MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER SUPPLY & RELIABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MARCH 31, 2014:

A regular meeting of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, March 31, 2014, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Dizmang called the meeting to order.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Water Supply & Reliability Cmte:	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Gloria Dizmang, Chair	Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager
Vincent Dino, Committee Member	Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Manager
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	1 member of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Dizmang, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

4) Action Items:

4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held February 24, 2014.

It was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Dizmang, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting held February 24, 2014, as written.

4.2) Presentation of Monthly Water Demand and Supply Status. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula reviewed the water supply projections and charts and stated that the initial State Water Project allocation remains at 0%; that carry-over water remains at 100%; that storms are predicted for later this week;

that Metropolitan Water District is spending $5 million on ad campaigns for water conservation; and that the District benefits from these ads.

4.3) Status on the Operations of the State Water Project. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that precipitation and reservoir conditions have increased; that a letter was recently sent requesting relief of the Delta smelt standards in order to capture the maximum amount of water from anticipated storms; and that a leak in the State Water Project was discovered just below Banks Pumping Plant and is being watched followed by discussion of reforming the state's water system similar to Australia's water operations.

5) Project Updates.

5.1) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a workshop meeting will be held in April to review the draft Recycled Water System Master Plan in detail and that recycled water reallocations have not yet been determined.

5.2) Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that a Scoping Meeting for this Project was held March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the District's office; that no one from the public attended; that comments on the scoping process can be submitted until April 15; and that if no major comments are received, work will begin on drafting the EIR/EIS environmental document.

5.3) Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery Project. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that Kennedy-Jenks Consultants is preparing the feasibility study for this Project; that staff is reviewing a draft report and alternative locations are being defined; that Kennedy-Jenks Consultants has presented this Project to various organizations and will present the status of this Project at the April 9 Board meeting; and that he will provide a written report to the Finance Committee on grant opportunities for this and other projects.

5.4) City of Palmdale's Upper Amargosa Recharge Project. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that the City of Palmdale has been awarded grant funding and is the lead agency for this Project; that the District's participation in this Project is approximately 25% of the Project capacity and is funded from the 2013 Water Revenue Bonds; and that GEI is working on the design of this Project.

Mr. Steve Chisolm, Palmdale resident, inquired if the District's customers have reduced their water use based on the Governor's requested 20% voluntary water use reduction after which General Manager LaMoreaux stated that customer water use is the same as last year at this point but that the District's customers have maintained a 26% water use reduction since 2007.

6) Information Items.

6.1) Drought Management Task Force. (Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula stated that a meeting of the Drought Management Task Force was held March 13, and the next meeting will be scheduled once a firm determination has been made on State Water Project supplies and the results of the next snow survey are known.

6.2) Other.

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that Los Angeles County Waterworks will be presenting information on their water supply and demands at the next City of Palmdale Council Meeting and that staff will be attending the City Council meeting to address any questions regarding the District's supply after which General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the City Manager and City staff have been kept informed of the District's water supply status.

Chair Dizmang then stated that the topic of a recent documentary was the melting of Greenland ice and the prediction that water levels will rise in six years endangering some of our major cities and that this may affect the levies in the Delta.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Dizmang requested a report be provided at the next meeting on Los Angeles County Waterworks' presentation to the City Council.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

It was then stated that the next Water Supply & Reliability Committee meeting will be held April 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

7) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Water Supply & Reliability Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Gloria Dizmang
Chair