

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JUNE 29, 2015:

A regular meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, June 29, 2015, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Dizmang called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Robert Alvarado, PWD Director
Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager
Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Director
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
1 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 May 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 May 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 May, 2015, including comparisons with 2013 water usage, and stated that projections, budgeted, and actual consumption

numbers indicate customers are responding to the request for reduced water use and that per capita water use remains below the 2020 goal followed by discussion of the recent humidity and rate of evaporation.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula reviewed the storage level of Oroville Reservoir and outflow of this water and storage levels for San Luis Reservoir followed by discussion of the preservation of different fish species in the State Water Project and reduced water allocations to the State Water Project contractors.

5) Project Updates.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that there appears to be a 90% probability of El Nino conditions for the winter of 2015/spring of 2016 followed by discussion of the definition of El Nino conditions.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that the Drought Management Task Force continues to meet to review the failures and successes of the District's programs to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board's mandates and that a graph will be developed to assist customers with their mandatory water use reductions.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that the public review period of the environmental documents for this Project has been delayed due to Forest Service comments; that these comments have been addressed; and that the Forest Service has indicated they are committed to the public review process.

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

General Manager LaMoreaux stated there is progress in the reallocation of recycled water to the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority through the assistance of the office of Supervisor Antonovich; that instruction was given to Los Angeles County Waterworks to remove themselves from the business of recycled water; that a status conference call is scheduled for the end of July; that new recycled water contracts will be entered into with the City of Palmdale, the City of Lancaster, the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority, and the County for providing water to Apollo Park; that the Authority will meet in August; and that a letter has been received from the City of Palmdale allowing the Authority to use their recycled water for construction water or other needs.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that the design drawings for this Project are approximately 75% complete and that there have been delays due to the discovery of Native American artifacts near a tie-in point to the aqueduct and due to the Streambed Alteration Agreement.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that the public comment period for the Notice of Preparation for the EIR for this Project began June 19 and remains open until July 20; that several comments have been received from property owners; that a public scoping meeting for this Project is scheduled for July 11 at the District's office; and that Kennedy-Jenks Consultants is making good progress on the preliminary design for the Project.

6) Information Items.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that staff continues work on potential water purchase and long-term lease opportunities.

6.2) Other.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a land broker informed the Directors via email of property for sale in the Owen's Valley with 3,000 acre foot of water and that staff will investigate this offer.

He then stated that water production is 25% to 30% less than 2013 for the month of June, which is a 700 acre foot start towards the savings goal of 5,500 acre feet.

There were no further information items.

7) Presentations:

7.1) Urban Water Management Planning. (Mary Lou Cotton, Kennedy-Jenks Consultants/Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula)

Ms. Mary Lou Cotton, Kennedy-Jenks Consultants and General Manager for the State Water Project Contractors Authority, provided an overview of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan requirements including the timeline, the added complexity of the items and regulations required to be included in the Plan, electronic filing and submittal of data for the Plan, standardized data tables, voluntary information that can be included in the Plan, consistency of the Plans among agencies, and uses of the Plan including the eligibility for grants.

8) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

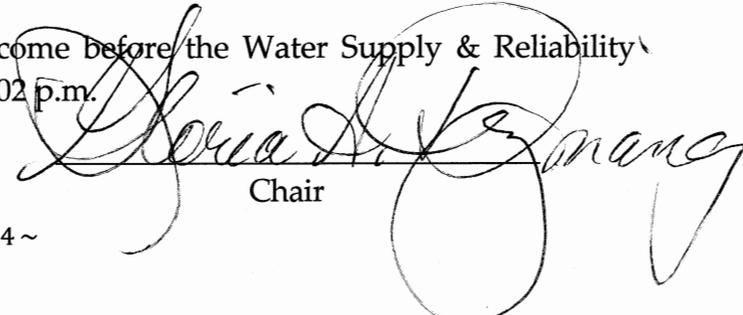
It was recommended that an item be included on the next agenda for "Discussion of the consultant selection process for the preparation of the District's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan."

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

It was then stated that the next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting will be held July 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

9) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Water Supply & Reliability Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.


Chair