Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
October 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
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PALMDALE, CA, December 7, 2015 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present, considered the following matters at the OCTOBER 14, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held September 28, 2015; minutes of President's Dinner held September 30, 2015; payment of bills for October 14, 2015; and approval to reject claim of Jose A. Esqueda.

- *Consideration and possible action to waive District policy to allow the serving of alcohol at October 29, 2015 African American Chamber of Commerce Mixer to be held at the District office. (PIO/Conservation Director McNutt):* It was unanimously carried to approve this waiver of District policy. It is standard procedure for a Chamber to sell alcohol at their mixer events, and they provide the necessary insurance to do so.

- *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: Southern California Laborers Water Forum to be held October 16, 2015 in Azusa and Waukesha-Pearce Ind. Training Center Gas Engine Technology School to be held November 3 – 6, 2015 in Bakersfield:* 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 OCTOBER 28, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Presentation: Drought Report-Review of "Water Conservation and Reduction in Water Demand Efforts Report as of September, 2015:"* The Palmdale Water District's ratepayers achieved a 29.4% reduction in water use compared to September, 2013. This is still short of the District's 32% state-mandated water use reduction goal.

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held October 14, 2015; payment of bills for October 28, 2015; approve absence of Director Estes from October 14, 2015 meeting due to illness; and approval of 2016 District membership in California Special Districts Association. ($6,089.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux)

- *Consideration and possible action on ratification of arrangement for Palmdale Water District to temporarily deliver treated water to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency via existing inter-connection located at Rancho Vista Boulevard and Division Street under the Water Treatment and Transportation Agreement between Palmdale Water District and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency. (Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to ratify this arrangement. As requested by Los Angeles County Waterworks, the Palmdale Water District provided emergency water service to Waterworks customers due to the recent flooding, aqueduct damage, and disruption of service.

- *Consideration and possible action on Salary Survey. (Assistant General Manager Knudson/Human Resources Director Emery/Personnel Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve the Salary Survey, as presented, which will be effective January 1, 2016.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the NOVEMBER 9, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held October 28, 2015; payment of bills for November 9, 2015; approval of Change Order No. 1 to Work Order No. 15-608 being the emergency repair of the Well 18/19 Reservoir. ($55,000.00 – Budgeted – Project Manager Thompson)

- *Consideration and possible action on request for reconsideration received from Charlene Coney of October 15, 2015 $50.00 Water Waste Fine Appeal Determination. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve the October 15, 2015 $50.00 Water Waste Fine Appeal Determination. This fine is now removed, rather than suspended, from Ms. Coney's account.

- *Consideration and possible action on selection of consultant for preparation of 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. ($40,000.00 – Budgeted – Water & Energy Resources Director Pernula/Water Supply & Reliability Committee):* It was unanimously carried to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for the development and completion of the District's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan subject to General Counsel approval of the Agreement. The District is required to prepare and file this planning document every five years.

- *Consideration and possible action on cancelling December 23, 2015 Board meeting due to office closure. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was carried, with Director Dizmang abstaining, to cancel the December 23, 2015 Board meeting due to the District's scheduled holiday office closure.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with four Directors present, considered the following matters at the NOVEMBER 25, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Presentation: Drought Report-Review of "Water Conservation and Reduction in Water Demand Efforts Report as of October, 2015:"* The Palmdale Water District's ratepayers achieved a 27.6% reduction in water use compared to October, 2013. Customers have greatly reduced water use, and the District appreciates these efforts; however, the District's state-mandated water use reduction remains at 32%. The District faces fines if this goal is not met. Please continue to conserve!

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held November 9, 2015; payment of bills for November 25, 2015; and approval of Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) 2016 annual agency dues. ($22,106.67 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux)

- *Consideration and possible action on 2016 Budget. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was carried on a 3 – 1 vote, with Director Estes opposed, to approve a 4% water rate adjustment effective January 1, 2015. The 2016 Budget was not approved and will be considered at a special Board meeting.

- *Consideration and possible action on revisions to Cash for Grass Program. (PIO/Conservation Director McNutt):* It was unanimously carried to approve revisions to the Cash for Grass Program. These revisions implement an incentive based approach with the amount of the rebate based on how much water a property has conserved and caps the Cash for Grass rebate at $3,000.00 per recipient.

- *Consideration and possible action on Professional Services Agreement with The Mathis Consulting Group for training for cultural improvements for 2015-2016. ($43,750.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to approve this Agreement at the reduced amount of not-to-exceed $20,000.00. This amount includes services related to the Board of Directors.

- *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: California Special Districts Association "Special District Leadership Academy Conference" to be held January 24 – 27, 2016 in La Quinta:* It was unanimously carried to approve attendance at these conferences, seminars, and training sessions.

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. with the exception of December where the December 23, 2015 meeting has been cancelled.

The next regular Board meeting will be held December 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.

Palmdale Water District Board Members

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Division 2 Joe Estes
Division 3 Gloria Dizmang
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Division 5 Vincent Dino

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