

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

A regular meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Dizmang called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

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
Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Accounting Supervisor
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
7 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 April 20, 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 April 20, 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 April, 2015 and stated that projections,

budgeted, and actual consumption are tracking as expected for this period; that per capita water use is well below the 2020 goal; and then reviewed lake levels at Palmdale Lake and Littlerock Dam.

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, the storage level of Oroville Reservoir and the use of this water, and storage levels for San Luis Reservoir followed by discussion of 100% State Water Project allocations for fisheries and protection of the water supply.

4.4) 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 32% Reduction in Potable Water Use and Declaring an Elevated Water Shortage Emergency and Adopting Stage 3 of Palmdale Water District's Urban Water Management Plan Calling for Mandatory Conservation in Compliance With the State Water Resources Control Board's Emergency Regulation as Amended on May 5, 2015 Through Resolution No. 2015-0032. (Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula reviewed the Governor's Proclamation and the State Water Resources Control Board's mandate to reduce the District's water production by 32% as compared to 2013 and stated that District customers have substantially reduced water use since 2010 meeting the year 2020 reductions; that to meet the mandated additional reductions, staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 15-9 approving Stage 3 of the District's Urban Water Management Plan with Stage 3 being a water use reduction of over 30%, reducing watering days to two days per week, implementing a Stage 1 Drought Surcharge Fee for non-essential tiers 2 – 6, and issuing warnings and fines; and that the District will be fined \$10,000.00 per day if the 32% mandated reduction is not met.

Concern about stress on the infrastructure, proposed watering days, the amount of the Drought Surcharge Fee, water waste by businesses, additional water monitoring reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board, when the reduction must be accomplished, the number of agencies affected by the mandated reduction, and the \$10,000 per day fine being a cost for service that can be passed to the ratepayers were then briefly discussed.

General Manager LaMoreaux then reviewed staff's efforts and recommendations to coordinate conservation efforts with the City of Palmdale to ensure a consistent message is conveyed to the public.

After a further discussion of Resolution No. 15-9, it was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Dizmang, and unanimously carried that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation to adopt 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 32% Reduction in Potable Water Use and Declaring an Elevated Water Shortage Emergency and Adopting Stage 3 of Palmdale Water District's Urban Water Management Plan Calling for Mandatory Conservation in Compliance With the State Water Resources Control Board's Emergency Regulation as Amended on May 5, 2015 Through Resolution No. 2015-0032 and that Resolution No. 15-9 be presented to the full Board for consideration at the May 27, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

5) Project Updates.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that the District is managing its water supply during the drought but faces challenges and that everyone has a role to play in the drought.

5.2) Drought Management Task Force. (Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that the Drought Management Task Force is discussing unifying efforts to facilitate both the implementation of the District's Rules and Regulations and the State Water Resources Control Board's mandates while continuing to provide high quality water at the lowest possible cost.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that the Forest Service continues to be cooperative on this Project; that environmental documents will be circulated for public review beginning May 29; that a public meeting will be held June 18 at the District's office

to receive public comment on these documents; and then provided an overview of this Project and proposed method of sediment disposal.

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

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting will be held tonight and that items on the agenda include authorizing the submission of a planning grant application to help with phase 2 design costs to expand the recycled water system from McAdam Park to Massari Park and the reallocation of recycled water to the Authority.

He then reviewed the purpose for forming the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority and the intended use of recycled water for the City of Palmdale's power plant, for distribution to the Authority for parks and landscape areas, and for the District's recharge or agricultural exchange projects.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that this Project is in the final stages of design and then provided an overview of this Project.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that staff met with Kennedy Jenks Consultants to ensure this Project is designed to meet the District's needs first with excess capacity for partners and to review outreach for presenting this Project to the public.

Chair Dizmang then stated that the Outreach Committee may be of use in publicizing this Project.

6) Information Items.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula reviewed the water purchase opportunity of suspended Table A State Water Project water, which will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

6.2) Other.

There were no further information items.

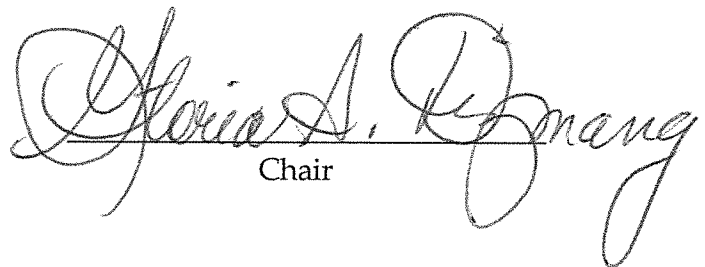
7) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

It was then stated that the next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting will be held June 29, 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 at 3:44 p.m


Chair