

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 24, 2015:

A regular meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, August 24, 2015, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Dizmang called the meeting to order at 2:30 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
Peter Thompson II, Deputy Water & Energy Res. Dir.
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
2 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 July 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 July 20, 2015, as written.

4.2) Presentation of Monthly Water Demand and Supply Status. (Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula)

Deputy Water & Energy Resources Director Thompson II and Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula reviewed the water supply projections and charts included in

the agenda packets through July, 2015, which show a June 27.5% reduction in water use compared to 2013, a July 31.6% reduction in water use compared to 2013, and August is tracking at a 27% reduction; 12-month total per capita water use is less than 150 gallons per person per day; water demands can be met for 2015; and staff hopes for a strong El Nino pattern with heavy snowpack followed by discussion of sinkholes and consistent groundwater production.

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

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that the State Water Contractors have opposed the decision to loan State Water Project water to the federal side.

5) Project Updates.

5.1) Drought Management Task Force and Status as of July 31, 2015. (Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that the Drought Management Task Force will meet next week; that the focus of the meeting will be to discuss our customers' current response to water conservation requests, develop methods for additional reductions in water use, and review methods to target the District's largest water users.

Chair Dizmang then recommended specific questions be asked of the Vice Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board at Wednesday's Water Summit regarding the District's water use reduction, and General Manager LaMoreaux recommended the scheduling of the State Water Resources Control Board's subcommittee workshops also be discussed with the Vice Chair.

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

Chair Dizmang stated that the removal of sediment from Littlerock Reservoir is critical due to potential El Nino conditions and storage capacity in Littlerock Reservoir after which Assistant General Manager Knudson provided an overview of Forest Service delays and work needed prior to actual removal of the sediment including the

CEQA/NEPA process, the permitting process, and the design of the grade control structure.

The immediate diversion of Littlerock Reservoir water if an El Nino condition develops and the effect of the Station fire on the Littlerock Dam watershed were then discussed after which Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that Facilities Manager Moore will present information at a future Regular Board Meeting regarding the preparation of Palmdale Ditch.

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

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that an Authority meeting was held last week and that the hiring of an environmental consultant to help prepare a state grant package was approved along with the forms and water rates to use recycled water for construction purposes.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that once the final design drawings for this Project are complete, construction bids can be obtained.

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

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that work continues on the CEQA document for the EIR for this Project; that preliminary design is progressing with pipeline alignment, the basins, and the pump station for recovery of the water; and that MWH Consulting will present a financing option for this Project at the next Regular Board Meeting.

5.6) Request for Qualifications Process for Preparation of 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula stated that a Request for Qualifications has been issued for the preparation of the District's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

6) Information Items.

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

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

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 September 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

8) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Water Supply & Reliability Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.


Chair