Press Release

Palmdale Water District
Board Meeting Actions
November 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
November 22, 2016 Special Budget Board Meeting
November 23, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, December 1, 2016 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the NOVEMBER 9, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of financial workshop special meeting held October 19, 2016 and payment of bills for November 9, 2016. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 26, 2016 were approved, as amended, on a 4 – 0 vote, with Director Mac Laren abstaining.

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 16-17 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Adopting a Reduced Water Rate Adjustment of 4.25% for Each Calendar Year 2017, 2018, and 2019, Amending Appendix C to the Rules and Regulations of the Palmdale Water District, and Establishing Prudent Parameters to Consider Further Water Rate Adjustment Reductions. (Assistant General Manager Knudson/Finance Manager Williams/Finance Committee):* It was carried on a 3 – 2 vote, with Directors Henriquez and Estes opposed, to approve Resolution No. 16-17. This Resolution adopts a 4.25% water rate increase for 2017, 2018, and 2019, rather than the 5.5% rate increase approved in the Water Rate Plan for each of the three years, and allows for long-term financial planning for critically needed water supply and infrastructure projects and for meeting reserve levels.

- *Consideration and possible action on award of Consulting Engineering Contract with ESA to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2016 Palmdale Water District Water Master Plan. ($174,715.00 – Budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley):* It was unanimously carried to award a Consulting Engineering Contract to ESA to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the District's 2016 Water Master Plan. The preparation of a PEIR for proposed capital improvement facilities included in the 2016 Water Master Plan is required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

- *Consideration and possible action on USGS Groundwater Elevation and Water Quality Monitoring Program through Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association. ($7,750.00 – Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Knudson):* It was unanimously carried to continue participation in the USGS Groundwater Elevation and Water Quality Monitoring Program, which is needed for grant applications, through the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association. The cost of this Program is divided among the three member agencies of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors with the District's portion being $7,750.00.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the NOVEMBER 22, 2016 SPECIAL BUDGET BOARD MEETING:

- *Consideration and possible action on 2017 Budget. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was carried on a 4 – 1 vote, with Director Estes opposed, to approve the 2017 Budget including a Director budget of $22,000.00 per Director.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the NOVEMBER 23, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held November 9, 2016; payment of bills for November 23, 2016; approval to reject claim received from Jamal P. Panoussi and refer to Joint Powers Insurance Authority (General Manager LaMoreaux); approval of California Special Districts Association 2017 membership ($6,485.00 – Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux); and approve absence of Director Mac Laren from October 26, 2016 Board meeting due to vacation.

- *Consideration and possible action on cancellation of second regular Board meeting in December. (General Manager LaMoreaux):* It was unanimously carried to cancel the second Regular Board Meeting in December. The District will be closed December 26 through December 30, 2016 but will have a skeleton crew available to process water bill payments and to respond to emergencies.

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 the month of December where only one Board meeting will be held. The next regular Board meeting will be held December 14, 2016. 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.