MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, September 14, 2020, via teleconference. President, Vincent Dino, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

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

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:
Vincent Dino, President (via teleconference)
Kathy Mac Laren, Vice Pres. (via teleconference)
Gloria Dizmang, Treasurer (via teleconference)
Don Wilson, Secretary (via teleconference)
Robert Alvarado, Assistant Secretary (via teleconference)

Others Present:
Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager (via teleconf.)
Eric Dunn, General Counsel (via teleconf.)
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager (via teleconf.)
Mike Williams, Finance Manager (via teleconf.)
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director (via teleconf.)
Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager (via teleconf.)
Jennifer Emery, Human Res. Dir. (via teleconf.)
Tara Rosati, Customer Serv. Spvsr. (via teleconf.)
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant (via teleconf.)
4 members of the public (via teleconf.)

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Mac Laren, 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 Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Dizmang - aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado - 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 August 24, 2020.

6.2) Payment of Bills for September 14, 2020.

6.3) Approval to Change the District's 457 Annuity Platform to a Lincoln Alliance Product. (Employee Savings – Finance Manager Williams/Finance Committee)

6.4) Reject Claim Received From Craig Giles and Refer to Joint Powers Insurance Authority. (No Budget Impact – Finance Manager Williams)

President Dino announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Mac Laren, 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 Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Dizmang – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – aye

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 Award of Contract for Meter Procurement and Future Technology Enhancements No. 20-611 to Ferguson

Waterworks, Inc. ($865,136.00 – Budgeted – Budget Item No.'s 20-611, 20-623, and 20-419 – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers/Resource and Facilities Committee)

Assistant General Manager Ly provided an overview of this contract, the Request for Proposals, ratings for the proposals received, and staff's recommendation to award the contract to Ferguson Waterworks, Inc. followed by discussion of a letter received from Inland Water Works Supply Company regarding the Request for Proposals, staff's timeline of events regarding issues with meters and meter interface units, and General Counsel's opinion to proceed as recommended as Inland Water Works Supply Company has made statements but wishes the District well.

It was then moved by Director Alvarado, 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 award a contract for Meter Procurement and Future Technology Enhancements No. 20-611 to Ferguson Waterworks, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of $865,136.00:

President Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Dizmang – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – aye

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on the Approval of Resolution No. 20-13 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District in Support of Water Professionals Appreciation Week October 3 – 11, 2020. (No Budget Impact – Director Alvarado/Public Affairs Director Shay)

Director Alvarado provided an overview of Water Professionals Appreciation Week, and after a brief discussion of staff's recommendation to approve Resolution No. 20-13, it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Mac Laren, 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. 20-13 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District in Support of Water Professionals Appreciation Week October 3 – 11, 2020:

President Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Dizmang – aye

Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – aye

Resolution No. 20-13 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Refunding Outstanding 2013A Water Revenue Bonds Having a Potential Present Value Savings of Five-Percent or Greater. ($17.4 Million – Non-Budgeted – Finance Manager Williams/Mark Northcross of NHA Advisors/Finance Committee)

Finance Manager Williams stated that staff and the Finance Committee recommend approving the refunding of a portion of the outstanding 2013A Water Revenue Bonds and then introduced Mr. Mark Northcross, of NHA Advisors, who provided an overview of current interest rates and the potential cost savings from refinancing. After a brief discussion of the savings and the timeline for closing the refinancing, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, 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 refund outstanding 2013A Water Revenue Bonds having a potential present value savings of five-percent or greater:

President Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Dizmang – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – aye

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Change Order No. 1 to the Contract With Kirtley Construction for the Water Main Replacement Project in Avenue P and 25th Street East Under Specification No. 1601. ($75,247.95 – Budgeted – Additional Costs Related to Changes in Scope of the Project – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers)

Assistant General Manager Ly provided an overview of Change Order No. 1, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Director Dizmang, 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 authorize General Manager LaMoreaux to execute Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Kirtley Construction for the water main replacement project in Avenue P and 25th Street East under Specification No. 1601 in the not-to-exceed amount of $75,247.95:

President Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Dizmang – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – 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 2020 Budget:

a) None at This Time.

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

7.6) Adjourn to September 14, 2020 Annual Meeting of the Public Facilities Corporation. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

At 6:38 p.m., President Dino adjourned the Regular Board Meeting to the September 14, 2020 Annual Meeting of the Public Facilities Corporation. He reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:43 p.m.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Meetings; Standing Committee/Assignment Reports; General Report.

1) Finance Committee: CalPERS Unfunded Liability Options. (Committee Chair Dizmang)

Director Dizmang reported that on August 13, she attended a briefing; that on August 27, she attended a briefing; that on September 10, she attended a briefing where the issue of Utah obtaining water from the Colorado River was discussed and suggests this as a topic for forming an alliance with like water agencies as recommended by Dr. Mathis; and that she submitted a written report included in the agenda packets regarding her attendance at the virtual ACWA Conference.

She then reported, as Chair of the Finance Committee, that the Committee had a special meeting regarding the bond refunding; that the Committee also reviewed the

District's CalPERS unfunded liability options; and that after discussing these options with staff, the Committee recommends postponement of any bond issue regarding CalPERS unfunded liability until next year.

Director Mac Laren reported that on August 17, she attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that also on August 17, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Public Water Supplier's telephone call; that on August 25, she attended an introduction meeting with the District's new Board member, Amber Merino; that on August 26, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting; that also on August 26, she attended an update briefing; that on September 1, she attended the Resource and Facilities Committee meeting; and that on September 10, she attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting.

Director Alvarado reported that on August 25, he participated in the California Special Districts Association's virtual Special District Legislative Summit and gave a brief overview of the topics; that on August 27, he attended a briefing; that also on August 27, he attended the Antelope Valley Partners COVID-19 Meeting with the City; that on September 1, he attended the Resource and Facilities Committee meeting; that on September 2, he attended a Fin and Feather Club briefing and will inform General Manager LaMoreaux of their concern unrelated to the District; and that on September 10, he attended a Board briefing.

Director Wilson reported that on August 20, he attended a Finance Committee meeting; that also on August 20, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on September 3, he attended a Special Finance Committee meeting; and that on September 10, he listened in to the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting as an Alternate Commissioner.

President Dino reported that on September 2, he attended an Agenda Review and Approval meeting; that on September 8, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on September 9, he attended a Board briefing; that on September 10, he attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting; and that on September 14, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that he has no report.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Dunn provided a brief update on the State Water Contractors lawsuit against the Department of Water Resources regarding State Water Project changes and Department of Fish and Wildlife's incidental take permit.

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 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 20-13

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK OCTOBER 3 – 11, 2020

WHEREAS, Water Professionals Appreciation Week was established by Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 80 and approved by the Legislature on September 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Water Professionals Appreciation Week highlights the important role of water industry professionals and local public water agencies in ensuring safe and reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water in California; and

WHEREAS, the water industry offers a wide variety of rewarding career opportunities in hydrology, hydrogeology, engineering, biology, finance, business administration, law, and communications, among others; and

WHEREAS, water professionals provide critical services that are most often taken for granted but are essential to ensuring tap water is safe and water resources are protected and properly managed; and

WHEREAS, the Palmdale Water District participates in Water Professionals Appreciation Week to help continue to build appreciation and support for clean water and the work performed by the District to protect area water sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District hereby supports Water Professionals Appreciation Week, its staff and the staff of other water agencies who dedicate their professional lives to ensuring all can enjoy high-quality water.

ADOPTED this 14th day of September 2020.

Vincent Dino, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Robert Alvarado, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP,
General Counsel