MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, September 13, 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, General Manager LaMoreaux led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

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
Pam Lee, Assistant General Counsel
Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Scott Rogers, Engineering/Grant Manager
Peter Thompson II, Resource & Analytics Director
Claudia Bolanos, Resource & Analytics Supervisor
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Accounting Supervisor
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
1 member of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dino, 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 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) Water Conservation Radio Ads. (Public Affairs Director Shay)

Public Affairs Director Shay provided an overview of the District's radio ads regarding the drought, including statistics for the radio stations, followed by discussion of playtime for the ads.

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 August 23, 2021.

6.2) Payment of Bills for September 13, 2021.

6.3) Approval of Resolution No. 21-17 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 2021/2022. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Director/Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association General Manager Thompson II)

President Dizmang announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which Director Dino requested Agenda Item No. 6.3 be pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

It was then moved by Director Dino, 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 with the exception of Agenda Item No. 6.3:

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

6.3) Approval of Resolution No. 21-17 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 2021/2022. (No Budget Impact- Resource and Analytics Director/Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association General Manager Thompson II)

Resource and Analytics Director/Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association General Manager Thompson II provided an overview of the restricted funds budget for the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association after which it was moved by Director Dino, 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 Resolution No. 21-17 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 2021/2022:

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

Resolution No. 21-17 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 Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project Alternative. (No Budget Impact at this Time – Resource and Analytics Director/Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association General Manager Thompson II)

Resource and Analytics Director/Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association General Manager Thompson II and Mr. Paul Chau, Principal Engineer for Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, provided an overview of the recharge capacity, cost, location, and permit requirements for each of the four recharge alternatives for Big Rock Creek and recommended the further exploration of Alternative No. 3 "Offsite Recharge Basins and Recharge" for the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project.

After a brief discussion of the source of water for this Project and of environmental requirements, it was moved by Director Dino, 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 the further exploration of Alternative No. 3 "Offsite Recharge Basins and Recharge" for the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project:

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

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Award of Contract for Phase I of the Water Conservation and Education Garden. ($227,777.00 – Budgeted – Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos/Resource and Facilities Committee)

Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos provided an overview of the Water Conservation and Education Garden and the bids received for Phase I after which it was moved by Director Dino, 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 award a contract for Phase I of the Water Conservation and Education Garden to Golden Sun Enterprise, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of $227,777.00:

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

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Contract for the Water Main Replacement in 3rd Street East, Stanridge Avenue, 2nd Street East, Carolside Avenue, Avenue P-12, and Division Street to Toro Enterprises, Inc. ($2,093,892.00 – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 12-606 – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers)

Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers provided an overview of the bids received for this project, and after a brief discussion of the condition of the existing water mains in this area and the potential start date for construction, it was moved by Director Dino,

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 award a contract for the water main replacement in 3rd Street East, Stanridge Avenue, 2nd Street East, Carolside Avenue, Avenue P-12, and Division Street to Toro Enterprises, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of $2,093,892.00:

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

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Revision to Appendix O.1 "Water Conservation Rebate Programs and Applications" of the District's Rules and Regulations. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos provided an overview of the proposed revisions to Appendix O.1, including the addition of commercial rebates and increasing the maximum square footage of turf removal for residential rebates, after which it was moved by Director Dino, 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 revisions to Appendix O.1 "Water Conservation Rebate Programs and Applications" of the District's Rules and Regulations adding commercial rebates and increasing the maximum square footage of turf removal for residential rebates:

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

7.5) 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.

7.6) Adjourn to September 13, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Public Facilities Corporation. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

At 6:49 p.m., President Dizmang adjourned the Regular Board Meeting to the Annual Public Facilities Corporation Board Meeting. She reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:53 p.m.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency-AVEK-August 24. (Director Dino/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alternate)

Director Dino reported that he attended an AVEK meeting on August 24 where they authorized providing water quality laboratory testing services to the Department of Water Resources and approved a purchase order with Crowley Pump Systems for a rapid mix pump and the rebuild of a rapid mix pump for the Quartz Hill Water Treatment Plant.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Merino reported that on August 24, she attended an AVEK Board meeting; that on August 25, she attended the Resource and Facilities Committee meeting where they approved the surplus of a District vehicle and the surplus of District non-essential warehouse items; that on August 26, she attended the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting; that on September 8, she attended the Rosamond Community Services District meeting; that on September 9, she attended a Board briefing; and that on September 13, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Wilson reported that on August 23, he attended a Board briefing; that also on August 23, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on August 26, he attended the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting; that on September 9, he attended a Board briefing; that on September 13, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; and that on September 15, he will be attending the Outreach Committee Meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on August 25, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Meeting; that on September 9, she attended a Board briefing; and that on September 13, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Steering Committee meeting.

Director Dino reported that on August 24, he attended the AVEK Board meeting; that on August 25, he attended the Resource and Facilities Committee meeting, and Director Merino reported on the actions of the Committee; that on August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2, he attended the California Special Districts Association Conference in Monterey and will provide a full report at the next meeting; and that on September 9, he attended a Board briefing.

President Dizmang reported that on August 23, she attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on August 24, she attended a meeting with General Manager LaMoreaux and Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II to gain a better understanding of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association; that on August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2, she attended the California Special Districts Association Conference in Monterey and provided an overview and written report of the sessions attended; that also on September 2, she attended the Monterey One Facility Tour and provided an overview and written report of this Tour; that on September 9, she attended a Board briefing; that also on September 9, she attended a briefing with Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers regarding the Monterey One Facility Tour; and that on September 12, she attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club's annual picnic.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that all presentations from the California Special Districts Association Conference have been placed on the Directors' iPads and a link to these presentations on the District's Intranet has also been provided and that the District has been awarded a $75,000 grant from the Bureau of Reclamation to cover a third of the cost of the Automated Meter Infrastructure Project.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

Assistant General Counsel Lee stated that it has not yet been determined if President Biden's recent mandate requiring COVID-19 vaccinations or proof of a negative COVID-19 test prior to reporting to work applies to public agencies or local governments; that Cal-OSHA is expected to issue the same mandate in the next few

weeks, which is expected to apply to public agencies and local governments; but that these mandates may not apply to the District as the District has under 100 employees.

She then reported that SB 323 regarding water and sewer service fees and increases to these fees has advanced to the Governor's office and that AB 361 regarding not having to issue an Executive Order for the suspension of Brown Act agenda posting requirements for teleconferencing during local and/or state declared emergencies, such as the current pandemic, is expected to pass after which it was clarified that the District can continue its current practice of Directors participating in meetings via teleconference past September 30, 2021 if the current state of emergency due to COVID-19 remains in effect.

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 7:18 p.m.

Kelly MacLaren-Lowey
Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 21-17

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT APPROVING ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION RESTRICTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

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 2021/22 at their regular meeting held June 3, 2021, which included an allocation among the member agencies, and the Palmdale Water District approved this budget on June 28, 2021 with Resolution No. 21-13.

WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association unanimously adopted a restricted budget for fiscal year 2021/22 at their regular meeting held August 12, 2021, which includes funds for the USGS Groundwater Monitoring and California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program, the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Program, and the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District hereby approves the 2021/22 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. 21-17 as passed by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District at its meeting held September 13, 2021 in Palmdale, California.

Date: September 13, 2021

Gloria Dizmang, President,
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Amberrose Merino, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: _____
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, General Counsel