MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
PALMDALE RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY (PRWA)
HELD AT CITY OF PALMDALE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
38300 SIERRA HIGHWAY, SUITE B
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
6:00 P.M.
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WELCOME

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Velador called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL: CHAIR HELEN VELADOR, DIRECTORS KATHY MAC LAREN, VINCENT DINO, AUSTIN BISHOP AND JUAN CARRILLO

PRESENT: Chair Velador, Directors Mac Laren, Dino, Bishop and Carrillo
ABSENT: None.

All Directors were present (either in person or telephonically) and were able to participate in all matters.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR – PUBLIC COMMENTS ONLY:

Public Comments: None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

5.1 Approve the Minutes from the previous meeting held on August 17, 2020. (Staff Reference: Acting Secretary Ambrose)

Motion: Move to approve Item 5.1.
Moved by Director Carrillo, seconded by Director Bishop.

Vote: (5-0)
Yes: Directors Velador, Mac Laren, Dino, Carrillo, and Bishop

6. SPECIAL REPORT:

6.1 Review of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio. (Staff Reference: Executive Director LaMoreaux)

Executive Director LaMoreaux spoke regarding the presentation by California Natural Resource Agency Secretary Crowfoot at the Aqua Conference in response to Governor's Executive Order N-10-19.

Executive director LaMoreaux spoke regarding Section 4 – Support local and regional agencies to recycle or reuse at least 2.5 million acre-feet a year in the next decade.

4.1 Increase financial capacity to support recycling, reuse, and wastewater projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and other state and local funding mechanisms.

4.2 Continue work on raw water augmentation regulations and treated drinking water augmentation regulations to allow purified recycled water to be moved directly into drinking water distribution systems. Following the steps outlined in AB 574 of 2017, continue research underway that is identified in the direct potable reuse criteria feasibility report to the Legislature and convene an expert panel to review the proposed criteria to assure they are adequately protective of public health.

4.3 Implement 2018 legislation (SB 966) that requires creation of risk-based water quality standards for onsite collection and non-potable reuse of water in apartment, commercial, and mixed-use buildings.

4.4 Update 20-year-old "purple pipe" regulations to eliminate outdated and overly prescriptive requirements in order to expand use of non-potable recycled water while protecting food safety and the environment.

Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that PRWA action would touch on Items 4.1, 4.2, and 4.4 as listed above.

Director Carrillo asked if the Amargosa Creek Recharge project was complying with the State mandate. Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that the Amargosa Recharge Project as well as the proposed Water District project in the Northeast portion of the city are both covered under existing regulations.

Chair Velador asked Director LaMoreaux to clarify 4.4. Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that the need to update the regulations for purple pipe as they were very cautious in the beginning,

6.2 Update on Phase II financing. (Staff Reference: Executive Director LaMoreaux)

Executive Director LaMoreaux spoke regarding this item. He stated that since the last meeting they have restarted discussions with the state regarding funding for Phase 2 which will carry recycled water to Domenic Massari Park and possibly Yellen and Oasis Parks. The cost of the project is $10 million, the grant is $880,000 with the remainder to be pursued through low interest loans.

Chair Velador asked whether this needed to go to the City Council. Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that it was determine during the meetings with City staff that this did not need to go to Council at this time.

7. NON-AGENDA ITEMS - PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public Comments: None.

8. REQUESTS FOR NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

Director Carrillo requested individual briefings to get more detailed specifics on Phase 2. Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that they can set up briefings when Directors are available. He stated that they will also discuss the Integrated Regional Water Agency grant process and how projects are selected.

9. INFORMATIONAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Director Carrillo acknowledge and thanked the Firefighters and First Responders helping with the wildfires.

Chair Velador asked if they were taking any water from Littlerock Reservoir and Executive Director LaMoreaux responded.

Executive Director LaMoreaux stated that Loel Haviland, Palmdale Water District staff, spoke with developers working on a project at 35th Street East and Avenue R and sold him on the idea of using recycled water for grading. The developer will use approximately 6.2 million gallons of recycled water for the project. The water will be pulled from the reclamation plant on 30th Street East and Avenue P-8 and from the meter on 30th Street East and Avenue R.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Velador adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m. to October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Palmdale City Hall Council Chamber located at 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, Palmdale, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of November 2020.

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Helen Velador
Chair

ATTEST:

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Shanae S. Smith
Authority Secretary