MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, APRIL 16, 2014:

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Estes called the meeting to order.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Facilities Committee:	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Joe Estes, Chair	Kathy Mac Laren, PWD Director
Vincent Dino, Committee Member	Robert Alvarado, PWD Director
	Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager
	Tim Moore, Facilities Manager
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	3 members of the public

Chair Estes introduced and welcomed Mr. Chris Hannah, of the Building Trades Association, Mr. Mitch Kline, of the IBEW, and Mr. Ralph Velador, of the Laborers Union.

2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Estes, 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 Regular Meeting Held March 19, 2014.

It was moved by Committee Member Dino, seconded by Chair Estes, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held March 19, 2014, as written.

4.2) Discussion and Possible Action on Moving the Board Room Voting Board to Allow More Visibility to the Public. (Chair Estes)

Chair Estes recommended the Board room voting board be moved to the opposite side of the Board room to provide better visibility after which the Committee toured the Board room to review other potential upgrades such as nameplates, wireless receivers, a movable podium, security upgrades, a trophy and awards display, and updating the logo display.

5) Information Items.

5.1) Status Report on 2014 Engineering, Facilities, and Operations Department Goals, Projects, and Functions. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson distributed an updated list of budgeted projects.

Chair Estes then stated that Agenda Item No. 3 will again be considered.

3) Public Comments.

Mr. Ralph Velador, of the Laborers Union, stated that he is present today with Mr. Chris Hannah, of the Building Trades Association, and Mr. Mitch Kline, of the IBEW; that they have discussed the District entering into a Project Labor Agreement; and that he requests this topic be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

Mr. Chris Hannah, of the Building Trades Association, then restated Mr. Velador's statement regarding an agenda item to consider a Project Labor Agreement or a Community Workforce Agreement, reviewed the benefit of these types of agreements, and stated that they wanted to go on record with the Facilities Committee regarding this matter.

General Manager LaMoreaux then reviewed previous Finance Committee meeting discussions regarding this matter and stated that staff met with Mr. Hannah and his associate at the direction of the Finance Committee to review these types of Agreements and that staff requested sample Project Labor Agreements with other water agencies.

Mr. Mitch Kline, of the IBEW, then stated that the Agreements have different titles; that the Agreements place everyone on an even playing field; and that they bring better standards and an education to the Water District.

The Committee then agreed with the concept of these types of Agreements, and Chair Estes requested the unions provide the District with copies of their Project Labor Agreements relative to water districts.

There were no further public comments.

Chair Estes then stated that Agenda Item No. 5.1 will again be considered.

5.1) Status Report on 2014 Engineering, Facilities, and Operations Department Goals, Projects, and Functions. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson reviewed the status of several of the projects included on the consolidated project list from the 2014 budget followed by discussion of the water rate study, the purchase of District vehicles, clarification of the bidding process for the meter replacement project, the dredging work at the water treatment plant inlet/outlet structure, projects funded through the Water Revenue Bond, a long-term contract for the supply of Granular Activated Carbon, and the upcoming in-house water main replacement project in 15th Street East after which it was determined that the Committee tour the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant at their next meeting.

5.2) Status Report on Wind Turbine Performance. (Assistant General Manager Knudson)

Assistant General Manager Knudson stated that he just received the first quarter wind turbine performance summary from Black & Veatch; that water treatment plant consumption balanced with turbine production; and that the total energy savings for the first quarter is approximately $13,500.00.

5.3) Status Report on Development of Policy for Unrestricted Access for All Directors to All Facilities. (Chair Estes)

Chair Estes stated that he discussed this item with General Manager LaMoreaux, and this item will be discussed with the Ad Hoc Committee that President Mac Laren will be appointing.

5.4) Status Report on Flushing Program. (Facilities Manager Moore)

Facilities Manager Moore provided a brief overview of the District's flushing process, the purpose of the Flushing Program, and staff's efforts to reduce flushing points.

5.5) Other.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the reduced Chromium 6 rule will be published soon with an effective date of July, 2014; that this rule will affect one of the District's wells; that this well was included in a recent Chromium 6 Treatment Options Study; and that information from this Study may be helpful.

There were no additional information items.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Estes requested an item be included on the next agenda for "Tour of Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant at 700 East Avenue S, Palmdale."

He then requested future Facilities Committee meetings be held in the Board room in a set-up similar to the Personnel Committee meetings.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

It was stated that the next Facilities Committee meeting will be held May 20, 2014 at 8:15 a.m.

7) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Facilities Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair