

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, OCTOBER 11, 2017:**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. President, Robert Alvarado, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

### **1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.**

At the request of President Alvarado, General Manager LaMoreaux led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our troops, law enforcement, the victims of the Las Vegas shooting, and Westside Union School District teacher, Jenny Parks.

### **2) Roll Call.**

#### **Attendance:**

Robert Alvarado, President  
Vincent Dino, Vice President  
Joe Estes, Secretary  
Kathy Mac Laren, Director

EXCUSED ABSENCE --  
Marco Henriquez, Treasurer

#### **Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager  
Eric Dunn, General Counsel  
Mike Williams, Finance Manager  
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director  
Jim Riley, Engineering/Grant Manager  
Peter Thompson II, Deputy Water & Energy Res. Dir.  
Laura Gallegos, Public Affairs Specialist  
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant  
7 members of the public

### **3) Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Estes, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

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

There were no public comments.

### **5) Presentations:**

**5.1) Water Efficient Landscape Renovations – City of Palmdale. (Jim Cooksey, Landscape Supervisor, City of Palmdale/Steven Montenegro Sr., Maintenance Specialist, City of Palmdale/Deputy Water & Energy Resources Director Thompson II)**

Deputy Water & Energy Resources Director Thompson II commended the City of Palmdale on their phenomenal water conservation efforts and extra savings during the drought and then introduced Mr. Jim Cooksey, Landscape Supervisor, and Mr. Steven Montenegro Sr., Maintenance Specialist, of the City of Palmdale, who provided a detailed overview of the City of Palmdale's conservation efforts through landscape renovations based on water use restrictions and long term landscape goals, the restructuring of the requirements of their landscape contracts to meet budgetary constraints, and their 91% reduction in water use for landscape maintenance districts since 2013.

The Board then commended the City of Palmdale on their water conservation efforts and revisions to their landscape program, thanked Mr. Cooksey and Mr. Montenegro Sr. for sharing their information, and requested a similar presentation on water conservation efforts for City of Palmdale parks.

**6) Action Items – Consent Calendar: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is Considered Collectively by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)**

**6.1) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held September 27, 2017.**

**6.2) Payment of Bills for October 11, 2017.**

**6.3) Approval of the Palmdale Water District's Unmanned Aerial System Use Policy. (No Budget Impact – President Alvarado/Information Technology Manager Stanton/General Counsel Dunn)**

**6.4) Approve Absences of Directors Mac Laren and Dino From September 27, 2017 Meeting Due to Water-Related Conference Attendance. (General Manager LaMoreaux)**

President Alvarado announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

**7) Action Items - Action Calendar (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)**

**7.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Selection of New Logo as Part of 100-Year Anniversary Celebration. (Budgeted as Part of 100-Year Anniversary Celebration – Public Affairs Director Shay/Joe Kinsey, Kinsey Aesthetics + Communications/Ad Hoc 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee)**

Public Affairs Director Shay stated that staff has worked the past few months with Mr. Joe Kinsey, of Kinsey Aesthetics + Communications, on the development of a new logo to commemorate the District's 100-year anniversary and that staff and the Ad Hoc 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee recommend logo option 1 be approved by the Board.

At 7:38 p.m., President Alvarado called for a three-minute recess. He reconvened the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Mr. Joe Kinsey, Kinsey Aesthetics + Communications, then reviewed new logo options 1 and 2, and after a brief discussion of the logos and of color options, it was moved by Director Mac Laren and seconded by Director Estes to approve new logo option 1.

Mr. David Palmer, Palmdale resident, stated that the proposed new logo is very boring, and after a further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

**7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Revisions to Appendix O "Waste of Water Policy" of the Palmdale Water District's Rules and Regulations. (No Budget Impact – Deputy Water and Energy Resources Director Thompson II)**

Deputy Water and Energy Resources Director Thompson II provided an overview of revisions to Appendix O, the District's Waste of Water Policy, and after a brief discussion of the proposed revisions and of state-mandated conservation regulations, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve revisions to Appendix O "Waste of Water Policy" of the Palmdale Water District's Rules and Regulations.

**7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorization of the Following Conferences, Seminars, and Training Sessions for Board and Staff Attendance Within Budget Amounts Previously Approved in the 2017 Budget:**



**a) None at This Time.**

There were no conferences, seminars, or training sessions to consider.

**8) Information Items:**

**8.1) Reports of Directors:**

**a) Meetings/General Report.**

Director Dino reported that on September 6, he attended a Strategic Plan meeting with Dr. Mathis; that on September 11, he attended the Facilities Committee meeting; that on September 12, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; that on September 14, he attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting as the Alternate for Commissioner Henriquez; that on September 18, he attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that September 25 – 28, he attended the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Conference in Monterey and recommends all Directors attend a CSDA Conference; that on October 2, he attended the Ad Hoc 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting; that on October 3, he attended a Strategic Plan meeting with senior staff members and President Alvarado; that on October 9, he attended a Board briefing; that on October 10, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; and that on October 11, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting.

Director Mac Laren reported that on September 14, she attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting; that on September 18, she attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that September 26, 27, and 28, she attended the CSDA Conference in Monterey; that on October 2, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Public Water Supplier meeting; and that on October 5, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting.

At 8:12 p.m., President Alvarado called for a six-minute recess. He reconvened the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Director Estes reported that on September 12, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on October 3, he attended an Ad Hoc 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting; that on October 10, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; and that on October 11, he attended a Strategic Plan meeting with senior staff members and Director Mac Laren.

He then provided an overview of the life of close friend, Jenny Parks, who lost her life in the recent Las Vegas shooting and dedicated the Board meeting to her spouse and family.

President Alvarado reported that on October 3, he attended a Strategic Plan meeting with senior staff members and Director Dino; that on October 4, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting; that on October 10, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on October 11, he attended a Director interview regarding the District's 100 year anniversary; and that coming up on October 12 is a tour for elected officials in honor of "Imagine a Day Without Water," and a public tour of Littlerock Dam is scheduled for October 19 in honor of the District's 100 year anniversary.

Director Mac Laren then reported that on October 11, she attended a Strategic Plan meeting with senior staff members and Director Estes and that also on October 11, she attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux.

**b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports. (Chair):**

**1) None.**

There were no further reports on Standing Committee/Assignments.

**8.2) Report of General Manager.**

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a bill recently passed creating Water Professionals Week; that staff and the Board are acknowledged for their role in providing water to the community; and that staff was treated to a lunch today in honor of Water Professionals Week.

He then reported that one additional Palmdale Water District Director is invited to attend the October 12 "Imagine a Day Without Water" tour, and after a brief discussion, Director Estes stated that he will attend the tour with Director Dino.

General Manager LaMoreaux then provided a brief report on a hauled water and water supply issue in the unincorporated area of Juniper Hills and stated that staff is working on a solution to this issue for the properties within the District's boundaries.

President Alvarado then gave kudos to staff for the processing of Cash for Grass applications after which General Manager LaMoreaux stated that there are a number of remaining applications and that a revision to this Program will be presented for consideration at a future meeting.

**8.3) Report of General Counsel.**

General Counsel Dunn stated that he has no report.

**9) Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Matters.**

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

**10) Break Prior to Closed Session.**

There was no break prior to closed session.

**11) Closed Session Under:**

**11.1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: A Closed Session Will be Held, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to Confer With Special Litigation Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation to Which the District is a Party. The Title of Such Litigation is as Follows: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*.**

**11.2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: A Closed Session Will be Held, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to Confer With Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation to Which the District is a Party. The Title of Such Litigation is as Follows: *Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561*.**

At 8:31 p.m., President Alvarado called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel regarding existing litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases* and pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561*.

He reconvened the regular meeting at 8:49 p.m.



**12) Public Report of Any Action Taken in Closed Session.**

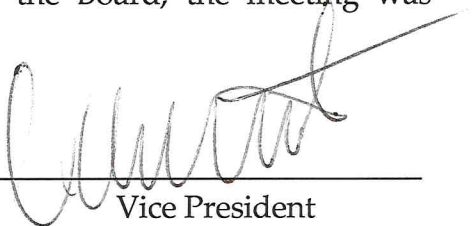
President Alvarado stated that a closed session had been held pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel regarding existing litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases* and pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Central Delta Water Agency vs. Department of Water Resources; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561*; that the Board was updated on the status of these matters; but that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

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

There were no requests for future agenda items.

**14) Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
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Vice President