PALMDALE RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY (PRWA)

MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2015
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA NO. 17 OF THE
PALMDALE RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY (PRWA)
HELD AT PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, 2029 EAST AVENUE Q
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA

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1. CALL TO ORDER.

Director Mac Laren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL: DIRECTORS JAMES C. LEDFORD, JR., KATHY MAC LAREN, ROBERT ALVARADO, FRED THOMPSON, AND HELEN VELADOR

PRESENT: Directors Mac Laren, Alvarado, Thompson, and Velador.

Motion: Move to excuse the absence of Chair Ledford.
Moved by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Alvarado

Vote: Motion Carried (4-0)
Yes: Directors Mac Laren, Alvarado, Thompson and Velador
Absent: Chair Ledford

4. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTION(S).

Motion: Move to waive full reading of the Resolution(s) to be considered and voted on at this meeting.
Moved by Director Velador, seconded by Director Alvarado

Vote: Motion Carried (4-0)
Yes: Directors Mac Laren, Alvarado, Thompson and Velador
Absent: Chair Ledford

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – PUBLIC COMMENTS ONLY

There were no public comments.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR:

6.1 Approve the Minutes from the previous meeting held on March 18, 2015 (7pm). (Staff Reference: Authority Secretary Smith)

6.2 Approve Receipt and Filing of the Treasurer's Report for the four months ending April 30, 2015. (Staff Reference: Treasurer/Auditor Johnston)

6.3 Approve the Receipt and Filing of the Annual Audited Financial Report for 2014. (Staff Reference: Treasurer/Auditor Johnston)

Motion: Move to approve the recommendations and findings on all items listed under this Consent Calendar.
Moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Thompson

Vote: Motion Carried (4-0)
Yes: Directors Mac Laren, Alvarado, Thompson and Velador
Absent: Chair Ledford

7. ACTION CALENDAR

7.1 Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing the submittal of a Water Recycling Grant Application to the State Water Resources Control Board for the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Recycled Water Line Phase 2 project which includes approval of the following: (Staff Reference: Executive Director LaMoreaux)

1. Approve staff to prepare grant applications to the California State Water Resources Control Board.

2. Approve a planning grant request to the SWRCB to provide $75,000 in cost share funding from the Water Recycling Component of Proposition 1.

3. Approve a construction grant request to the SWRCB to provide up to 35% of construction in grant funding.

4. Adopt Resolution No. PRWA 2015-004, a Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Authorizing The Submittal Of A Water Recycling Grant Application To State Water Resources Control Board For The Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Recycled Water Line Phase 2 Project.

5. Authorize the Executive Secretary to transmit the grant applications when completed to SWRCB.

Matt Knudson, Palmdale Water District staff member, presented the staff report and provided an overview of the grant program and the design and construction of Phase 2 pipeline.

Director Velador asked if there was one grant or more. Matt Knudson replied this is for the $75,000 grant only.

Motion: Move to approve all items required to prepare, approve and submit the Water Recycling Grant Application to the SWRCB.
Moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Velador

Public Comments: Gloria Dizmang asked if expenditures will go towards acquiring water. Executive Director LaMoreaux stated this will help pay for the design of the next waterline. Matt Knudson stated that we already have authority for the contract with AV Engineering for the design services and this grant will offset the direct cost of design services as well.

Vote: Motion Carried (4-0)
Yes: Directors Mac Laren, Alvarado, Thompson and Velador
Absent: Chair Ledford

8. SPECIAL REPORT

8.1 Discussion and possible action regarding priority of use of Recycled Water and a status on the Recycled Water Allocation Agreements. (Staff Reference: Authority Counsel Ditzhazy)

Authority Counsel Ditzhazy asked the Board to continue this item to next month's meeting because there is a meeting on June 17th that will include Los Angeles County Waterworks, Supervisor Antonovich, and the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, both Sanitation Districts, and the Palmdale Water District. These entities will be brought together to discuss the reallocation agreement of the recycled water that is being put out by both Sanitation Districts 14 and 20.

Authority Counsel Ditzhazy spoke regarding the Joint Powers Agreement and the allocation of water. He stated the City was supposed to assign its contract for 2,000 acre feet to the Authority, but this has not been done. He also stated that Executive Director LaMoreaux and Assistant Executive Director Mischel are going to the joint meeting and they will report back to the Authority what happened at the meeting and whether or not we are close to an agreement.

Executive Director LaMoreaux stated we will be in a better position to see if we need to do the 2,000 acre feet allocation and if the other process is bogged down, but one way or another we will find a way to have water assigned to the Authority by the end of the summer.

Director Mac Laren stated that there were people on the board who are concerned about the allocation. She asked about the Authority attending the meeting and sending a letter.

Director Alvarado asked for direction on sending a delegation to the meeting.

Authority Counsel Ditzhazy stated the parties are in alignment except there is one hold out and that is the problem.

Executive Director LaMoreaux stated we could place an item on the next agenda to discuss the outcome of the joint meeting and discuss strategies and stated the authority does not need to attend the joint meeting.

Director Mac Laren spoke about the possible legal action the authority might take.

Executive Director LaMoureaux stated we could place a closed session item on the next agenda.

Director Mac Laren asked if we needed something from the attorney to put the item on the agenda.

Director Alvarado asked if we need a letter of support or a resolution.

Authority Counsel Ditzhazy stated that Executive Director could prepare a letter, but we cannot do a resolution since it is not on our agenda tonight.

There was further discussion by the Board about possible action by the Board.

Director Thompson stated he felt that since the joint meeting is not until June 17th, we should not take any action at this time.

Executive Director LaMoreaux stated we should send a letter of support only.

Director Velador asked is there a difference between being assigned versus allotted, and Authority Counsel Ditzhazy and Executive Director LaMoreaux responded.

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Motion: Move to continue Item 8.1 to the June meeting.
Moved by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Velador

No vote was taken at this time.

Vote: Motion Carried (4-0)
Yes: Directors Mac Laren, Alvarado, Thompson and Velador
Absent: Chair Ledford

9. NON-AGENDA ITEMS - PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

10. INFORMATIONAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Director Velador, Director Alvarado, and Director Thompson did not have an informational report.

Director Mac Laren suggested a future agenda item and that item would be to fast track allocation of water to businesses and citizens due to a 35% cut for Palmdale Water District.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Mac Laren adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. to June 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Palmdale Council Chambers located at 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale, California

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 17th day of June 2015.

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James C. Ledford, Jr.
Chair

ATTEST:

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Rebecca J. Smith
Secretary