

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RESOURCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MARCH 1, 2021:

A meeting of the Resource and Facilities Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, March 1, 2021, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. Chair Mac Laren called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Committee:

Vincent Dino, Chair

Amberrose Merino, Committee
Member

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager

Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager

Mike Williams, Finance Manager

Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director

Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager

Peter Thompson II, Res. & Analytics Dir.

Claudia Bolanos, Res. & Analytics Spvrs.

Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant

0 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Merino, seconded by Chair Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

4) Action Items: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Committee Prior to Action Being Taken.)

4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held September 29, 2020.

It was moved by Committee Member Merino, seconded by Chair Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the Resource and Facilities Committee meeting held September 29, 2020, as written.

4.2) Review and Discussion of Existing Water Transfer/Exchange Agreements. (Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II)

Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II stated that the District's 2021 State Water Project allocation remains at 10% and then provided an overview of the District's Water Transfer/Exchange Agreements with Kern County Water Agency, Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, the Yuba Accord and Dry Year Water Transfer Program, and the Butte County Long Term Agreement followed by discussion of water available through each of these Agreements.

4.3) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation on a Term Sheet for a Long Term Transfer Agreement With Westside Districts and Authorization to Begin and Share in CEQA Costs for the Agreement. (Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II)

Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II provided an overview of the revised State Water Project contract regarding water transfers and the proposed term sheet for a Long Term Transfer Agreement with Westside Districts in Kern County, and after clarification of the Committee's spending authority, it was moved by Committee Member Merino, seconded by Chair Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation to approve the term sheet for a Long Term Transfer Agreement with Westside Districts; that the Committee approves and authorizes staff to begin and share in CEQA costs for the Agreement in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.00; and that the term sheet be presented to the full Board for consideration at the March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

4.4) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation on Water District Long Term Transfer with Littlerock Creek Irrigation District. (Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II)

Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II provided an overview of the proposed term sheet for the Water District Long Term State Water Project Transfer with Littlerock Creek Irrigation District after which it was moved by Committee Member Merino, seconded by Chair Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation to approve the Water District Long Term Transfer with Littlerock Creek

Irrigation District and that the term sheet be presented to the full Board for consideration at a future Regular Board Meeting.

4.5) Discussion of Potential Water Transfer/Exchange Agreements. (Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II)

Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II provided an overview of potential Water Transfer/Exchange Agreements including a farming lease of groundwater substitution water north of the Delta and other options through neighboring agencies.

He then provided an overview of the Dry Year Water Program through the State Water Contractors and stated that the District's participation in this Program will be presented to the full Board for consideration at the March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as an initial deposit to participate in this Program is required.

4.6) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Purchase a New Water Truck. (\$110,000.00 – Budgeted – Budget Item No. CIP-Truck No. 4 and Truck No. 67 – Facilities Manager Bligh)

Facilities Manager Bligh provided an overview of the new water truck after which it was moved by Committee Member Merino, seconded by Chair Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation to approve the purchase of a new water truck and that this purchase be presented to the full Board for consideration at the March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

5) Reports:

5.1) Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II:

a) 2021 State Water Project Allocation Use.

Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II stated that the District carried over 2,400 acre feet of State Water Project water from 2020; that this supply will be depleted by March; and that the District's 10% 2021 State Water Project allocation, which is approximately 2,000 acre feet, will be used prior to the use of any transfer and exchange water.

b) Water Conservation and Education Garden.

Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos stated that no bids were received for the Water Conservation and Education Garden; that based on feedback from potential contractors, the project will be re-bid in two phases – phase one for the concrete inground arena and shade structure and phase two for the landscaping and educational portion of the project; and that staff hopes to re-bid phase one within a month.

5.2) Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers:

a) Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project

Assistant General Manager Ly stated that the emergency removal of 19,000 acre feet of sediment from Littlerock Reservoir is anticipated to be completed by next week and that the multi-year contract for annual sediment removal will be reviewed by staff.

b) Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project.

He then stated that the test well for this Project was equipped but hard pan material was encountered at 350' extending to 700'; that as a result, Stantec, the District's consultant, has proposed surface water augmentation and injection wells; and that staff is reviewing these options to determine the next step in this Project on a potentially smaller scale.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

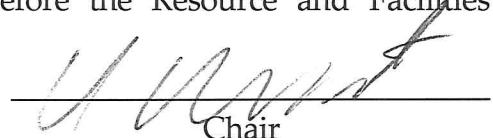
There were no requests for future agenda items.

7) Date of Next Committee Meeting.

There was no date set for the next Resource and Facilities Committee meeting.

8) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Resource and Facilities Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.


Chair