prohibit irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by drip or microspray systems.

8. The Water Board shall direct urban water suppliers to develop rate structures and other pricing mechanisms, including but not limited to surcharges, fees, and penalties, to maximize water conservation consistent with statewide water restrictions. The Water Board is directed to adopt emergency regulations, as it deems necessary, pursuant to Water Code section 1058.5 to implement this directive. The Water Board is further directed to work with state agencies and water suppliers to identify mechanisms that would encourage and facilitate the adoption of rate structures and other pricing mechanisms that promote water conservation. The California Public Utilities Commission is requested to take similar action with respect to investor-owned utilities providing water services.

INCREASE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST WATER WASTE

9. The Water Board shall require urban water suppliers to provide monthly information on water usage, conservation, and enforcement on a permanent basis.

10. The Water Board shall require frequent reporting of water diversion and use by water right holders, conduct inspections to determine whether illegal diversions or wasteful and unreasonable use of water are occurring, and bring enforcement actions against illegal diverters and those engaging in the wasteful and unreasonable use of water. Pursuant to Government Code sections 8570 and 8627, the Water Board is granted authority to inspect property or diversion facilities to ascertain compliance with water rights laws and regulations where there is cause to believe such laws and regulations have been violated. When access is not granted by a property owner, the Water Board may obtain an inspection warrant pursuant to the procedures set forth in Title 13 (commencing with section 1822.50) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure for the purposes of conducting an inspection pursuant to this directive.

11. The Department shall update the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance through expedited regulation. This updated Ordinance shall increase water efficiency standards for new and existing landscapes through more efficient irrigation systems, greywater usage, onsite storm water capture, and by limiting the portion of landscapes that can be covered in turf. It will also require reporting on the implementation and enforcement of local ordinances, with required reports due by December 31, 2015. The Department shall provide information on local compliance to the Water Board, which shall consider adopting regulations or taking appropriate enforcement actions to promote compliance. The Department shall provide technical assistance and give priority in grant funding to public agencies for actions necessary to comply with local ordinances.

12. Agricultural water suppliers that supply water to more than 25,000 acres shall include in their required 2015 Agricultural Water Management Plans a detailed drought management plan that describes the actions and measures the supplier will take to manage water demand during drought. The Department shall require those plans to include quantification of water supplies and demands for 2013, 2014, and 2015 to the extent data is available. The Department will provide technical assistance to water suppliers in preparing the plans.

13. Agricultural water suppliers that supply water to 10,000 to 25,000 acres of irrigated lands shall develop Agricultural Water Management Plans and submit the plans to the Department by July 1, 2016. These plans shall include a detailed drought management plan and quantification of water supplies and demands in 2013, 2014, and 2015, to the extent that data is available. The Department shall give priority in grant funding to agricultural water suppliers that supply water to 10,000 to 25,000 acres of land for development and implementation of Agricultural Water Management Plans.

14. The Department shall report to Water Board on the status of the Agricultural Water Management Plan submittals within one month of receipt of those reports.

15. Local water agencies in high and medium priority groundwater basins shall immediately implement all requirements of the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program pursuant to Water Code section 10933. The Department shall refer noncompliant local water agencies within high and medium priority groundwater basins to the Water Board by December 31, 2015, which shall consider adopting regulations or taking appropriate enforcement to promote compliance.

16. The California Energy Commission shall adopt emergency regulations establishing standards that improve the efficiency of water appliances, including toilets, urinals, and faucets available for sale and installation in new and existing buildings.

INVEST IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES

17. The California Energy Commission, jointly with the Department and the Water Board, shall implement a Water Energy Technology (WET) program to deploy innovative water management technologies for businesses, residents, industries, and agriculture. This program will achieve water and energy savings and greenhouse gas reductions by accelerating use of cutting-edge technologies such as renewable energy-powered desalination, integrated on-site reuse systems, water-use monitoring software, irrigation system timing and precision technology, and on-farm precision technology.

STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

18. The Office of Emergency Services and the Department of Housing and Community Development shall work jointly with counties to provide temporary assistance for persons moving from housing units due to a lack of potable water who are served by a private well or water utility with less than 15 connections, and where all reasonable attempts to find a potable water source have been exhausted.

19. State permitting agencies shall prioritize review and approval of water infrastructure projects and programs that increase local water supplies, including water recycling facilities, reservoir improvement projects, surface water treatment plants, desalination plants, stormwater capture, and greywater systems. Agencies shall report to the Governor's Office on applications that have been pending for longer than 90 days.

20. The Department shall take actions required to plan and, if necessary, implement Emergency Drought Salinity Barriers in coordination and consultation with the Water Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife at locations within the Sacramento - San Joaquin delta estuary. These barriers will be designed to conserve water for use later in the year to meet state and federal Endangered Species Act requirements, preserve to the extent possible water quality in the Delta, and retain water supply for essential human health and safety uses in 2015 and in the future.

21. The Water Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall immediately consider any necessary regulatory approvals for the purpose of installation of the Emergency Drought Salinity Barriers.

22. The Department shall immediately consider voluntary crop idling water transfer and water exchange proposals of one year or less in duration that are initiated by local public agencies and approved in 2015 by the Department subject to the criteria set forth in Water Code section 1810.

23. The Water Board will prioritize new and amended safe drinking water permits that enhance water supply and reliability for community water systems facing water shortages or that expand service connections to include existing residences facing water shortages. As the Department of Public Health's drinking water program was transferred to the Water Board, any reference to the Department of Public Health in any prior Proclamation or Executive Order listed in Paragraph 1 is deemed to refer to the Water Board.

24. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection shall launch a public information campaign to educate the public on actions they can take to help to prevent wildfires including the proper treatment of dead and dying trees. Pursuant to Government Code section 8645, $1.2 million from the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund (Fund 3063) shall be allocated to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to carry out this directive.

25. The Energy Commission shall expedite the processing of all applications or petitions for amendments to power plant certifications issued by the Energy Commission for the purpose of securing alternate water supply necessary for continued power plant operation. Title 20, section 1769 of the California Code of Regulations is hereby waived for any such petition, and the Energy Commission is authorized to create and implement an alternative process to consider such petitions. This process may delegate amendment approval authority, as appropriate, to the Energy Commission Executive Director. The Energy Commission shall give timely notice to all relevant local, regional, and state agencies of any petition subject to this directive, and shall post on its website any such petition.

26. For purposes of carrying out directives 2–9, 11, 16–17, 20–23, and 25, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended. This suspension applies to any actions taken by state agencies, and for actions taken by local agencies where the state agency with primary responsibility for implementing the directive concurs that local action is required, as well as for any necessary permits or approvals required to complete these actions. This suspension, and those specified in paragraph 9 of the January 17, 2014 Proclamation, paragraph 19 of the April 25, 2014 proclamation, and paragraph 4 of Executive Order B-26-14, shall remain in effect until May 31, 2016. Drought relief actions taken pursuant to these paragraphs that are started prior to May 31, 2016, but not completed, shall not be subject to Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code for the time required to complete them.

27. For purposes of carrying out directives 20 and 21, section 13247 and Chapter 3 of Part 3 (commencing with section 85225) of the Water Code are suspended.

28. For actions called for in this proclamation in directive 20, the Department shall exercise any authority vested in the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, as codified in Water Code section 8521, et seq., that is necessary to enable these urgent actions to be taken more quickly than otherwise possible. The Director of the Department of Water Resources is specifically authorized, on behalf of the State of California, to request that the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers of the Army Corps of Engineers, grant any permission required pursuant to section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and codified in section 48 of title 33 of the United States Code.

29. The Department is directed to enter into agreements with landowners for the purposes of planning and installation of the Emergency Drought Barriers in 2015 to the extent necessary to accommodate access to barrier locations, land-side and water-side construction, and materials staging in proximity to barrier locations. Where the Department is unable to reach an agreement with landowners, the Department may exercise the full authority of Government Code section 8572.

30. For purposes of this Executive Order, chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 11340) of part 1 of division 3 of the Government Code and chapter 5 (commencing with section 25400) of division 15 of the Public Resources Code are suspended for the development and adoption of regulations or guidelines needed to carry out the provisions in this Order. Any entity issuing regulations or guidelines pursuant to this directive shall conduct a public meeting on the regulations and guidelines prior to adopting them.

31. In order to ensure that equipment and services necessary for drought response can be procured quickly, the provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code applicable to state contracts, including, but not limited to, advertising and competitive bidding requirements, are hereby suspended for directives 17, 20, and 24. Approval by the Department of Finance is required prior to the execution of any contract entered into pursuant to these directives.

This Executive Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given to this Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of April 2015.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

P A L M D A L E W A T E R D I S T R I C T

B O A R D M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 15, 2015 **April 22, 2015**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**

FROM: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.2 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANTELOPE VALLEY BOARD OF TRADE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION.***

Biographies for the candidates for Directors for the Antelope Valley Board of Trade are attached for your consideration. The District is asked to vote for no more than 13 candidates by April 29, 2015.

The candidates are as follows:

- Michele Bowers
- James Charlton
- Scott Cummings (incumbent)
- Rob Duchow (incumbent)
- Pauline East
- Larry Grooms (incumbent)
- Mark Hemstreet (incumbent)
- Allen Hoffman (incumbent)
- Harvey Holloway (incumbent)
- Bernie Longjohn
- Benjamin Maish (incumbent)
- Josh Mann (incumbent)
- Drew Mercy (incumbent)
- Rhonda Nelson (incumbent)
- Olin Rogers
- Honorable Richard (Dick) Spann
- Mark Troth (incumbent)
- Angela Underwood-Jacobs (incumbent)
- Tom Weil (incumbent)

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ANTELOPE VALLEY BOARD OF TRADE – nominees – 2015 Elections

DR. MICHELE BOWERS – LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

An educator for more than 20 years, Dr. Michelle Bowers is proud to be superintendent for Lancaster School District, which serves 15,000 students from preschool through grade 8. She is active in Lancaster West Rotary and Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and also serves as a United Way Board Member and leads her district to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She received her bachelor of liberal arts degree from Regents University, her master degree in educational administration from California State University Bakersfield and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy from Pepperdine University in Malibu.

JAMES W.M. CHARLTON – CHARLTON WEEKS LLP

An attorney, James Charlton has been AVBOT past president (2000), a director for more than a dozen years and master of ceremonies for the Business Outlook Conference for seven years. He is a US Army combat veteran Viet Nam '69, Children's Center Advisory board, former member of Lahontan State Water Quality Control Board, and Air Quality Management Hearing Board.

SCOTT CUMMINGS – ANTELOPE VALLEY MALL MANAGEMENT

With 25 years' experience in the shopping industry, Scott Cummings became the general manager for the Antelope Valley Mall in 2008. Before that he served as the specialty leasing manager and assistant manager at the mall. Completing his certification, Scott was awarded a Certified Shopping Center Manager designation through the International Council of Shopping Centers. He served as president of the Board of Trade 2013-2014 and was chairman of the Business Outlook Conference in 2013. He is a director for the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters and is now a member of the Antelope Valley College Foundation President's Circle.

ROB DUCHOW – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

Rob Duchow has been the public affairs manager covering Kern County and the Antelope Valley for the Southern California Gas Company since April 2008. In this position, he serves as a director of the Antelope Valley Board of Trade and Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance, and as board chairman of the Kern Economic Development Corporation. Prior to joining SoCalGas, Rob was a reporter for the Rome (N.Y.) Daily Sentinel newspaper. Later, he worked as director of communications for New York State Sen. Ray Meier, and as vice president of marketing and communications for Mohawk Valley EDGE. He is a 1989 graduate of Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., with a bachelor degree in technical communications.

PAULINE EAST – AV FILM OFFICE

In 1998 Pauline East began her mission as film liaison for the City of Lancaster and director of the Antelope Valley Film Office (AVFO), a full service film office in North Los Angeles County. In late 2005, she concluded a two-year term on the board of directors for Film L.A., Inc. to establish a North Los Angeles County satellite office for Film L.A., partnering with the City of Lancaster. By 2008, Pauline contracted with the City of Palmdale to establish a regional partnership for coordination of filming activities in North Los Angeles County. The film office facilitates more than 300 film projects a year, generating annually in excess of $10 million dollars to the region.

LARRY GROOMS – INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

Larry Grooms, former newspaper editor, economic development executive and state legislative aide, became a Board of Trade director in 2011, and served on the executive committee as secretary to the board. He is in his fourth year as public relations (marketing) committee chairman and co-chairs the AVBOT Joint Legislative Committee. He served on the Business Outlook Conference Committee for the past three years. Semi-retired since 2011, Larry consults in governmental relations and public affairs.

MARK HEMSTREET – INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

Mark Hemstreet serves as the Antelope Valley district executive of the Boy Scouts of America, overseeing program activities, volunteers and fundraising for more than 100 troops. His previous experience includes 25 years in the hospitality industry; he worked as vice president of Brown Nester Hospitality Group, a commercial real estate brokerage related to the lodging trade. In 2003 he founded Hemstreet Hospitality, a consulting company to assist business owners mainly in the hospitality and food service industry. He is a past president of AVBOT and currently serves as a director. Also he is past president of the Lancaster West Rotary Club and Lancaster Chamber of Commerce

AL HOFFMAN – THE BOEING COMPANY

With nearly forty years in the aerospace industry, Allen Hoffman is the Boeing Co.'s site manager for Edwards AFB and NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center. He is the 2014-2015 president of the Board of Trade and co-chairs the Aerospace, Defense Industry, and Base Support Committee (AEROCOMM). He is also a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics (AIAA), Air Force Association (AFA), and the U.S. Naval Institute (USNI). In 2006 he completed the National Security Forum at the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL. He has received numerous commendations and awards, including NASA's Leadership Award. Al is a Navy veteran. He majored in U.S. history at Miami University (Ohio).

HARVEY HOLLOWAY – COLDWELL BANKER COMMERCIAL VALLEY REALTY

A native of the Antelope Valley, Harvey Holloway is the second-generation owner of Coldwell Banker Commercial Valley Realty, which was founded by his father, Wayne Holloway, more than 45 years ago. Specializing in commercial and industrial properties, Harvey has been active in AV real estate since 1977. A member of the Board of Trade for 20 years, Harvey was elected to the board of directors in 2003 and served as president in 2007. He also serves as chairman for the Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance where he has served as a director since 1998. A private pilot since 1981, he also serves as current chairman for the Los Angeles County Airport Commission.

BERNARD LONGJOHN – CHOICE IN LEARNING NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Bernard Longjohn has committed his life to serving the country and his community. Bernard began his service in 1959 in the United States Air Force where he was a superintendent of instruction. Since then he has served as a board member of the AV Boys and Girls Club, president of Palmdale Chamber of Commerce, and founding director of the Palmdale Education Foundation. Bernard currently is the executive director of the Choices in Learning National Foundation and was most recently elected chairman of the board of Choice Education Services.

BEN MAISH – US BANK

Ben is the assistant vice president and manager for the US Bank West Lancaster office. He was born and raised in the Antelope Valley with family roots that stem from the early pioneers. After graduating from Quartz Hill High School, he attended Antelope Valley College and entered the financial services industry as banking professional in 1995. As a member of the Board of Trade, Ben volunteers for the membership, marketing and public relations committees. He serves as a director for the A.V. Partners for Health and treasurer for the Lancaster Museum and Public Arts Foundation. He and his wife have four children in age from 9 to 21, and he enjoys youth sports especially his son's little league baseball team.

JOSH MANN – WASTE MANAGEMENT

Josh Mann currently serves as the vice president of the Board of Trade. A member of the AVBOT Board of Directors since 2012, he served two terms on the executive committee as treasurer and been a past chairman or co-chairman of the Public Relations and Marketing, Nominating and Business Outlook Conference committees. Josh is the public sector solutions manager for Waste Management. In this role, he works with local leaders and government officials to develop programs to increase recycling and support the region's quality of life through outreach programs, charitable giving and partnerships. Prior to joining WM, he held positions with the State Board of Equalization, Passantino Andersen Communications and the Board of Trade.

DREW MERCY – INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

Drew Mercy is a senior advisor and taxpayer advocate in the office of Sen. George Runner at the State Board of Equalization. A native Southern Californian, he attended Antelope Valley Community College and the University of California Davis where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He has provided professional services to Congressman Steve Knight, Sen. Sharon Runner, Assemblyman Tom Lackey, and others. In addition to being AVBOT past president, Drew has served as Business Outlook Conference chairman, and Joint Legislative Affairs Committee co-chairman. Other current and past memberships include the Friends of Edwards Air Force Base Committee, the 2013 Antelope Valley College Presidential Selection Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee for the California State Prison – LA County.

RHONDA NELSON – NORTHROP GRUMMAN

In her role at Northrop-Grumman, Rhonda Nelson is responsible for supporting the sector's major aerospace manufacturing centers and smaller facilities across the U.S. Her 20-year career includes working on the B-2, F-35, F/A-18, N-UCAS, Global Hawk, Targets, E-2, and Advanced Hawkeye. As the 2011-2012 president and director for the Board of Trade and Northrop-Grumman Recreational Club commissioner, she coordinated major site activities for the Antelope Valley area. Such events involved the Business Outlook Conference, B-2 20th Anniversary of First Flight, March of Dimes walks, and the USO care package/fundraising events. Rhonda earned her associate of arts degree in business management at Antelope Valley College and her bachelor and master degrees business administration at University of LaVerne. In 2009, she was awarded the Northrop-Grumman President's Award for her involvement with the AVC Certification Training Program.

NORA ORTEGA – HILTON GARDEN INN PALMDALE

Nora Ortega has been the director of sales at Hilton Garden Inn Palmdale since 2008. After studying business administration at Santa Monica College, she began her 15-year career in hospitality working with Sheraton and Hilton hotels, holding many positions including front office agent, airline and group coordinator, reservations manager and revenue manager. Nora has lived in the Antelope Valley for six years and has been a director of the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for three years. Additionally, she was the AVHCC's treasurer and nominated as director of the year. Being the youngest of five sisters, she enjoys spending time with her husband Luis and her two children.

OLIN ROGERS – LEGALSHIELD

Since 2005 Olin Rogers has been an independent associate with LegalShield, a provider of legal service products. He has been a member of AVBOT since 2007 and is now serving on the membership committee. He believes that actions speak louder than words. His community actions in the A.V. include member and vice president in Toastmasters, member and vice president in Optimists International, a director in Palmdale Chamber of Commerce, and member in Lancaster and Mojave Chambers of Commerce.

RICHARD SPANN

Richard Spann is a retired Superior Court Judge. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Columbia University in New York City and a juris doctorate from Loyola Law School at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He was employed by Proctor and Gamble (Soap Product Dev.-Ivory Liquid), served as a captain in the United States Air Force and worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force and Edwards Bases in Solid Rocket Propulsion as chief, Solid Rocket Dev. Branch. After 14 years as an attorney in Lancaster, he was appointed to the AV Municipal Court and Los Angeles Superior Court and served nine years as assigned judge to the California Judicial Council (27 counties).

MARK TROTH – BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESERVICE TROTH REALTY

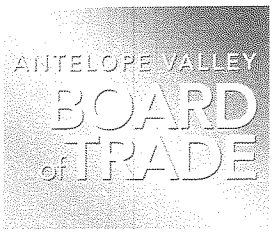
Mark Troth has been a Realtor in the Antelope Valley for over 32 years. He is a third-generation broker and co-owner of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Troth, REALTORS. Mark currently serves on the board of directors for the Antelope Valley Fair Association and as treasurer for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce. He has been president of the Greater Antelope Valley Association of Realtors and has also served the community as a planning commissioner for the City of Lancaster and chairman of the board for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

ANGELA UNDERWOOD-JACOBS – CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST

Angela Underwood-Jacobs is the senior vice president of the GSC North Region of California Bank and Trust. Prior to that, she served as a consumer market executive at Bank of America for 18 years. She has served as an instrumental piece in the success and development of multiple committees and outreach programs. She has accomplished this by utilizing the invaluable leadership experience she has acquired throughout her career. Angela is currently serving as criminal justice commissioner for the City of Lancaster, honorary board member for the Children's Center of The Antelope Valley, and vice chairman of Antelope Valley Hospital Advisory Subcommittee on Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Prevention for Minors. Also she serves as a director of the Board of Trade.

TOM WEIL – CALIFORNIA CITY – CITY MANAGER

Tom Weil serves as the city manager for the City of California City. As the chief administrator, he is responsible for the day-to-day business of operating the city that services the needs of its 15,000 residents. California City is a full service city with an annual operation budget of over $21 million. Tom is a 26-year veteran of the United States Air Force, retiring with the rank of chief master sergeant and has resided with his family in California City for the past 30 years. He holds and a bachelor's degree in aviation management from Southern Illinois University and a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University



BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

"Names Listed Alphabetically"

Please vote and mail your ballot in the return envelope. Ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2015. Any ballot received after that date and time will not be counted. Please vote for no more than 13.

◯	Michele Bowers - *Lancaster School District*
◯	James Charlton - *Charlton Weeks LLP*
◯	Scott Cummings * - *Antelope Valley Mall*
◯	Rob Duchow * - *SoCal Gas Company*
◯	Pauline East - *Antelope Valley Film Office*
◯	Larry Grooms * - *Individual*
◯	Mark Hemstreet * - *Boy Scouts of America*
◯	Allen Hoffman * - *The Boeing Company*
◯	Harvey Holloway * - *CB Commercial Valley Realty*
◯	Bernie Longjohn - *Choices In Learning National Foundation*
◯	Benjamin Maish * - *US Bank*
◯	Josh Mann * - *Waste Management*
◯	Drew Mercy * - *Board of Equalization*
◯	Rhonda Nelson * - *Northrop Grumman Corporation*
◯	[redacted]
◯	Olin Rogers - *LegalShield*
◯	Honorable Richard (Dick) Spann - *retired*
◯	Mark Troth * - *Berkshire Hathaway Home Services - Troth Realty*
◯	Angela Underwood-Jacobs * - *California Bank & Trust*
◯	Tom Weil * - *City of California City*

*Incumbent

P A L M D A L E W A T E R D I S T R I C T

B O A R D M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 15, 2015 **April 22, 2015**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**

FROM: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.3 - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SCHEDULING A PRESIDENT'S DINNER FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN. (PRESIDENT MAC LAREN/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE)***

Hosting a President's Dinner was discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting. The intent of the dinner is for the Board to meet in an informal, off-site setting with the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, and Department Managers to discuss Strategic Plan projects. These meetings would be publicly noticed meetings with no action to be taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.4

CSDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE
Monterey
September 21 - 24, 2015

NAME:_____

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE**:** AUGUST 14, 2015

MEALS: ___YES ___NO SPOUSE: ___YES ___NO SPOUSES' TOUR: ___YES ___NO

DEPARTMENTAL TRAVEL BUDGET:

REGISTRATION:_____ TRAVEL:_____
TOTAL REMAINING BALANCE:_____

PROPOSED EXPENSES:
Registration: _____
Transportation:_____
Meals:* _____
Miscellaneous: _____
TOTAL: _____

*DIRECTORS: Expenses are outlined in Section 4.06.1 of the District's Rules and Regulations.
*FOR STAFF: Meal limitations are outlined on pages 30 and 31 of the District's Employee Manual.
Please review these limitations.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: ___YES ___NO REGISTRATION DEADLINE:___9-4-15
ARRIVAL DATE/TIME:_____ DEPARTURE DATE/TIME:_____

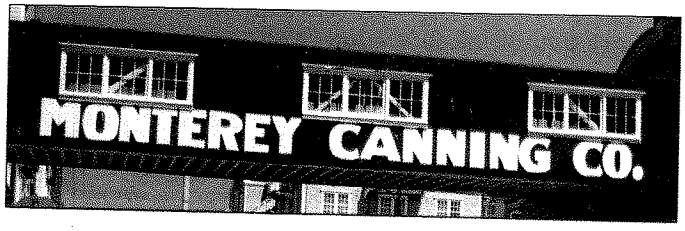
TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS:
_____ SINGLE (1 PERSON)
_____ DOUBLE (2 PEOPLE)
_____ (2 PEOPLE/2 BEDS)

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS: ___YES ___NO

DEPART FROM _____ on _____ at _____ AM/PM
(airport) (date) (time)

RETURN FROM _____ on _____ at _____ AM/PM
(airport) (date) (time)

SUPERVISOR APPROVAL:_____DATE:_____



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$550 Early Registration / $600 Regular Registration CSDA Member
$750 Early Registration / $800 Regular Registration Non-Member

Early registration is available on or before Friday, August 14, 2015.

HOTEL ROOMS
Room reservations are available at the Marriott Monterey at the CSDA rate of $169 plus tax single or double occupancy, includes complimentary wireless guestroom internet access. Call 877-901-6632 and ask for the California Special Districts Association rate. The first night room and tax becomes non-refundable if a reservation is cancelled after the cut-off date of September 4, 2015.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MARCH 5, 2015:

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Estes called the meeting to order.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Facilities Committee:	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Joe Estes, Chair	Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager
Vincent Dino, Committee Member	Tim Moore, Facilities Manager
	Kelly Jeters, Systems Supervisor
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	0 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Estes, 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 Regular Meeting Held February 9, 2015.

It was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Estes, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held February 9, 2015, as written.

4.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Award of Contract for Security System. ($250,000.00 – Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson reviewed the process and bids received for updating the District's security system at the main office and building next door and

stated that staff and Exante 360 recommend the bid received from Siemens in the amount of $259,816.000 be accepted, with a potential reduction based on review and analysis of their proposed value engineering options, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Estes, and unanimously carried that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation to accept the bid received from Siemens in the not-to-exceed amount of $259,816.00; that staff continue review of value engineering options; and that this item be presented to the full Board for consideration at the March 25, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

5) Information Items.

5.1) Status Report on Wind Turbine Performance. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson reviewed the wind turbine's performance for the period of October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 and stated that the turbine did not perform as well as past periods due to lack of wind and mechanical issues, which have since been repaired; that the turbine will shut down if wind speeds reach 50 mph; and that routine maintenance is conducted every six months after which the Committee requested a checklist of routine maintenance activities.

5.2) Status on Areawide Wi-Fi System in Conjunction With Other Local Agencies. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that an assignment for the District's Engineering Intern position will be to gather information on other areas that have an area wide Wi-Fi system in place and that once this information has been obtained, meetings will be scheduled with the Palmdale School District and the City of Palmdale to review the information and the feasibility of this type of a project.

5.3) Status on Protecting Access to the District's Well Site Near Avenue R and 70th Street East. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that he reviewed the District's legal access rights to the well site near Avenue R and 70th Street East with the City of Palmdale's Manager; that the City will contact property owners in the area to place a barricade on the slope at the intersection to prevent public access, which will hopefully reduce illegal dumping; and that the City of Palmdale is waiting for grant funding to place cameras on

the District's well sites to catch those involved with illegal dumping followed by discussion of the District's blanket easements throughout the District's boundaries.

5.4) **Other.**

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that Itzen Architects should be far enough along so that staff can provide a full update on their recommendations to remodel the office building at the next Committee meeting.

Systems Supervisor Jeters stated that the system is operating at 68%, which is 9.9 MGD for the well system; that the water treatment plant has been off-line since February 17; and that demands indicate water conservation is working followed by discussion of average production and total production during peak demands.

There were no additional information items.

6) **Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

Chair Estes requested an item be placed on the next agenda for "Status report on all 2015 budgeted projects including timelines, milestones, project manager, and if the project is on schedule" and for "Presentation on Water System Master Plan."

General Manager LaMoreaux then stated that information on standard wind turbine maintenance will also be provided at the next meeting.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

It was stated that the next Facilities Committee meeting will be held April 6, 2015 at 8:15 a.m.

7) **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Facilities Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair

P A L M D A L E W A T E R D I S T R I C T

B O A R D M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 15, 2015 **April 22, 2015**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Board Meeting**

FROM: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.2 – INFORMATION ITEMS***

a) Customer Payment Methods

Mike Williams, Finance Manager, will provide an update on how customers are making payments to the District (i.e. front counter, web site, telephone, etc.).

b) Fitch Ratings review of District Bond Rating

Mike Williams, Finance Manager, will provide an overview of the recent findings by Fitch Ratings that resulted in a confirmation of the "A+" ratings and a "Stable" status.

c) City-Wide Wi-Fi Project Status

Palmdale School District hosted a meeting on Tuesday, April 14, with representatives of the AVUHSD, City of Palmdale, IBEW, Los Angele Sheriff, and the District to discuss the potential of an area-wide Wi-Fi system. The invitation letter and handouts from the meeting are attached for your information. Items discussed included the purpose and use(s), business model, and current industry activities of Wi-Fi systems. A follow-up meeting will be held in the next month or two after more information is gathered.

d) GAVEA Board Participation Request

The District has been invited by GAVEA to consider having a seat on the organization's Board, especially in light of the current drought. The majority of the Board are industry representatives and staff from member agencies. The District is already a member of the organization, and staff is prepared to work with GAVEA unless more discussion is requested for this request.

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Palmdale Water District
2029 East Avenue Q
Palmdale, California 93550

Dear Manager LaMoreaux:

Many cities around the world and in our country have constructed partnerships to build city-wide free Wi-Fi networks. There are already many successful examples in the State of California. For example in 2005, Sunnyvale, California became the first city in the United States to offer city-wide free Wi-Fi. Since then, there are many other cities which have followed the same trend to offer free Wi-Fi services to all its residents.

Here are some of the advantages of providing a city-wide free Wi-Fi?

- All students in the city have access to the internet
- Leveling of the playing field for all low-socio-economically disadvantaged students
- More interactive tourism opportunities for visitors
- Addition of smart appliances
- Increased security around the city
- Equal access to all residents
- Increased efficiency for the city, library, police department, school districts, and water district

In Palmdale, there is an interest from all public agencies to start the process of designing a partnership to accomplish, design, and implement a city-wide free Wi-Fi network across the city. Imagine all the possibilities that such a project can bring to our schools, parks, water district, police department and of course, our city.

I would like to invite you to an initial meeting to start the discussion and begin the process of planning this awesome project. The following agencies have been invited:

City of Palmdale	Palmdale School District	Antelope Valley High School District	Palmdale Water District	Palmdale Sheriff's Department	IBEW Local Union 11

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Palmdale School District Board Room

Each agency can decide to bring a team to this meeting (no more than 4 members per team initially). The team should include key administrators and decision makers. It is recommended that each team include the agency's technology guru. Thank you so much for helping make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

Raul Maldonado
Superintendent of Schools

RW/cdg



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Municipal City-Wide Wireless Servicies

Agenda

- Introductions
- Why are we here?
- Partners
- Logistics
- Summary

Palmdale School District

Why are we here?

- The need
  - Students and Residents
  - Bridge the Digital Divide
  - City Services
- Establish interest

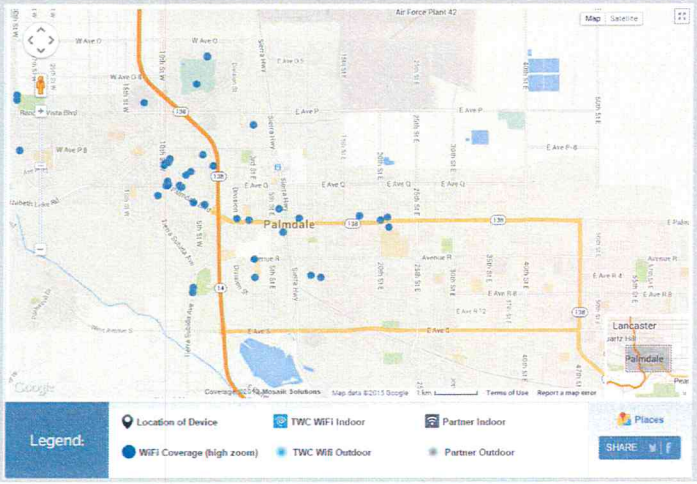
Palmdale School District

Partners?

- Possible technology partners:
  - Time Warner Cable
  - Phone AT&T / Verizon

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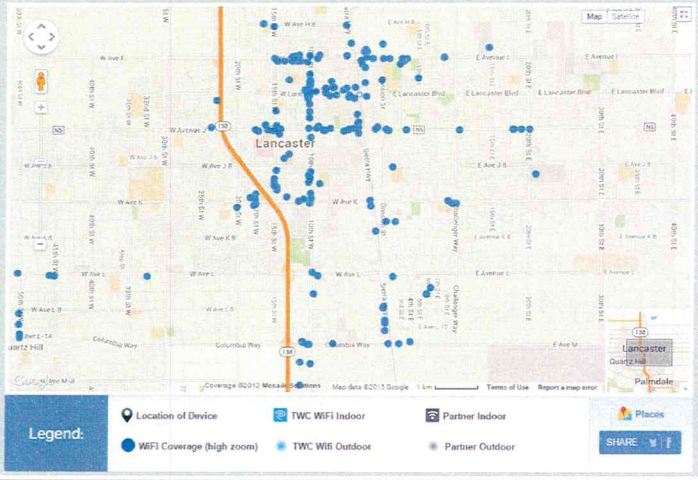
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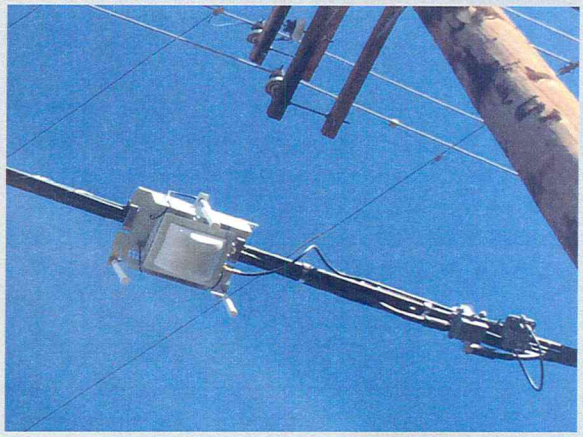


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Partners – Time Warner Cable - WAP

- Wireless Mesh
- Placed inline
- Light poles



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Logistics

- Lead Agency
  - Technical and Administrative Services
- Funding sources and Viable Business Model for Financial Stability
  - Location based Ad based revenue?
- Privacy and Security
- Coverage expectations
- How much bandwidth is enough?

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Summary?

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PRESS RELEASE
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COMCAST'S INTERNET ESSENTIALS PROGRAM HAS CONNECTED MORE THAN 450,000 FAMILIES, BENEFITTING 1.8 MILLION LOW-INCOME AMERICANS

In the Last Six Months, More Families Signed Up Than in Any Other Six-Month Period in the Program's History

Industry-Leading Program Has Now Reached 17 Percent of the Eligible Population and Census Data Reveal that More Than Half of Low-Income Americans Now Subscribe to Wireline High Speed Internet Services at Home

PHILADELPHIA, (March 10, 2015) — Comcast today announced that since August 2011, its nationally acclaimed broadband adoption program, Internet Essentials, has connected more than 450,000 families, or 1.8 million low-income Americans, to the power of the Internet at home. To put that in perspective, 1.8 million is larger than the populations of 96 of America's 100 largest cities as well as 12 states and the District of Columbia. What's more, the six-month period from September 2014 through February 2015 was the most successful period in the program's history, with nearly 90,000 new Internet Essentials enrollments.

For the fourth year in a row, the Chicago metro area leads the way in closing the digital divide with Internet Essentials. More than 50,000 families benefitting 200,000 low-income Chicagoans – nearly 25 percent of its eligible population – have signed up. The Miami metro area is second, with more than 41,500 families benefitting 166,000 low-income citizens – 28 percent of its eligible population. The Atlanta metro area is third with more than 25,000 families benefitting more than 100,000 low-income citizens – almost 20 percent of its eligible population.

"Through years of research and hard work, we have found that relentless engagement and digital education on a hyper-local level is the key to closing the digital divide," said David L. Cohen, Executive Vice President, Comcast Corporation. "We are making great progress and ask other companies and non-profits, who share our goal of getting all Americans connected, to join us, and do their part."

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent (2013) American Community Survey, with a sample size of more than 3.5 million Americans, reveals that 52 percent of low-income households in the U.S., with household incomes below $35,000, now subscribe to wireline broadband at home, as compared to 48 percent in 2010. Also, according to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), although broadband adoption for low-income households has been increasing, for certain low-income groups, it still falls more than 20 percentage points behind the general population, which had a 73 percent adoption rate in 2012.

Through Internet Essentials, Comcast has sought to directly address the primary barriers for low-income students and their families, investing more than $225 million in cash and in-kind support to help fund digital literacy and readiness training and education, reaching more than 3.1 million people through our national and local non-profit community partners.

Internet Essentials, called "the largest experiment ever" to close the digital divide by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), has been unparalleled in its success. Even though Comcast is only one of multiple providers and does not have broadband systems in two-thirds of the country, the company's Internet Essentials program has accounted for one-quarter of all of the national broadband adoption growth for low-income families with children from the program's inception through June 2014, according to Dr. John B. Horrigan, America's preeminent researcher on broadband adoption and utilization and former head of research for the FCC's National Broadband Plan.

Dr. Horrigan recently completed his second study of Internet Essentials customers. Called *Deepening Ties*, it examines the evolution from non-adopters to adopters. Two of the most striking findings include:

- The real key to economic and personal empowerment through broadband adoption is training and education. Those who received formal digital training, like the kind provided by non-profits through the Internet Essentials program, were 15 percentage points more likely to use the Internet to look for a job.
- Almost two-thirds of Internet Essentials families said Internet Essentials helped them manage their work schedules and better balance their work/life responsibilities.

The report further underscores how important the Internet is for 21st Century job readiness and STEM education, as well as for economic and personal empowerment.

Through the end of February 2015, Comcast has also:

- Dedicated $1 million in grants to create Internet Essentials Learning Zones, where networks of non-profit partners are working together to enhance public Internet access and increase family-focused digital literacy training in Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Fresno, Miami, and Seattle, among others.
- Provided nearly 38,000 subsidized computers at less than $150 each.
- Distributed for free more than 45 million Internet Essentials program materials.
- Broadcast more than 6 million public service announcements, valued at more than $75 million.
- Welcomed nearly 3.2 million visitors to the Internet Essentials websites in English and Spanish and its Online Learning Center.
- Fielded nearly 3 million phone calls to our Internet Essentials call center.
- Offered Internet Essentials in more than 30,000 schools and 4,000 school districts, in 39 states and the District of Columbia.
- Partnered with thousands of community-based organizations, government agencies, and federal, state, and local elected officials to spread the word.

Internet Essentials customer research indicates it has made a real impact on their lives.

- 98 percent said their kids use the Internet service to do schoolwork, and of these respondents, 95 percent said it has had a positive impact on their child's grades.
- 92 percent said they would recommend Internet Essentials to friends and family, and of these customers, 85 percent have already done so.
- 89 percent said they are satisfied with the program.
- 85 percent said they use the Internet service every day or almost every day.
- 54 percent use it for job hunting, and of these, 65 percent feel that having the Internet at home has helped them find a job.

Through feedback from Internet Essentials customers and recommendations from community partners, Comcast has made more than 20 key enhancements to the program over the past three and a half years. For instance, Comcast has:

- Extended the program indefinitely, well beyond its original three-year commitment.
- Increased eligibility by 30 percent.
- Established national partnerships, including with Khan Academy, National Urban League, Get Schooled, and LULAC.
- Provided amnesty to families who have a past due balance older than one year.
- Increased the Internet service speed twice.
- Created an online application process.
- Streamlined enrollment by creating an instant approval process for families whose students attend schools where 70 percent or more of the students are eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program.

About Internet Essentials:

Internet Essentials from Comcast is the nation's largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program. It provides low-cost broadband service for $9.95 a month plus tax; the option to purchase an Internet-ready computer for under $150; and multiple options to access free digital literacy training in print, online and in-person. Eligible families must have at least one child eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program, including public, parochial, private, and homeschooled students.

For more information or to apply for the program, visit www.InternetEssentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376, or, for Spanish, visit www.InternetBasico.com or call 1-855-765-6995.

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Comcast Corporation (Nasdaq: CMCSA, CMCSK) is a global media and technology company with two primary businesses, Comcast Cable and NBCUniversal. Comcast Cable is the nation's largest video, high-speed Internet and phone provider to residential customers under the XFINITY brand and also provides these services to businesses. NBCUniversal operates 30 news, entertainment and sports cable networks, the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks, television production operations, television station groups, Universal Pictures and Universal Parks and Resorts. Visit www.comcastcorporation.com for more information.

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