MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JANUARY 24, 2018:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. President, Vincent Dino, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Dino, Director Alvarado led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Vincent Dino, President	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Marco Henriquez, Treasurer	Eric Dunn, General Counsel
Joe Estes, Secretary	Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Kathy Mac Laren, Director	Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Robert Alvarado, Director	Jim Riley, Engineering/Grant Manager
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	6 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Alvarado to adopt the agenda, as written.

President Dino then stated that Agenda Item No.'s 5.1, 9, 10, 11, and 12 can be removed from tonight's agenda after which Director Alvarado amended his motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, removing Agenda Item No.'s 5.1, 9, 10, 11, and 12. The motion was seconded by Director Henriquez and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

Mr. David Palmer, Palmdale resident, suggested the water be drained from Littlerock Reservoir to make sediment removal from Littlerock Reservoir easier and to help with Division of Safety of Dam requirements.

Ms. Joanne Granai, Palmdale resident, requested the Board investigate the alleged impropriety of Director Henriquez regarding the Palmdale School District's recent actions on the Guidance Charter School to determine if the allegations are correct.

6) Action Items – Consent Calendar: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is Considered Collectively by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)

6.1) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held January 10, 2018.

6.2) Payment of Bills for January 24, 2018.

6.3) Approval of Reappointment of Helen Velador to Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Board. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)

6.4) Approval of Resolution No. 18-1 Being a Tax Sharing Resolution With Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)

6.5) Approve Absence of Director Mac Laren From January 10, 2018 Meeting Due to a Work Commitment. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

President Dino announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Alvarado and seconded by Director Estes to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

Director Henriquez then requested Helen Velador inform the Board of her vision for the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority, and after her presentation and of clarification of Directors voting on their own absences, the motion unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

7) Action Items - Action Calendar (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)

7.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Reorganization of the Board of Directors for the Positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary Effective at the Next Regular Board Meeting. (Director Mac Laren)

Director Estes expressed his desire to become Vice President after which it was moved by Director Henriquez and seconded by Director Estes to nominate Director Estes as Board Vice President. Director Estes accepted the nomination.

Ms. Alisha Semchuck, Palmdale resident, expressed concern with the Vice President nomination of Director Estes due to his behavior in an election process, at Board meetings, with the public, and with District staff, and requested the Board not vote for Director Estes as Vice President.

Ms. Joanne Granai, Palmdale resident, then expressed the same concerns as Ms. Semchuck along with concerns about meeting absences and Directors' budgets and recommended this matter be revisited in one year and Director Alvarado be voted in as Vice President.

Director Estes then clarified his medical issues and past record and defended his position as a Director for the District, his budget, and the progress of the District due to the efforts of the full Board.

After a further discussion, the motion failed on the following by division roll call vote of all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting:

Director Alvarado – no
Director Estes – no
Director Henriquez – no
Director Mac Laren – no
President Dino – no

It was then moved by Director Alvarado and seconded by Director Henriquez to nominate Director Mac Laren as Board Vice President. Director Mac Laren accepted the nomination.

Ms. Joanne Granai, Palmdale resident, recommended that this position be held for one year and stated that she has nothing personal against Director Estes.

After a further discussion, the motion unanimously carried on the following by division roll call vote of all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting:

Director Alvarado – yes
Director Estes – yes
Director Henriquez – yes
Director Mac Laren – yes
President Dino – yes

It was then moved by Director Estes and seconded by Director Mac Laren to nominate Director Henriquez as Board Treasurer. Director Henriquez accepted the nomination.

After a further discussion, the motion unanimously carried on the following by division roll call vote of all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting:

Director Alvarado – yes
Director Estes – yes
Director Henriquez – yes
Director Mac Laren – yes
President Dino – yes

It was then moved by Director Henriquez and seconded by Director Mac Laren to nominate Director Estes as Board Secretary. Director Estes accepted the nomination.

After a further discussion, the motion unanimously carried on the following by division roll call vote of all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting:

Director Alvarado – yes
Director Estes – yes
Director Henriquez – yes
Director Mac Laren – yes
President Dino – yes

The officers of the Palmdale Water District Board of Directors are as follows:

Vincent Dino, President
Kathy Mac Laren, Vice President
Marco Henriquez, Treasurer
Joe Estes, Secretary
Robert Alvarado, Director

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Contract with Black and Veatch Corporation to Complete Emergency Action Plans and Flood Inundation Maps for Lake Palmdale and Littlerock Dam. ($178,970.00 – Budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley)

Engineering/Grant Manager Riley provided an overview of the proposed contract with Black and Veatch, and after a brief discussion of the contract and of completion dates for the work, it was moved by Director Henriquez and seconded by Director Alvarado to approve a contract with Black and Veatch Corporation to complete Emergency Action Plans and Flood Inundation Maps for Lake Palmdale and Littlerock Dam in the not-to-exceed amount of $178.970.00.

Mr. David Palmer, Palmdale resident, recommended the District purchase properties in the proposed inundation area and clarified the contract amount.

The motion then unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Amendment No. 1 With ESA Associates for the 2016 Water Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report. ($69,985.00 – Budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley)

Engineering/Grant Manager Riley provided an overview of Amendment No. 1, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Amendment No. 1 with ESA Associates for the 2016 Water Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report in the not-to-exceed amount of $69,985.00.

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Special District Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Representative and Alternate Representative. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the candidates for Special District LAFCO Representative and Alternate Representative, and after a brief discussion of the candidates and of President Dino casting the District's ballot in this election, it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Henriquez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to cast the District's ballot in the election of Special District LAFCO Representative for E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach and of Special District LAFCO Alternate Representative for Joseph T. Ruzicka.

7.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Outreach Activities for 2018. (Public Affairs Director Shay)

a) Update on 100th Year Anniversary Events.

Public Affairs Director Shay informed the Board that the 100th anniversary open house main event is scheduled for July 22, 2018 from 1 – 4 p.m. and many activities are planned for the event; that monthly tours continue with the next tour scheduled for February 15; that items can be donated for the time capsule; that the new logo is being phased in; that progress continues on the commemorative book and videos; and that the past, present, and future of the District is featured in the upcoming ACWA News.

b) Outreach Plans for 2018.

She then stated that 24 units of blood were collected at the District's recent blood drive; that work continues on the Palmdale School District's Community/Learning Garden at Yucca Elementary School; that elementary coloring and junior high school essay contests begin next week; that a Public Service Announcement contest with the high schools continues; that a Town Hall Forum is scheduled at the District on March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.; that the District is participating in the upcoming Smart Water Expo at the Home and Garden Show in March; that the latest issue of The Pipeline was sent in December; and that the City of Palmdale will feature an article for the District in their publication.

c) Upcoming Events.

She then stated that the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner is scheduled for January 26; that the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Conference is scheduled for March 2; that Read Across America is also scheduled for March 2 and volunteers are needed; and that Dr. Yorke, who has conducted bird research at Palmdale Lake, is scheduled to make a presentation on his studies at the next Regular Board Meeting.

d) Outreach Recommendations From Directors.

Director Alvarado stated that he invited the CEO and representative for ACWA to the District's 100th anniversary event and recommended the blood drive be held twice a year.

7.6) 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 2018 Budget:

a) Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner to be Held January 26, 2018 in Palmdale.

b) California Rural Water Association Distribution Certification Review Grades 1-2 to be Held February 28 – March 1, 2018 in Palmdale.

c) Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 21st Gala Installation to be Held March 23, 2018 at University of Antelope Valley.

d) P3 Water Summit 'Solving Water Challenges Through Partnerships' Conference to be Held April 3 – 4, 2018 in San Diego.

e) Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Western District Conference to be Held April 12 – 13, 2018 in Denver, Colorado.

f) California Rural Water Association Water Treatment Certification Review Grades 1-2 to be Held April 18 – 19, 2018 in Bakersfield.

After a brief discussion of these conferences, seminars, and training sessions, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2018 Budget: Palmdale School District Foundation dinner to be held January 26, 2018 in Palmdale; California Rural Water Association Distribution Certification Review Grades 1-2 to be held February 28 – March 1, 2018 in Palmdale; Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 21st Gala Installation to be held March 23, 2018 at University of Antelope Valley; P3 Water Summit 'Solving Water Challenges Through Partnerships' Conference to be held April 3 – 4, 2018 in San Diego; Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Western District Conference to be held April 12 – 13, 2018 in Denver, Colorado; California Rural Water Association Water Treatment Certification Review Grades 1-2 to be held April 18 – 19, 2018 in Bakersfield.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Meetings/General Report.

Director Alvarado reported that on January 17, he attended the District's blood drive; that on January 18, he attended a Citizenship Graduation within Division 1; that on January 22, he attended the Finance Committee meeting; and that on January 23, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting.

Director Mac Laren reported that on January 24, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board meeting; that also on January 24, she attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Ad Hoc Committee meeting; and that also on January 24, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting. She then clarified the following meeting attendance in December – on December 14, she attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting and on December 18, she attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting. She then clarified the following meeting attendance in November – she previously reported a Watermaster meeting was held on November 13 and it should have been reported as being held on November 15 and on November 9, she attended a water producers meeting.

Director Henriquez reported that on January 11, he attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting; that on January 22, he attended and chaired the Finance Committee meeting; and that on January 23, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting.

Director Estes reported that on January 23, he attended a telephone Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting and clarified the $699.00 item removed from his 2017 budget.

President Dino reported that on January 9, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; that on January 11, he attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting as an Alternate Commissioner; that on January 16, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on January 22, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting; that on January 23, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; and that on January 24, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting.

b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):

1) Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association.

2) Finance Committee.

There were no further reports on Standing Committee/Assignments.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) January 2018 Written Report of Activities Through December 2017.

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that he submitted a written report included with the agenda packets if there are any questions on same and that as indicated in the report, there were 97 leaks in 2017.

He then reported that a joint Board Workshop with Palmdale Water District, Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency, and Littlerock Creek Irrigation District is scheduled for February 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss replacement water programs and mutual storage projects within the Antelope Valley and that the regular meeting of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association will be held later that evening.

He then reported that the wind turbine was not operating over the weekend due to a problem with the Edison side of the interconnection.

He then reported that two Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinners and the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Conference are upcoming and requested the Board let staff know as soon as possible if they plan to attend and that there has not been much interest in the February Leadership Training and requested the Board share information on this training with other agencies.

He then replied to Mr. Palmer's earlier comment regarding sediment removal at Littlerock Reservoir clarifying that water will be removed from the Reservoir; that sediment will be removed with heavy equipment over a 7 – 12 year period; and that water is now being pulled from Littlerock Reservoir to Palmdale Lake for construction of the grade control structure this summer.

He then reported that the City of Palmdale is interested in reviving their fireworks show and, among other locations, have requested permission to have the show at Palmdale Lake; that this would be a complicated process; and that he will keep the Board informed on this status.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Dunn reported on the City of Ventura vs. United Water Conservation District decision, which involves groundwater recharge charges for retail use, the Proposition 218 process, and Proposition 26 requirements; the Monterey-Plus Kern Water Bank CEQA case has been appealed, and the Kern County Water Agency is heading this defense; the State Water Resources Control Board case to determine if three votes are needed to set fees on waste discharges; and the 2015 Clean Water Rule and possibly rescinding this Rule.

9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

14) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Secretary