Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
August 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
August 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, September 3, 2015 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 12, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held July 22, 2015; payment of bills for August 12, 2015; and receive and file semi-annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the period covering January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 15-12 Supporting the Nomination of Director Kathleen Tiegs as the Association of California Water Agencies President. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 15-12 Supporting the Nomination of Kathleen Tiegs as the Association of California Water Agencies President.

- *Consideration and possible action on setting Palmdale Water District's assessment rates for fiscal year 2015-2016 and adoption of Resolution No. 15-13 regarding said rates. (Financial Advisor Egan/Finance Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 15-13 Establishing a Secured Tax Rate of 0.299219 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. These assessments are levied to cover the District's share of costs associated with the State Water Project.

- *Consideration and possible action on continuation of the District's Internship Program. (Human Resources Director Emery/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to continue the District's Internship Program for the fall semester increasing the number of interns from six to seven. This Internship Program has been successful with a positive response from local schools and agencies in the community.

- *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: Coaching and Mentoring Skills for Leadership Success Seminar to be held August 20, 2015 in Burbank; 2015 Western Regional Backflow Conference to be held September 28 – 29, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada; Scada & Security Products Telepace Studio Ladder Logic Training Class to be Held October 6 – 8, 2015 in Mill Valley; and Scada & Security Products ClearSCADA Training Class-Level 1 to be held October 19 – 22, 2015 in Mill Valley:* It was unanimously carried to approve attendance at these conferences, seminars, and training sessions.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the AUGUST 26, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Presentation: Drought Report-Review of "Water Conservation and Reduction in Water Demand Efforts Report as of July, 2015:"* The Palmdale Water District's ratepayers achieved a 35.3% reduction in water use compared to July, 2013 averaging a 31.6% reduction in water use to date. This is still short of the District's 32% state-mandated water use reduction goal.

- *Presentation: Financing options for Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project. (Engineering/Grant Manager Riley/Rick Adcock and Roger Austin, MWH Infrastructure Development Group:* The next step for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project is to explore financing options including grants, state loans, and public and/or private financing. MWH Infrastructure Development Group provided a detailed overview on the private financing option.

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held August 12, 2015 and payment of bills for August 26, 2015.

- *Consideration and possible action on revisions to Organizational Structure. (Assistant General Manager Knudson/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to revise the Organizational Structure to consolidate maintenance activities in the Facilities Department.

- *Consideration and possible action on revisions to the Palmdale Water District Rate Assistance Program. (Finance Manager Williams/Finance Committee):* It was unanimously carried to revise the District's Rate Assistance Program to, among other revisions, offer the Program to seniors, veterans, and low income residents, limit the Program to residents with a 1" or smaller meter, and place a cap on annual funds for the Program, which is funded through the District's property leases.

- *Consideration and possible action on Change Order No. 1 to Specification No. 1207, being the construction of the water main abandonment and service reconnection in 10th St. E. from Ave. Q-4 to Palmdale Blvd. and water main replacement in 10th St. E. from Ave. Q-4 to Ave. P. ($70,000.00 – Budgeted 2013A Water Revenue Bond – Project Manager Thompson):* It was unanimously carried to approve Change Order No. 1 to Specification No. 1207. The work constructed under Specification No. 1207, including the work included in Change Order No. 1, was completed under budget.

- *Consideration and possible action on moving the second Regular Board Meeting in September from September 23 to September 28 due to lack of a quorum. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to reschedule the second Regular Board Meeting in September from September 23 to September 28 due to lack of a quorum.

- *Consideration and possible action on creating a standing item for "Break Prior to Closed Session." (President Mac Laren):* It was unanimously carried to add a standing item to future agendas for "Break prior to closed session."

- *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: 30th Annual WateReuse Symposium to be held September 13 – 16, 2015 in Seattle, Washington:* It was unanimously carried to approve attendance at this conference.

The Palmdale Water District Board of Director meetings are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held September 9, 2015. Board meetings are held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, and the public is invited to attend.

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About Palmdale Water District:

The Palmdale Water District has grown from an agency providing irrigation water for 60 customers to an agency providing domestic water to the thriving community we know today. Founded as an irrigation district supplying water mainly to farms for agricultural use, the District's boundaries expanded with Palmdale's rapid population growth, and the District has shifted to providing predominantly municipal and industrial water. The Palmdale Water District is currently divided into five divisions covering areas in East and central Palmdale. The Palmdale Water District remains dedicated to providing clean, pure water; state of the art facilities to meet current and future needs; attentive staff committed to customer satisfaction; treatment and testing to ensure high quality water; education on water conservation and safety; and reliable supply and resourceful planning insuring customer satisfaction and continued reasonable rates. The Palmdale Water District can be reached by calling (661) 947-4111. The Palmdale Water District is located at 2029 East Avenue Q in Palmdale, California.

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