

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, APRIL 20, 2015:

A regular meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, April 20, 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
Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager
Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Director
Peter Thompson II, Deputy Water & Energy
Resources Director
Mike McNutt, PIO/Conservation Director
Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
1 member 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 March 23, 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 March 23, 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 March, 2015 and stated that projections, budgeted, and actual consumption are tracking as expected for this period; that Littlerock Reservoir is nearly empty; and that conservation will assist the District's overall water supplies followed by discussion of wastewater from rivers affecting the declining Delta smelt population, the District's request to return 2,500 acre feet of water banked in the Willow Springs Water Bank, and the District's per capita water use being well below the 2020 goal.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula reviewed rainfall to date and stated that the District's State Water Project allocation remains at 20%; that State Water Project farmers have less water to sell; and that he requested the Department of Water Resources increase statewide allocations one percent due to area of origin settlements.

4.4) 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 & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that the Governor's office requested agencies to reduce water use 25% and that the State Water Resources Control Board is determining how to achieve the 25% reduction statewide after which General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the State Water Resources Control Board's most recent calculation increases the District's mandatory reduction from 25% to 32%; that other local agencies are also being requested to reduce water use over 25%, with Quartz Hill Water District at 36%; that those who have saved must now reduce water use even more; that baseline water reduction information was submitted by all agencies in 2010 Urban Water Management Plans, and the District will propose this baseline number be used to achieve the 25% statewide reduction in an equitable manner; and that staff recommends this item be tabled until a calculation for determining a 25% statewide reduction has been finalized.

It was then moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Dizmang, and unanimously carried to table this item followed by discussion of senior water rights.

5) Project Updates.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that the Forest Service's minimal comments on the draft environmental documents for this Project have been addressed; that the 45-day public review period will begin May 22 with a public meeting to be scheduled in early June at the District's office; and that recreational facilities at Littlerock Reservoir remain closed.

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

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a contract for Phase 2 design work for the recycled water pipeline was awarded to Antelope Valley Engineering last month; that an Authority meeting is tentatively scheduled for May; that the reallocation of recycled water is pending between the Sanitation District and Los Angeles County Waterworks; and that this reallocation contract needs to be in place for the Authority to begin delivering recycled water and for the District to take delivery of recycled water for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

Chair Dizmang then stated that it has been over three years; that there must be resolution on the contract for the reallocation of recycled water; and that the Authority cannot exist without this contract.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that GEI is continuing their work on construction design drawings.

5.4) Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that an agreement with Kennedy Jenks Consultants for the next phase of this Project has been finalized and that they are well underway with environmental survey work followed by discussion of AVEK's recent award as the 2015 National Grand Prize winner for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that the drought continues, and it has made water purchase negotiations difficult.

6) Information Items.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that staff is negotiating a long-term lease and purchase agreement and an exchange agreement of Table A State Water Project water followed by discussion of the District's Table A allocation, exchange agreements, and recent newspaper articles regarding water issues.

6.2) Other.

There were no further information items.

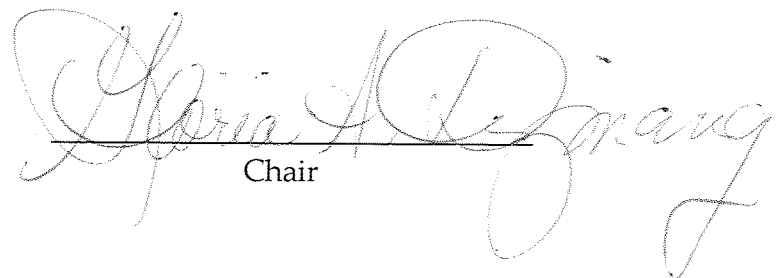
7) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

It was then stated that the next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting will be held May 20, 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