

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RESOURCE RELIABILITY AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 6, 2019:

A meeting of the Resource Reliability and Operational Efficiency Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Mac Laren called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Committee:

Kathy Mac Laren, Chair

Robert Alvarado, Committee
Member

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager

Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager

Mike Williams, Finance Manager

Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director

Peter Thompson II, Deputy Water & Energy Res. Dir.

Tara Rosati, Customer Care Supervisor

Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant

0 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

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

3) Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

4) Action Items:

4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held February 22, 2018.

It was moved by Committee Member Alvarado, seconded by Chair Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held February 22, 2018, as written.

4.2) Presentation of Proposition 218 Process and Timeline.

Finance Manager Williams provided an overview of the updated 2019 Rate Study Schedule, which includes upcoming Board Standing Committee meetings, workshops, an open house, and a potential date for a public hearing regarding the 2019 Rate Study.

The Committee then requested several local organizations be invited to the August 22 workshop for elected officials, community leaders, and water ambassadors.

4.3) Presentation on 2019 Rate Study Information Relative to the Resource Reliability and Operational Efficiency Committee and Review of Five-Year Capital Project Plan Incorporated in the 2019 Rate Study. (Assistant General Manager Ly)

Assistant General Manager Ly provided an overview of projects proposed to be included in the 2019 Rate Study for completion in the next five years related to the Resource Reliability and Operational Efficiency Committee and stated that there are \$29 million in total projects necessary over the next five years for the District to maintain operations followed by discussion of well maintenance, large meter and pump replacements, and improvements to stairs at dams.

4.4) Review Potential State Water Project Water Exchanges. (Deputy Water and Energy Resources Director Thompson II)

Deputy Water and Energy Resources Director Thompson II provided an overview of proposed State Water Project water exchanges for surplus water; short-, medium-, and long-term water supply goals; how the District is banking water through return water flows through the A.V. Watermaster; and the extension of the Big Rock Creek Project due to excess water.

4.5) Review the Use of Technology in All District Operations and Develop a Future Technology Direction. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the District now uses iPads in its operations and that this item is presented for the Committee's review to determine the future use of technology in the District's operations followed by discussion of technology for assessing the operations of the water distribution system, the future use of SMART water meters, and the need to invest in infrastructure prior to new technologies.

After a further discussion, staff was directed to stay abreast of and gather information on technologies of benefit to the District and to track the different technologies of area agencies for future discussion by the Committee.

4.6) Establishment of 2019 Resource Reliability and Operational Efficiency Committee Goals. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

After a brief discussion, the Committee developed 2019 goals as follows:

- 1) Be aware of evolving and transitional technologies the District may need in the future;
- 2) Review the five-year project plan included in the 2019 Water Rate Study and provide Committee input on identifying the top 10 projects;
- 3) Stay informed of regional partner technologies and work with area agencies for mutual assistance in the event of emergencies; and
- 4) Review five-year infrastructure plan included in the 2019 Water Rate Study to ensure projects are on track and scheduled for completion.

Committee Member Alvarado then suggested signage to help promote the new rate structure after the Proposition 218 process has been completed.

5) Information Items.

5.1) Other.

There were no additional information items.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

7) Date of Next Committee Meeting.

It was determined that the next Resource Reliability and Operational Efficiency Committee meeting will be held October 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

8) **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Resource Reliability and Operational Efficiency Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.


Chair