

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 22, 2021:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, February 22, 2021, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. President, Gloria Dizmang, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Dizmang, Assistant General Manager Ly led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in memory of the 500,000 plus people who have succumbed to the Coronavirus.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Gloria Dizmang, President
Vincent Dino, Vice President
Don Wilson, Treasurer
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Secretary
Amberrose Merino, Assistant Secretary

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
Eric Dunn, General Counsel
Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager
Jennifer Emery, Human Resources Director
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
0 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as written:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – aye

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

5) Presentations:

5.1) None at This Time.

There were no presentations.

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 Board Meeting Held February 8, 2021.

6.2) Payment of Bills for February 22, 2021.

6.3) Approval of Resolution No. 21-3 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Approving the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Restricted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. (\$4,408.00 – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-5070-007 – Consultants – Resource and Analytics Director/AVSWCA General Manager Thompson II)

President Dizmang announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Merino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – aye

Resolution No. 21-3 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

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 Resolution No. 21-4 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Concurring in the

Nomination of Randall James Reed to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA). (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the nomination request received from Randall James Reed after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 21-4 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Concurring in the Nomination of Randall James Reed to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA):

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – aye

Resolution No. 21-4 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on the Palmdale Water District's COVID-19 Prevention Program. (No Budget Impact – Human Resources Director Emery/Personnel Committee)

Human Resources Director Emery provided an overview of proposed revisions to the Palmdale Water District's COVID-19 Prevention Program, and after commendation from the Board on the preparation of the Program, it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the Palmdale Water District's COVID-19 Prevention Program:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – aye

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 2021 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) **Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:**

1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency-AVEK. (Director Dino/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alternate)

Director Dino, AVEK Liaison, reported that on February 9, he attended an AVEK Board meeting where they appointed George Lane to fill their vacant Director position, voted to transfer banked water, and considered the Department of Water Resources' Long Term Water Supply Agreement.

2) Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association. (Director Mac Laren-Gomez/Director Dizmang/Director Merino, Alternate)

Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (AVSWCA) Commissioner, reported that on February 11, she attended an AVSWCA meeting where they elected officers, discussed having the Antelope Valley Watermaster handle the USGS Well Monitoring Program, and reviewed the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project.

3) Personnel Committee Meeting. (Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair/Director Merino)

Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Personnel Committee Chair, reported that on February 17, she attended the Personnel Committee meeting where they considered the District's COVID-19 Prevention Program approved earlier this evening and will be reviewing job classifications prior to the upcoming salary survey and Director pay and benefits using same the agency comparisons as the salary survey.

4) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority. (Director Dino/Director Wilson/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alternate)

Director Dino, Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) Director, reported that on February 17, he attended the PRWA meeting where they recommended Zakeya Anson as PRWA's fifth member of the Board of Directors.

Director Wilson, Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) Director, reported that officers were also elected with Director Dino elected as Chair.

General Manager LaMoreaux then clarified that the Palmdale City Council and the Palmdale Water District Board of Directors must vote on the PRWA Directors' recommendation of Ms. Anson as the fifth member of the PRWA Board of Directors and that Juan Carrillo was elected Vice Chair.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Dino reported that on February 9, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; that on February 17, he attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that on February 18, he attended a Board briefing; that on February 22, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on February 23, he will be attending an AVEK Board meeting; and that on February 24, he will be attending the A.V. EDGE Virtual Business Outlook Conference.

Director Wilson reported that on February 4, he attended a Board briefing; that on February 8, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on February 9, he attended an Environmental Restoration Advisory Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Director Dino; that on February 18, he attended a Board briefing; that on February 22, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on February 24, he will be attending the A.V. EDGE Virtual Business Outlook Conference; that also on February 24, he will be attending the District's Let's Talk H2O Event; and that on February 25, he will be attending a financial briefing.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on February 11, she attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting; that on February 17, she attended the Personnel Committee meeting; that also on February 17, she listened to the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that on February 18, she attended a Board

briefing; and that also on February 18, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Public Water Supplier meeting.

She then stated that during the course of the City of Palmdale's Community Clean-Up Event near Barrel Springs Road, she requested General Manager LaMoreaux attend as a cistern was discovered; that gates will be installed in this area to help prevent illegal dumping; and that assistance from all agencies is needed to remove debris and equipment abandoned in this area after which a member of the clean-up crew emphasized the need for heavy equipment assistance to clean up the area.

Director Merino reported that on February 4, she attended a Board briefing; that on February 8, she attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on February 9, she listened to the AVEK Board meeting; that on February 10, she attended a briefing; that on February 11, she attended a briefing; that also on February 11, she listened to the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting; that on February 17, she attended the Personnel Committee meeting; that on February 18, she attended a Board briefing; and that on February 24, she will be attending the AV EDGE Virtual Business Outlook Conference.

President Dizmang reported that on February 10, she attended a briefing for the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association; that on February 11, she attended an Agenda Review and Approval briefing; that also on February 11, she attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting; that on February 17, she listened to the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that also on February 17, she attended an Agenda Review and Approval briefing; that on February 18, she attended a Board briefing; that on February 22, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on February 23, she will be attending an interview with the Café Con Leche radio program; and that on February 24, she will be attending the AV EDGE Virtual Business Outlook Conference.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) February 2021 Written Report of Activities Through January 2021.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that he submitted a written report with the agenda packets if there are any questions and then highlighted below normal precipitation and the effect on reservoir levels.

He then provided a detailed report on the Barrel Springs cistern located during the City of Palmdale's Community Clean-Up Event last weekend and stated that the City of Palmdale's Code Enforcement Officer will notify the property owner of the need to abandon the cistern or provide a solid lid; that staff is working with City of Palmdale staff to determine a location to install gates to help prevent further dumping and will meet with City of Palmdale staff later this week to investigate the cistern and the general area; that the District's property in this area is west of the equestrian parking area; and that there is very little dumping on the District's property followed by discussion of providing mutual aid assistance with the District's equipment and the City of Palmdale charging the property owner for clean-up to prevent the District's ratepayers from incurring this cost.

He then stated that the first meeting of the Board of Directors for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority was held last week; that they discussed providing assistance and the schedules for obtaining California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance and the Notice of Determination; and that a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document will be performed by a federal agency parallel with the time frame for obtaining permits followed by discussion of the timeframe for completion of the single tunnel.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.


General Counsel Dunn stated that he has no report and that he will provide a written email report regarding cases the District has joined.

9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

10) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.


Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 21-3

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
APPROVING ANTELOPE VALLEY
STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
RESTRICTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021**

WHEREAS, the Palmdale Water District, along with the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and the Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, is a member agency of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association formed by a Joint Powers Agreement dated May 26, 1999; and

WHEREAS, said Joint Powers Agreement provides for the formulation and adoption of a budget for the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association and approval of said budget by its members; and

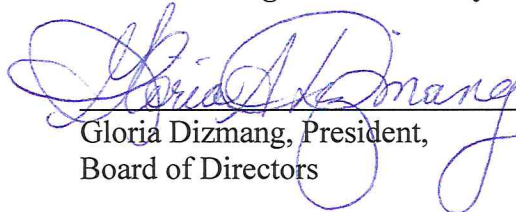
WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association unanimously adopted a budget for fiscal year 2020/21 at their regular meeting held July 9, 2020, which included an allocation among the member agencies, and the Palmdale Water District approved this budget on July 27, 2020 with Resolution No. 20-9.

WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association unanimously adopted a restricted budget for fiscal year 2020/21 at their regular meeting held February 11, 2021, which included funds for the USGS Groundwater Monitoring and California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program and for the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District hereby approves the 2020/21 restricted budget and allocation of budgeted funds adopted by the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association.

I certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. 21-3 as passed by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District at its meeting held February 22, 2021 in Palmdale, California.

Date: February 22, 2021


Gloria Dizmang, President,
Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Kathy MacLaren-Gomez, Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


BY: _____
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, General Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 21-4

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
CONCURRING IN THE NOMINATION OF RANDALL JAMES REED
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES/
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (ACWA/JPIA)**

WHEREAS, this District is a member district of the ACWA/JPIA; and

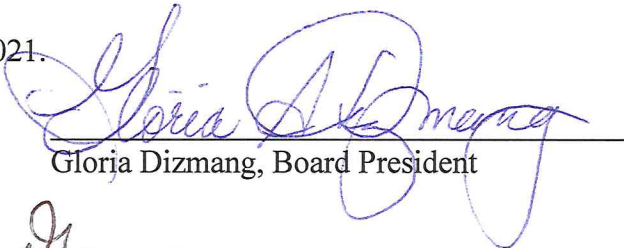
WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA's Executive Committee, three member districts must concur with the nominating district; and

WHEREAS, another ACWA/JPIA member district, the CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT has requested that this District concur in its nomination of its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors to the Executive Committee of the ACWA/JPIA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT that this District concurs with the nomination of RANDALL JAMES REED of the CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT to the Executive Committee of the ACWA/JPIA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at P. O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 2021.


Gloria Dizmang, Board President

ATTEST:


Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


ALESQUIRE & WYNDER, LLP, General Counsel