

# **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JUNE 14, 2017:**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Vice President, Vincent Dino, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.*

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

At the request of Vice President Dino, Director Mac Laren led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

## **2) Roll Call.**

### **Attendance:**

Robert Alvarado, President --  
ARRIVED AT 7:42 P.M.  
Vincent Dino, Vice President  
Marco Henriquez, Treasurer  
Joe Estes, Secretary  
Kathy Mac Laren, Director

### **Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager  
Eric Dunn, General Counsel  
Mike Williams, Finance Manager  
Mynor Masaya, Operations Manager  
Jim Riley, Engineering/Grant Manager  
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant  
2 members of the public

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

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 adopt the agenda, as written.

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

There were no public comments.

## **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 Meeting Held May 24, 2017.**

**6.2) Payment of Bills for June 14, 2017.**

**6.3) Approval of District 2017 Membership in the Water Research Foundation. (\$12,326.07 – Budgeted – Operations Manager Masaya)**

**6.4) Approve Absence of Director Estes From May 24, 2017 Board Meeting Due to Family Obligation. (General Manager LaMoreaux)**

Vice President Dino announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which 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 approve those items included in the Consent Calendar with the minutes corrected as noted.

**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 Amendment to Professional Services Agreement With TruePoint Solutions Regarding Implementation of TrueBill Customer Information System. (\$25,000.00 – Budgeted – Finance Manager Williams)**

Finance Manager Williams reviewed the amendment to the TruePoint Professional Services Agreement, and after a brief discussion of the cost and of the conversion process to TrueBill, 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 approve the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with TruePoint Solutions regarding implementation of TrueBill Customer Information System in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.00.

**7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement With CalPERS for Their Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust and Adoption of Resolution No. 17-15. (Finance Manager Williams)**

Finance Manager Williams reviewed the agreement with CalPERS, and after a brief discussion of the benefit to the District from this Trust, it was moved by Director Henriquez, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of

the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the Agreement with CalPERS for their Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust and adopt Resolution No 17-15 for the Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements from the Trust.

A copy of Resolution No. 17-15 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

**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: None at This Time.**

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

**8) Information Items:**

**8.1) Reports of Directors:**

**a) Meetings/General Report.**

Director Estes reported that on April 25, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; that May 7 to 13, he attended the ACWA Conference and reported on the drone and water scholarship sessions attended reading the winning scholarship essay; that May 15 to 18, he attended CSDA Special District Legislative Days and reported on meetings regarding bills and upcoming water-related bills SB 5 and AB 18 for which General Manager LaMoreaux will be providing additional information; that on May 23, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; and that on June 13, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux.

Director Henriquez stated that he has no reportable items.

President Alvarado reported that on June 5, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting with General Manager LaMoreaux and Executive Assistant Deans; that on June 12, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; and that upcoming on June 15, is the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting.

Director Mac Laren reported that on June 1, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Advisory Meeting; that on June 5, she attended the Antelope Valley



Watermaster Board meeting; that on June 13, she attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; that last week, she met with legislators in Sacramento with the CFEE's and discussed upcoming legislation, California water and storage, water transfer issues, and grant approvals; and that a water summit is being planned for November followed by discussion of meetings with legislators, the California Water Fix, and local legislators touring District facilities.

Director Dino reported that on June 12, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and that on June 14, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Board meeting.

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

**1) None.**

Vice President Dino stated that there were no additional reports.

**8.2) Report of General Manager.**

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that Senator Wilk and Assemblyman Lackey will be attending a brief tour of the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant on June 30 at 9 a.m.; that staff will be discussing ranking the District's projects for the State Revolving Fund categories; and that two Directors are invited to attend. Director Henriquez and President Alvarado stated they will be attending the tour followed by discussion of Congressman Knight's previous tour of District facilities.

General Manager LaMoreaux then reported that at the request of Director Estes, summaries of SB 5 and AB 18 have been placed in the Directors' mailboxes; that CSDA supports these bills; and that ACWA favors both bills but has requested amendments to add more water items.

**8.3) Report of General Counsel.**

**a) Senator Rubio Bills Regarding New State Requirements.**

General Counsel Dunn stated that he will provide a full written report on Senator Rubio's three bills at the next Board meeting; that none of these bills have passed; that two have been approved by the Assembly and forwarded to the Senate; and that one bill

proposes defining and categorizing recycled water differently so its use will not be reduced in the event of a drought.

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

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

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

At 7:56 p.m., Vice President Dino called for an eight-minute recess. He reconvened the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**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 8:04 p.m., Vice President Dino 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*.

He reconvened the regular meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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

Vice President Dino stated that a closed session was 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*; that the Board was updated on the status of this matter; but that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

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

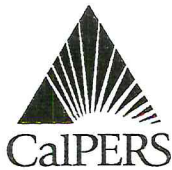
The upcoming Palmdale School District Backpack Event and the Palmdale Water District's booth at this event were discussed.

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 8:31 p.m.

  
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Secretary



**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY  
TO REQUEST DISBURSEMENTS**

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE**

Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
(GOVERNING BODY)

**OF THE**

Palmdale Water District

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF EMPLOYER)

The \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors delegates to the incumbents  
(GOVERNING BODY)

in the positions of \_\_\_\_\_ General Manager and  
(TITLE)

\_\_\_\_\_ Finance Manager/CFO and/or  
(TITLE)

\_\_\_\_\_ Human Resource Director authority to request on  
(TITLE)

behalf of the Employer disbursements from the Other Post Employment Prefunding  
Plan and to certify as to the purpose for which the disbursed funds will be used.

By Robert Alford

Title President, Board of Directors

Witness [Signature]  
Secretary, Board of Directors

Date June 14, 2017