

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 14, 2022:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, February 14, 2022, 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.

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
G. Ross Trindle, General Counsel
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Scott Rogers, Engineering Manager
Mynor Masaya, Operations Manager
Angelica Barragan-Garcia, Human Resources Dir.
Claudia Bolanos, Resource & Analytics Spvsr.
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
1 member of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dino, 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 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) Proposal of Divisions Draft Map Based on 2020 Census. (No Budget Impact – Andrew Westall, Principal & Owner, Bear Demographics & Research/Assistant General Manager Ly)

Assistant General Manager Ly stated that no public comments have been received to date on the redistricting process after which Mr. Andrew Westall, Principal & Owner of Bear Demographics & Research, presented two map options for the District's division boundaries, one with no changes to the current division boundaries and the other with minor revisions to the division boundaries, and then provided a detailed overview of these options along with demographic profiles.

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 January 24, 2022.

6.2) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held January 27, 2022.

6.3) Payment of Bills for February 14, 2022.

6.4) Receive and File Semi-Annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the Period Covering July 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2021. (No Budget Impact – Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

President Dizmang announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Dino, 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 approve those items included in the Consent Calendar:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – 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 Agreement for Professional Services Between the Palmdale Water District and Dr. William Mathis d/b/a Mathis Consulting Group Regarding Organizational Development and Board Activities. (\$29,000.00 – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-5070-007, Consultants – General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the Agreement for Professional Services between the District and the Mathis Consulting Group after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the Agreement for Professional Services Between the Palmdale Water District and Dr. William Mathis d/b/a Mathis Consulting Group Regarding Organizational Development and Board Activities in the not-to-exceed amount of \$29,000.00:

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

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding Contract to UGSI Solutions for Purchasing the Replacement of the On-Site Sodium Hypochlorite Generator for the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. (\$517,825.000 – Budgeted – Project No. 22-608 – Operations Manager Masaya)

Operations Manager Masaya provided an overview of the proposed contract with UGSI Solutions after which it was moved by Director Dino, 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 to UGSI Solutions for purchasing the replacement of the on-site sodium hypochlorite generator for the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant in the not-to-exceed amount of \$517,825.00:

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

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Adoption of Palmdale Water District COVID-19 Prevention Program Update. (No Budget Impact – Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia/Personnel Committee)

Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia provided an overview of the updates to the District's COVID-19 Prevention Program, and after a brief discussion of mask mandates and other restrictions, it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to adopt the Palmdale Water District COVID-19 Prevention Program Update:

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

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Filling Vacancy for Board of Directors Seat for Division 1. (No Budget Impact – General Counsel Trindle)

General Counsel Trindle provided an overview of the process for filling the upcoming vacancy for the Division 1 seat, and after a brief discussion of the guidelines, requirements, and timelines for filling the seat, it was moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to appoint a new Board Member to the vacancy for the Board of Directors seat for Division 1:

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

7.5) Discussion and Possible Action on the Development of an Educational Drought Class In-Lieu of Water Waste Fines. (No Budget Impact – Director Merino/Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos)

Resource & Analytics Supervisor Bolanos provided an overview of another agency's water school program and how this type of a program could be applied at the District, and after a brief discussion of the cost for such a program, it was moved by Director Merino, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to develop a program for an Educational Drought Class In-Lieu of Water Waste Fines and present this program to the Board of Directors for further consideration:

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

7.6) 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 2022 Budget:

a) ACWA Washington D.C. Water Conference to be Held July 12 – 14, 2022 in Washington D.C.

After a brief discussion of this conference, it was moved by Director Dino, 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 approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2022 Budget: ACWA Washington D.C. Water Conference to be Held July 12 – 14, 2022 in Washington D.C:

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

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

1) Finance Committee – January 25. (Director Wilson, Chair/President Dizmang)

Director Wilson stated that he will provide a report on this meeting at a later time.

2) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency-AVEK – January 25. (Director Dino/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alternate)

Director Dino reported that he attended an AVEK Board Meeting on January 25 where they awarded a contract in conjunction with the Metropolitan Water District for construction of the aqueduct turn-in/turn-out structure for the High Desert Water Bank in the amount of \$4,805,517.

3) Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association-AVSWCA– February 10. (Director Mac Laren-Gomez/President Dizmang/Director Merino, Alternate)

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that she attended the AVSWCA meeting on February 10 where they discussed President Dizmang's resignation as Secretary, Director Wilson's appointment as Secretary, and President Dizmang's continued participation as the District's Alternate Commissioner; payment of bills; a \$10,000 sponsorship for a water feature at the Antelope Valley Rural Museum; replacement water assessment fees; and the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project and Mutual Response Agreement.

President Dizmang then requested replacement volunteers for Director Merino's Committee assignments.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Merino reported that on January 25, she attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on January 27, she attended the Palmdale Water District

Special Board Meeting regarding redistricting; that on February 8, she attended the Personnel Committee meeting; that on February 10, she attended a Board Briefing; that on February 14, she attended a Board Briefing regarding payment of bills; and that also on February 14, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Wilson reported that on January 25, he attended the Finance Committee meeting; that on January 27, he attended the Palmdale Water District Special Board Meeting regarding redistricting; that on February 10, he attended a Board Briefing; and that also on February 10, he attended the AVSWCA meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on January 26, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting where they discussed water transfers; that on January 27, she attended the Palmdale Water District Special Board Meeting regarding redistricting; that on February 8, she attended the Personnel Committee meeting where they discussed additional stipends for Directors opting out of the District's medical insurance plan, and options will be presented to the full Board for consideration; that on February 10, she attended a Board Briefing; and that also on February 10, she attended the AVSWCA meeting.

Director Dino reported that on January 25, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on January 26, he attended the CSDA Chapter Board meeting; that on January 27, he attended the Palmdale Water District Special Board Meeting regarding redistricting; that on February 8, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; that also on February 8, he attended the Personnel Committee meeting; that on February 9, he attended an AVEK Special Board meeting; that on February 10, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on February 14, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

President Dizmang reported that on January 25, she attended the Finance Committee meeting; that on January 26, she attended the CSDA Chapter Board meeting where it was discussed to add new members and to search for a meeting location that allows for outside seating and social distancing; that on January 27, she attended the Palmdale Water District Special Board Meeting regarding redistricting; that on February 3, she attended a Board Briefing regarding the agenda; that on February 10, she attended a Board Briefing; that also on February 10, she attended the AVSWCA meeting; and that on February 14, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez then recommended CSDA Chapter Board meetings be held at the AVTA.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that Littlerock Reservoir is within three feet of the spillway, and the District began taking water from the Reservoir through Palmdale Ditch to Palmdale Lake.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

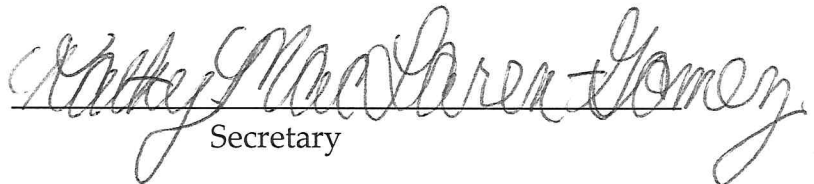
General Counsel Trindle reported that Governor Newsom has signed SB114 regarding supplemental leave due to COVID, which will be in effect through September 2022; that Governor Newsom is ending the indoor mask mandate after February 15 but Los Angeles County is not following suit; and that if Governor Newsom rescinds the State of Emergency, the provisions of AB361 will no longer apply, and current Brown Act provisions will be 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 7:01 p.m.


Secretary