MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MARCH 14, 2018:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, March 14, 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 Estes led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our servicemen and women and school members in Florida.

2) Roll Call.

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

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Presentations:

5.1) None at This Time.

There were no presentations.

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 February 28, 2018.

6.2) Payment of Bills for March 14, 2018.

President Dino announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Estes, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

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 'Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Water' for Water Hauling Companies to Supply Water to Remote Properties Within the Palmdale Water District's Boundaries. (Potential Revenue Through the Sale of Water – General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the purpose of this Agreement, and after a brief discussion of providing water service to the Juniper Hills area, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Estes, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the form of 'Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Water' for the Juniper Hills area.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Hiring a Financial Consultant Through the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association to Establish Antelope Valley-Wide Replacement Water Rates. (Cost to be Determined – Budgeted – Deputy Water and Energy Resources Director Thompson II)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the recommendation of the Association's member agencies General Managers to hire a Financial Consultant to establish Antelope Valley-wide replacement water rates, and after a brief discussion of this concept and of the cost, it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to support the concept of hiring a Financial Consultant through the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association to establish Antelope Valley-wide replacement water rates.

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

a) Update on 100th Year Anniversary Events.

Public Affairs Director Shay reported that t-shirts with the new logo have been distributed; that tours of the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant are continuing, and a Saturday tour has been added for April 28; that work continues on the videos and the commemorative 100-year anniversary book; that items are being collected for the time capsule; and that the grand anniversary celebration is scheduled for July 22, 2018 from 1 – 4 p.m.

b) Outreach Plans for 2018.

She then reported that the Town Hall Forum went well; that brochures for the 2018 Strategic Plan are complete, and Boardroom posters will be revised; that the District was featured in the February 2018 issue of ACWA News; that the spring issue of The Pipeline has been published; and that Read Across America was successful.

c) Upcoming Events.

She then stated that in addition to the coloring and essay contests, entries for the P.S.A. contest are due this Friday; that the SmartWater Expo is scheduled for this weekend at the A.V. Fairgrounds; and that a blood drive is scheduled for May 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

d) Outreach Recommendations From Directors.

There were no outreach recommendations from Directors.

7.4) 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) **None at This Time.**

There were no conferences, seminars, and training sessions to consider at this time.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Meetings/General Report.

Director Alvarado reported that on March 3, he held his monthly community coffee; that on March 8, he attended the Town Hall Forum; that on March 13, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting; and that on March 14, he participated as a judge for the District's Coloring and Essay Contests.

Director Mac Laren stated that she has no report.

Director Henriquez reported that on March 1, he participated in Read Across America; that on March 2, he attended the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Business Outlook Conference; that on March 3, he completed required internet security training; that on March 8, he attended the Town Hall Forum; that on March 14, he attended a brief Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting; and that also on March 14, he participated as a judge for the District's Coloring and Essay Contests.

Director Estes reported that March 2, he attended the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Business Outlook Conference; that on March 8, he attended the Town Hall Forum; that on March 13, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting; and that a Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for March 21.

President Dino reported that on March 2, he attended the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Business Outlook Conference; that on March 6, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on March 8, he attended the Town Hall Forum; that on March 12, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding tonight's meeting; that on March 13, he attended the AVEK Board meeting; and that on March 14, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting.

b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):

1) None.

There were no further reports on Standing Committee/Assignments.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that recent storms are beginning to have an effect on annual precipitation and snowpack levels.

He then reported that a Citizens Committee to reopen the Littlerock Dam recreation area has been formed, staff and Forest Service met with this group, the District was invited to attend their public forum on March 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Littlerock High School's gymnasium, and District staff will be presenting information on the specifics of the Littlerock Sediment Removal Project with the Forest Service presenting information on the closure of the area.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Dunn provided a brief report on a case regarding municipal storm sewer system permits for discharging into the sewer system and unfunded state mandates for these permits and then stated that he will provide an update on recent developments in the J.M. Pipe litigation in a future closed session.

Director Mac Laren then thanked General Manager LaMoreaux for the letter sent regarding the District's opposition to SB 623.

9) Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Matters.

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

10) Break Prior to Closed Session.

President Dino stated that no recess will be held.

11) Closed Session Under:

11.1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: A Closed Session Will be Held, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (D)(1), to Confer with Special Litigation Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation to Which the District is a Party. The Title of Such Litigation is as Follows: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases.*

At 7:50 p.m., President Dino called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel via teleconference regarding existing litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases.*

He reconvened the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

12) Public Report of Any Action Taken in Closed Session.

President Dino stated that a closed session was held pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel via teleconference regarding existing litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases;* that the Board was updated on this matter; but that no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken in closed session.

13) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Mac Laren requested an update on the risk of unused pharmaceuticals to ground water as the sheriff's department is no longer accepting these pharmaceuticals.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

14) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Secretary