Press Release

Palmdale Water District

Board Meeting Actions

February 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

PALMDALE, CA, February 28, 2017 – The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the FEBRUARY 8, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held January 25, 2017; payment of bills for February 8, 2017; and receive and file semi-annual employee reimbursement report for the period covering July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (Finance Manager Williams).

- *Consideration and possible action on three-year proposal from Siemens Industry, Inc. Advantage Services for fire safety compliance inspections of the District's sprinkler system/alarms/extinguishers. ($5,832.00 year one; $6,007 year two; $6,187 year three – Budgeted – Human Resources Director Emery):* It was unanimously carried to approve the three-year proposal from Siemens Industry, Inc, which ensures compliance with state of California guidelines regarding maintenance and records for sprinkler system/alarms/extinguishers.

- *Consideration and possible action on implementation of security system at Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. ($225,674.00 – Budgeted – Project Manager Thompson Sr.):* It was unanimously carried to waive the District's Bid Policy under Appendix M of the Rules and Regulations and award a contract to Siemens Industry, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of $225,674.00 for the construction and implementation of a security system at the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. Funding for this system is provided through the previously approved Lease Agreement with Holman Capital.

- *Consideration and possible action on the approval of the purchase of a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). ($40,600.00 – Budgeted – Water Quality/Regulatory Affairs Supervisor Thompson):* It was unanimously carried to approve the purchase of LIMS for the lab at the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant in the not-to-exceed amount of $40,600.00. LIMS is a data management software system for tracking sample collection, analysis, and result processes.

- *Consideration and possible action on format for Certificates of Appreciation under Article 4.10 and Appendix EE, Exhibit 2 of the District's Rules and Regulations. (Director Estes):* The District is a member of various organizations, and Certificates of Appreciation are presented to members of these organizations. The Board concurred with Director Estes' recommendation to revise the format of the certificates.

- *Consideration and possible action on changing the meeting time of Board meetings. (Director Dino/General Manager LaMoreaux):* After discussion of the minimal savings achieved from changing the meeting time of Board meetings, it was determined that Regular Board Meetings will continue to be held at 7:00 p.m.

- *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 2017 Budget:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions: Sage Designs, Inc. SCADA & Security Products "Telepace Studio Ladder Logic Training Class" to be held March 14 – 16, 2017 in Mill Valley; WQI Distribution Review Classes to be held at various locations in 2017; and WQI Water Treatment Review Classes to be held at various locations in 2017.

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, with five Directors present, considered the following matters at the <u>FEBRUARY 22, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:</u>

- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes of regular meeting held February 8, 2017; payment of bills for February 22, 2017; and approval to disband the following Board Ad Hoc Committees: Ad Hoc Legal Services Committee, Ad Hoc Board Norms Committee, Ad Hoc Littlerock Dam Committee, Ad Hoc Fin & Feather Committee, Ad Hoc GM Contract Committee, Ad Hoc Best Practices Committee, Ad Hoc Energy Committee, Ad Hoc Board Compensation and Expenses Committee, and Ad Hoc Spanish Interpreter Committee. (President Alvarado)

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 17-6 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Ending Emergency Drought Restrictions and Surcharge and Commending District Customers on Conservation Accomplishments During the Drought. (Deputy Water & Energy Resources Director Thompson II):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 17-6, which eliminates watering restrictions and the drought surcharge. The Board of Directors commended its customers for achieving outstanding water conservation goals.

- *Consideration and possible action on 2016 Strategic Plan Initiatives. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Assistant General Manager Knudson/Dr. Bill Mathis):* It was unanimously carried to approve Strategic Initiatives and Projects for 2016/2017 and begin planning for 2018. The Strategic Plan helps guide the District and assists staff in establishing projects and goals.

- *Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. 17-7 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District adopting a Debt Management Policy. (No budget impact – Finance Manager Williams/Finance Committee):* It was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 17-7. The District is required to adopt a Debt Management Policy and must file annual debt transparency reports.

- *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 2017 Budget:* It was unanimously carried to approve Board and staff attendance at the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions: Water Education for Latino Leaders 5th Annual Conference "Water in California" to be held March 23 - 24, 2017 in San Diego; and A.W.W.A. Spring Conference "Facing the Future Together" to be held April 10 - 13, 2017 in Anaheim.

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. 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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