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VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH NEW PWD DIRECTOR MERINO SET FOR MARCH 29

Palmdale, CA – New Palmdale Water District (PWD) Board Director Amberrose Merino will hold a Facebook Live event on March 29 to introduce herself to her constituents and answer questions from the public. The virtual event will allow PWD customers to get to know Director Merino who joined the Board during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Facebook Live event will be on PWD's Facebook page, @palmdaleh2o, from 9-9:30 a.m. on Monday. Written questions can be submitted as Facebook messages before or during the virtual event. Attendees will receive a FREE PWD coffee mug that will be available for pickup at PWD's main office, 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, on Thursday, April 1, from 8-10 a.m. and 4-5 p.m.

"I want to get to know the PWD customers despite the pandemic that has kept us all socially distanced," Director Merino said. "I know that

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transparency and accountability are critical to folks, especially since the Board meetings have been virtual all year. I want to be as transparent as possible. I look forward to joining everyone on Facebook Live."

The Antelope Valley has been the Director's home since her family moved from Loma Linda in San Bernardino County while she was in elementary school. After graduating from Rosamond High School, she advanced from painting airplane parts to becoming the second female welder at Kinkisharyo Train Factory. Later, she became the first female welder at McWhirter Steel in Lancaster. She was elected in November 2020 to her first four-year term on the Board.

Director Merino represents Division 1, which roughly borders Avenue P to the north, Avenue R to the south, 35th Street to the east, and Highway 14 to the west.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit <u>www.palmdalewater.org</u>.

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