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FINAL PUBLIC MEETING TO **DISCUSS PWD LOCAL HAZARD** MITIGATION PLAN SET FOR AUG. 26

Palmdale, CA – Palmdale Water District (PWD) will hold its last public meeting from 3-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, to take comments from the community about its draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), which details threats from disasters and how they will be addressed.

The hybrid meeting will allow for in-person and virtual attendance. The in-person meeting will be at PWD's main office, 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. To attend virtually via GoToWebinar, please register at https://bit.ly/3wNxzt1.

In-person attendees will receive free Luv Our H2O blue buckets filled with giveaways. All participants will be entered into a raffle to win a smart irrigation controller with a retail value of \$110. Due to COVID-19, capacity for the in-person meeting will be limited and everyone will be required to wear masks.

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At the meeting, HDR Inc. consultants, who are assisting PWD with the LHMP update, will discuss the draft that includes data collected from a community survey completed in the summer and comments from the first public meeting in July. After next week's meeting, the draft will be finalized and presented to the PWD Board of Directors for approval.

"We hope that our community will join us to learn about this very important plan that will guide us when there is a disaster," said Assistant General Manager Adam Ly. "People who are interested should review the plan that is available on our website and share their thoughts with us virtually or in person at the meeting."

The LHMP, available for viewing online at www.palmdalewater.org, evaluates the threats posed by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, dam failures, and extreme weather, and establishes PWD strategies for managing those risks. In addition, the plan will allow PWD to apply for federal and state hazard mitigation grants and disaster relief funds. The LHMP is updated every five years.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.