

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MARCH 11, 2024:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, March 11, 2024, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District Office. President, Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Mac Laren-Gomez, Director Dino led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our troops.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, President
Scott Kellerman, Vice President
Don Wilson, Treasurer
Vincent Dino, Secretary
Cynthia Sanchez, Assistant Secretary

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
Pam Lee, General Counsel
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Scott Rogers, Engineering Manager
Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Supervisor
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
11 members 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 to adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Presentations:

5.1) Recognition of Former Division 3 Director Gloria Dizmang's Commitment to Public Service and Contributions to Palmdale Water District. (Public Affairs Director Shay/Representatives for Antelope Valley State Legislators)

Public Affairs Director Shay introduced City of Lancaster Mayor Parris; Mr. Thomas Moreno, Representative for Senator Wilk; Ms. Anna Zarley, Representative for Assemblymember Lackey; Ms. Isla Garcia, Representative for Assemblymember Carrillo; Ms. Jackie Owens, Representative for Congressman Garcia; and Mr. Chuck Bostwick, Representative for Supervisor Barger, who each shared their gratitude and fond memories with former Director Gloria Dizmang and presented her with certificates of recognition for her years of public service in the Antelope Valley and dedication to the Palmdale Water District.

President Mac Laren-Gomez then presented a plaque of appreciation to former Director Dizmang for her years of contributions and invaluable support to the Board and to the District.

5.2) Bi-Monthly Legislative Updates. (Public Affairs Director Shay/Representatives for Antelope Valley State Legislators)

Public Affairs Director Shay introduced Ms. Jackie Owens, Representative for Congressman Garcia, after which Ms. Owens stated that staff from Congressman Garcia's office is collaborating with the City of Palmdale, Palmdale Water District, Congresswoman Chu, and the United States Forest Service on future discussions for the return of recreational activities at Littlerock Dam; that the City of Hope's first mobile screening unit has been funded through Community Project Funding and is seeking community partnerships with non-profits and faith-based organizations to host the mobile unit for screenings; that Congressman Garcia continues to work through the State's budget issues; and that Community Project Funding remains open for applications followed by a brief discussion of the District hosting the City of Hope's mobile screening unit.

Mr. Thomas Moreno, Representative for Senator Wilk, then provided brief legislative updates on the State of California's financial deficit, on SB 1004 regarding tax exemptions for wildfire settlements, on SB 1023 regarding a California State University (CSU) Campus feasibility study for Antelope Valley or Victor Valley, and on proposed legislation regarding unlawful dumping on private property.

Ms. Anna Zarley, Representative for Assemblymember Lackey, then provided brief legislative updates on the State of California's financial deficit and on AB 2947 regarding the Department of Water Resources' inclusion of turfgrass conversion rebate programs.

Ms. Isla Garcia, Representative for Assemblymember Carrillo, then provided brief legislative updates on AB 2082 regarding the relinquishment of a portion of State Route 138 from the Department of Transportation to the City of Palmdale and on AB 2445 regarding permanent status for certificated school employees and stated that a letter of support for the Pure Water Antelope Valley Project was signed by Assemblymember Carrillo this morning and submitted to the District after which President Mac Laren-Gomez expressed her appreciation for Assemblymember Carrillo's support.

Mr. Chuck Bostwick, Representative for Supervisor Barger, then provided a brief update on Supervisor Barger's primary election results.

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 February 26, 2024.

6.2) Payment of Bills for March 11, 2024.

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

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 Dedication of the Main Building East Garden Area as "Gloria's Garden" in Honor of Former Director Gloria Dizmang. (President Mac Laren-Gomez)

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the recommendation to dedicate the east garden area of the District's Main Office building as "Gloria's Garden" in honor of former Director Gloria Dizmang's commitment to public service and contributions as a Palmdale Water District Board Director after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of

the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve dedication of the Main Building east garden area as "Gloria's Garden."

Ms. Dizmang then expressed her sincere gratitude for this honor.

At 6:32 p.m., President Mac Laren-Gomez called for a recess. She reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:56 p.m.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Palmdale Water District, and Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency for the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos provided a detailed overview of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, including the success of the 2023 Littlerock Creek Recharge Pilot Project, after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve authorization of staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Palmdale Water District, and Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency for the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer for the Design, Permitting, and Construction of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project. (\$1,294,180.95 – Not-To-Exceed – Budgeted – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided an overview of the proposed Amendment, including the addition of a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be completed along with the Strategic Water Resources Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and the addition of a turn-out where the Ditch crosses the California Aqueduct, after which it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer for the Design, Permitting, and Construction of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,294,180.95.

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Woodard & Curran for the Strategic Water Resource Plan Update. (\$157,209.00 – Non-Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Ly)

Assistant General Manager Ly provided a brief overview of the proposed Amendment to include the Palmdale Ditch Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with the Strategic Water Resources Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Report PEIR to satisfy the anticipated regulatory requirements of a full EIR for the Palmdale Ditch Enclosure Project 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 to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Woodard & Curran for the Strategic Water Resource Plan Update in the amount of \$157,209.00.

7.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Enter into Several Contracts for As-Needed Professional Engineering and Technical Services with Various Firms. (\$475,000.00 – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-5070-007 – Consultants – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided an overview of the recommended firms and as-needed services, and after a brief discussion of the 3-year term limit with optional renewals, it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to authorize staff to enter into several contracts for As-Needed Professional Engineering and Technical Services with various firms in the total amount of \$475,000.00.

7.6) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Royal Industrial Solutions for the Purchase of the Motor Control Center for the Pure Water Antelope Valley (AV) Demonstration Facility. (\$326,615.13 – Budgeted – Work Order No. 22-653 – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided a brief overview of the long lead times on equipment purchases for the Pure Water Antelope Valley (AV) Project after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Kellerman, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to authorize the General Manager to enter into an Agreement with Royal Industrial Solutions for the purchase of the Motor Control Center for the Pure Water AV Demonstration Facility in the amount of \$326,615.13.

7.7) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement to Purchase and Execute the Purchase and Sale of the Real Property with the APN 3022-011-002 in the City of Palmdale, County of Los Angeles, for the Pure Water AV Full-Scale Facility. (\$475,000.00 – Budgeted – Work Order No. 22-654 – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided an overview of the proposed property purchase for the full-scale Pure Water Antelope Valley and Capture6 facilities after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to authorize the General Manager to enter into an Agreement to Purchase and Execute the Purchase and Sale of the Real Property with the APN 3022-011-002 in the City of Palmdale, County of Los Angeles, for the Pure Water AV Full-Scale Facility in the amount of \$475,000.00.

7.8) 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 2024 Budget:

- a) **2024 Special Districts Resilience Virtual Summit to be held April 12, 2024.**
- b) **Waterwise Pro Maintenance & Construction Expo to be held May 14, 2024 in Pleasanton, CA.**

It was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2024 Budget: 2024 Special Districts Resilience Virtual Summit to be held April 12, 2024 and Waterwise Pro Maintenance & Construction Expo to be held May 14, 2024 in Pleasanton, CA.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

**1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) – February 27.
(Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)**

Director Dino reported that on February 27, he attended the AVEK Board Meeting where they approved a resolution authorizing the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency to provide water quality laboratory testing service to the State of California Department of Water Resources.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on March 7, he attended a Board Briefing.

Director Wilson reported that on February 20, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and that a written report has been distributed; that on February 21, he attended the SDANLAC Luncheon; that on February 22, he attended a Board Briefing; that on February 26, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular board Meeting; that on March 2, he attended the Fin & Feather Club Meeting; and that on March 6, he attended the AV Edge Luncheon.

Director Sanchez reported that on February 22, she attended a Board Briefing; that on February 26, she attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on February 27, she attended a PWD Facilities Tour; that on February 28, she attended the Watermaster Meeting; that on March 6, she attended the AV Edge Luncheon; that on March 7, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on March 8, she attended the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Installation Gala.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on February 28, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on February 28, she also attended the Watermaster Meeting; that on March 6, she attended the AV Edge Luncheon; and that on March 7, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Dino reported that on February 24, he attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Customer Service in the Public Sector; that on February 26, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on February 27, he attended an AVEK Meeting; that on February 28, he attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan; that on March 7, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on March 11, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux provided a brief update on staff's continued efforts with the State Water Resources Control Board regarding financial assistance for the installation of facilities to provide water service to Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park and on a potential large development located north of Avenue P and west of Sierra Highway adjacent to the District's boundaries that has expressed interest in water service by the District.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

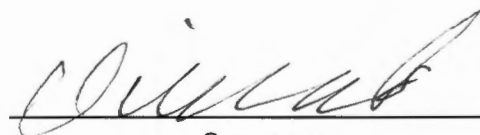
General Counsel Lee provided a brief legislative update on SB 1210 regarding the proposal to limit utility connection charges to 1% of the building permit value for new development.

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 7:26 p.m.



Secretary