

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, APRIL 12, 2017:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, April 12, 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 7:01 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Alvarado, Ms. Waunette Cullors, coordinator for the Miss Latina Antelope Valley Pageant, led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our troops and law enforcement.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Matt Knudson, Assistant General Manager
Eric Dunn, General Counsel
Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Jennifer Emery, Human Resources Director
Jim Stanton, Information Technology Manager
Mynor Masaya, Operations Manager
Peter Thompson II, Deputy Water & Energy Res. Dir.
Laura Gallegos, Public Affairs Specialist
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
17 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dino to adopt the agenda, as written.

President Alvarado then requested Agenda Item No.'s 9, 10, 11, and 12 be considered after Agenda Item No. 4. It was then moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as amended, to consider Agenda Item No.'s 9, 10, 11, and 12 after Agenda Item No. 4.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

Ms. Waunette Cullors, coordinator for the Miss Latina Antelope Valley Pageant, provided an overview of their organization after which the Board presented Certificates

of Appreciation to the queens and contestants for the Miss Latina Antelope Valley and Miss Black Antelope Valley pageants.

There were no further public comments.

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*.

At 7:25 p.m., President Alvarado called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel regarding pending litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*.

He reconvened the regular meeting at 7:39 p.m.

12) Public report of any action taken in closed session.

President Alvarado stated that a closed session was held pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel regarding pending litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*; that the Board was updated on the status of this matter via telephone conference; but that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

At 7:41 p.m., President Alvarado called for a five-minute recess. He reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

5) Presentations:

5.1) Oroville Dam and Flood Management. (Deputy Water & Energy Resources Director Thompson II)

Deputy Water & Energy Resources Director Thompson II provided an overview of the purpose of Oroville Dam & Reservoir, recent flood damage to the spillway structure at Oroville Dam, Department of Water Resources' efforts to repair the damage, and the impact to water supplies followed by discussion of State Water Project allocations, cost of repairs to the spillway structure, and the impact to the State Water Contractors.

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 March 22, 2017.

6.2) Payment of Bills for April 12, 2017.

6.3) Approve Absence of Director Estes From March 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Due to Family Obligation. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

President Alvarado announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Henriquez, seconded by Director Estes, 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 Defunding the Vacant Senior Service Worker Position and Funding the Engineering Technician I Position. (Human Resources Director Emery/Personnel Committee)

Human Resources Director Emery provided an overview of the Senior Service Worker and Engineering Technician I positions, and after a brief discussion of the salary range, succession planning, savings to the District, and the Personnel Committee's recommendation to approve this item, it was moved by Director Henriquez, seconded

by Director Estes, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to defund the vacant Senior Service Worker position and fund the Engineering Technician I position.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 17-13 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District in Support of the Association of California Water Agencies' Policy Statement on Bay-Delta Flow Requirements. (Deputy Water & Energy Resources Director Thompson II)

Deputy Water & Energy Resources Director Thompson II provided an overview of Resolution No 17-13, and after a brief discussion of Delta flow and ACWA's position, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Henriquez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Resolution No. 17-13 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District in Support of the Association of California Water Agencies' Policy Statement on Bay-Delta Flow Requirements.

A copy of Resolution No. 17-13 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 17-14 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Requiring that Board Members be Elected by Division Starting in November of 2018. (President Alvarado/Director Mac Laren)

General Counsel Dunn provided an overview of Resolution No. 17-14, and after a brief discussion of the Resolution and of potential lawsuits, it was moved by Director Henriquez and seconded by Director Mac Laren to approve Resolution No. 17-14 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Requiring that Board Members be Elected by Division Starting in November of 2018.

Ms. Joanne Granai, Palmdale resident, stated that she looks forward to this method of election to bring better representation to her division.

The motion was then unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

A copy of Resolution No. 17-14 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.4) 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) **P3 Water Summit to be Held May 4 – 5, 2017 in San Diego.**
- b) **ESRI User Conference to be Held July 10 – 14, 2017 in San Diego.**
- c) **11th IWA International Conference on Water Reclamation and Reuse to be Held July 23 – 27, 2017 in Long Beach.**

After a brief discussion of these conferences, seminars, and training sessions, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Henriquez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2017 Budget: P3 Water Summit to be held May 4 – 5, 2017 in San Diego; ESRI User Conference to be held July 10 – 14, 2017 in San Diego; and 11th IWA International Conference on Water Reclamation and Reuse to be held July 23 – 27, 2017 in Long Beach.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Meetings/General Report.

Director Dino reported that on April 10, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on April 11, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; and that on April 12, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting.

Director Mac Laren reported that on March 28, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting to discuss the candidate for the Watermaster Engineer; that on March 29, she attended the Public Water Supplier Steering Committee meeting; that on March 30, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting where they agreed on and finalized the Watermaster Engineer candidate; that on April 12, she attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; and that also on April 12, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting.

Director Henriquez reported that on March 23 and 24, he attended the Water Education for Latino Leaders Conference where they visited a reclamation plant and learned about new projects from the border.

Director Estes reported that on March 21, he attended a Board briefing with Assistant General Manager Knudson; that on March 27, he attended the Guidance Charter School groundbreaking ceremony; that also on March 27, he attended a Facilities Committee meeting; that on March 28, he attended the Personnel Committee meeting where they discussed the item considered earlier this evening; that on April 10, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; and then wished everyone a Happy Easter.

President Alvarado reported that on March 1, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting; that on March 3, he attended the Read Across America event; that on March 6, he attended a meeting with the Fin & Feather Club Directors; that on March 8, he attended the Palmdale School District Board meeting; that on March 11, he was a judge for the High Desert Dance Classic; that on March 17, he met with Senator Wilk; that on March 23 and 24, he attended the Water Education for Latino Leaders Conference; that on March 30, he attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting; that on April 4, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting; that also on April 4, he attended the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce luncheon; that also on April 4, he attended the Palmdale City Council meeting; that on April 8, he attended the Miss Latina Antelope Valley contests; that on April 11, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; that coming up is the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting on April 13; and then informed the Board of the upcoming NALEO Educational Fund Conference in Texas.

c) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):

- 1) Facilities Committee**
- 2) Personnel Committee**

President Alvarado stated that reports on these meetings were provided earlier in the meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that he has toured the reclamation plant referred to by Director Henriquez and reviewed this plant's direct potable reuse and the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge & Recovery Project's indirect reuse.

He then informed the Board that the District was featured in the most recent CSDA Magazine for its recent Town Hall Forum.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Dunn stated that he has no report.

13) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Henriquez requested "Presentation on P3 partnerships" be included on a future agenda.

He then requested that Assemblyman Lackey and Congressman Knight also be included in the District's facilities tour with Senator Wilk as he emphasized to Senator Wilk the importance of funding and grants for the District after which General Manager LaMoreaux stated that this tour will be scheduled, and staff will provide them an overview of ongoing water issues in the Antelope Valley in addition to updates on the District's recycled water projects.

Director Mac Laren requested "Presentation on current and future costs associated with State Water Project operations" be included on a future agenda.

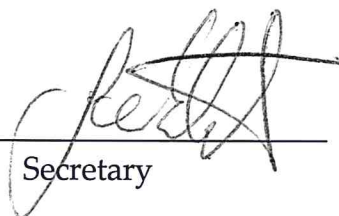
President Alvarado requested "Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Palmdale School District employees for outstanding performance in a classroom" be included on a future agenda.

Director Henriquez then requested the District's employees be recognized on a continuous basis to ensure employees know they are appreciated for the job they do, and General Manager LaMoreaux reviewed the District's PACE employee recognition program.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

14) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 17-13
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES'
POLICY STATEMENT ON BAY-DELTA FLOW REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, California is facing a defining moment in water policy that will be substantially impacted by the State Water Resources Control Board's approach to water quality objectives under the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Board has the responsibility for updating the Bay-Delta Plan in a manner that establishes water quality objectives that ensure the reasonable protection of all beneficial uses of water in a way that is consistent with the coequal goals of improving water supply reliability and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem and with respect to the commitments made in the California Water Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Board staff's current proposal, which focuses singularly on an "unimpaired flow" approach, is irreconcilable with a policy of coequal goals of improving both water supply reliability and ecosystem health; it is also inconsistent with the broader water policy objectives of the Brown Administration; and

WHEREAS, the ACWA Board of Directors has unanimously adopted a strong policy statement calling for a better approach that can more effectively achieve ecological objectives while maintaining water supply reliability. The statement calls on the State Water Board to set aside its "unimpaired flow" approach and heed Gov. Jerry Brown's call for negotiated agreements, which have been successful on many rivers and tributaries in California; and

WHEREAS, the ACWA statement notes that to be successful, the state's flow policy must be consistent with the principles of collaboration, comprehensive solutions, science, functional flows, economic considerations, consistency with state policy, and leadership; and

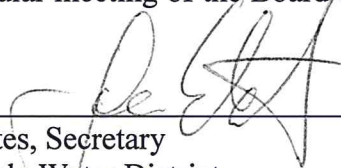
WHEREAS, California's local urban and agricultural water managers are united in their vision for a future that includes a vibrant California economy, as well as healthy ecosystems and fish populations, and believe that vision is best achieved through comprehensive, collaborative approaches;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District hereby supports ACWA's Policy Statement on Bay-Delta Flows and encourages the State Water Resources Control Board to embrace the approach articulated in ACWA's policy statement.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District held on April 12, 2017.



Robert Alvarado, President
Palmdale Water District



Joe Estes, Secretary
Palmdale Water District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric Dunn, General Counsel

**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 17-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT REQUIRING THAT
BOARD MEMBERS BE ELECTED BY DIVISION
STARTING IN NOVEMBER OF 2018**

WHEREAS, the Palmdale Water District is an irrigation district and is a state agency formed and existing for government purposes pursuant to Water Code section 20500 *et. seq*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 16-19 and by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors action taken April 4, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District holds its general elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District Board of Directors are currently elected from division and voted for at large; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, the Palmdale Water District Board of Directors desires to change, by this Resolution, the method of election for members of its governing board from an at-large, from-division method of election to a by-division method of election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10650(a), effective January 1, 2017, the Board of Directors may by resolution change to a by-division method of election without submitting this Resolution to the voters for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference and adopted as findings.

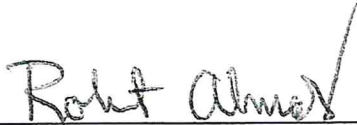
Section 2. The method of election for members of the governing board of the Palmdale Water District shall be by division starting with the election in November of 2018.

Section 3. The Board President, General Manager, and General Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit documents to the the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Registrar of Voters as necessary to carry out this Resolution.

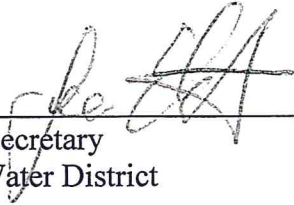
Section 4: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution, it being expressly declared that this resolution and each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase thereof would have been adopted, irrespective of the fact that one or

more other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Palmdale Water District held on April 12, 2017.



Robert Alvarado, President
Palmdale Water District



Joe Estes, Secretary
Palmdale Water District

Approved As To Form:



Eric Dunn
General Counsel