

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 4, 2021:**

*A meeting of the Outreach Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. Chair Mac Laren-Gomez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.*

### **1) Roll Call.**

#### **Attendance:**

Committee:

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair

Don Wilson, Committee Member

#### **Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager

Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager

Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director

Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant

1 member of the public

### **2) Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Committee Member Wilson, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

### **3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.**

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

### **4) Action Items: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Committee Prior to Action Being Taken.)**

#### **4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held July 14, 2021.**

It was moved by Committee Member Wilson, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the Outreach Committee meeting held July 14, 2021, as written.

#### **4.2) Discussion of the District's Response to the Drought. (Public Affairs Director Shay/Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II)**

Public Affairs Director Shay provided an overview of the District's response to the drought, including drought messaging as previously reported, and stated that an A. V. Conservation Roundtable was held earlier today with members of the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency, Rosamond Community Services District, Quartz Hill Water District, and Los Angeles County Waterworks where they discussed having a stronger voice regarding the drought and hosting a public roundtable to discuss the drought and water conservation and that on September 29, a joint workshop will be held with the City of Palmdale to teach customers how to save water.

**4.3) Discussion of 2021 Outreach Activities. (Public Affairs Director Shay)**

**a) Outreach Report.**

Public Affairs Director Shay reviewed outreach events since the date of the last Committee meeting including press releases; articles in the Antelope Valley Press and ACWA News; Customer Appreciation Day/103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Day; National Night Out with the City of Palmdale; Virtual Draft Hazard Mitigation Hearing; a Café con Leche radio interview with Director Wilson; school supplies for the Palmdale School District's back-pack giveaway; the website update; and social media highlights.

**b) Upcoming Events/2021 Plans.**

She then stated that upcoming 2021 events include a virtual Hazard Mitigation Plan public meeting on August 26, the Junior Water Ambassador's Academy on September 23, work continues on the local California Special Districts Association chapter, and the Ways to Save Water Workshop with the City of Palmdale on September 29 followed by discussion of the District's participation in the City of Palmdale's academy.

**4.4) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation on Resuming Normal Public Board Meetings with no Teleconferencing. (General Manager LaMoreaux)**

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the Governor's Executive Order regarding Brown Act modifications for public meetings expires September 30 and that staff recommends the District's current Brown Act and virtual meeting practices continue until October. After a brief discussion, the Committee concurred with staff's recommendation.

**5) Reports.**

**5.1) Lobbying Activities. (Assistant General Manager Ly)**

Assistant General Manager Ly stated that Reeb Government Relations submitted letters on the District's behalf regarding AB602 regarding an impact fee study with an oppose unless amended position, AB1434 regarding the standard for the number of gallons of water allowed per person per day with an opposition position, and SB222 regarding state low income assistance with no funding mechanism with an oppose unless amended position and that potential payment for arrearages on unpaid water bills is being closely watched. After a brief discussion, he stated that copies of the letters will be provided for the Board's information.

General Manager LaMoreaux then stated that Gaylen Kyle has requested the Board consider sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting them to not legalize cannabis within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, and after a brief discussion of this request, he stated that this item will be placed on the agenda for the second Regular Board Meeting in August for consideration.

**6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

**7) Date of Next Committee Meeting.**

It was stated that the next Outreach Committee meeting will be held September 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**8) Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Outreach Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

  
Chair