MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JUNE 9, 2025:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, June 9, 2025, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District Office. President, 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 Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for peace.

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
Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager
Paul Early, General Counsel
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Shadi Bader, Engineering Manager
Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Director
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
6 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Sanchez, 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.

Mr. Neal Weisenberger, President of the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District (AVRCD), introduced himself and Mr. Derek Winkel and provided a brief overview of AVRCD including their virtual gardening programs and interest in collaborating with the District regarding Prop. 4 grant funding for habitat revival after which President Mac Laren-Gomez thanked Mr. Weisenberger for the information provided.

There were no further public comments.

5) Presentations:

5.1) Legislative Updates. (Public Affairs Director Shay/Representatives for Antelope Valley State Legislators.

Public Affairs Director Shay introduced Mr. Jack Danielson, Representative for Senator Valladares, after which Mr. Danielson provided a brief update on SB 23 and 296 regarding property tax exemptions for disabled veteran homeowners, on SB 571 regarding penalties for looting and impersonating first responders, on SB 563 regarding Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) grant program, and on SB 712 regarding smog check exemption for collector motor vehicles and then provided the new office location for Senator Valladares.

Public Affairs Director Shay then introduced Ms. Isla Garcia, Representative for Assemblymember Carrillo, after which Ms. Garcia provided a brief update on AB 264 regarding veteran education benefits for dependents and on AB 1089 regarding Western Joshua Tree permitting after which President Mac Laren-Gomez stated that she appreciates these legislative updates and collaboration efforts.

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 May 27, 2025.

6.2) Payment of Bills for June 9, 2025.

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 Adoption of the 2025-2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos provided an overview of the annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment reporting requirement and the District's healthy water supply 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 adopt the 2025-2026 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing the General Manager to Approve Payment of Remaining Fees for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification – Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project. ($157,603.00 – Budgeted – Project No. 21-613 – Engineering Manager Bader)

Engineering Manager Bader provided an overview of the fees associated with the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project, and after a brief discussion of the annual fee duration and of the length of the Ditch enclosure, 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 the General Manager to approve payment of remaining fees for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project in the amount of $157.603.00.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Western Joshua Tree Incidental Take Permit Fee from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. ($558,000.00 – Budgeted – Project No. 21-613 – Engineering Manager Bader)

Engineering Manager Bader provided an overview of the Western Joshua Tree Incidental Take Permit Fee breakdown and estimated total, and after a brief discussion of the impacted trees, of the required on-site biologist and survey, of proposed Assembly Bill 1089, and of collaboration with AVRCD, it was moved by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the Western Joshua Tree Incidental Take Permit Fee from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in the amount of up to $558,000.00.

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action to Reschedule or Cancel the August 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Annual Conference begins on the same day as the August 25, 2025

Regular Board Meeting and may result in the lack of a quorum needed to hold the meeting due to the interest in the Conference attendance, and after a brief discussion of the potential need for a Special Board Meeting in August for consideration of the District's annual assessment rates, it was moved by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to cancel the August 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

7.4) 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 2025 Budget:

a) None at This Time.

There were no conferences, seminars, or training sessions to consider.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

1) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – June 7. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Director Wilson reported that on June 7, he attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting where they discussed the need for better security due to recurring theft from the Palmdale Park and Ride and then stated that the Club received a donated tractor from a contractor and that the Catfish Derby has been rescheduled for a date after the lake is stocked.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman clarified that he attended the 2025 ACWA Spring Conference from May 12-15, 2025 and then reported that on June 4, he attended a Littlerock Reservoir Ad Hoc Committee Meeting; that on June 5, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on June 9, he is attending the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meeting.

Director Wilson reported that on that on May 20, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; and that on May 22, he attended a Board Briefing; that on June 5, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on June 7, he attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting.

Director Sanchez reported that on May 28, she attended the Watermaster Meeting and that on June 5, she attended a Board Briefing.

President Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on May 28, she attended the Watermaster Meeting; that on May 29, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on June 4, she attended a Littlerock Reservoir Ad Hoc Meeting; and that on June 5, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Dino reported that on June 5, he attended a Board Briefing and that on June 9, he is attending the PWD Regular Board Meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) Department Activity Updates.

1) Resource and Analytics Department. (Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos provided a detailed update of the Resource and Analytics Department's current and projected activities including the current State Water Project Table A allocation of 50%, water banked in the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project, long-term water sales, anticipated carry-over water for 2026, completion of required monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting, in-school presentations by Water Use Efficiency staff reaching over 1,100 students, the District's Annual Earth Day Poster Contest, participation in outreach events, waterwise rebates and turf removal, planning of the Phase 3 Water Conservation Garden, staff collaboration on the creation of a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) dashboard for real-time status of wells, and energy projects and grant program research and then stated that surface water will be utilized from Littlerock Dam to prepare for the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project which will also provide a break for District wells.

General Manager LaMoreaux then reported that he spoke with a consultant regarding the update of the District's Strategic Plan and that a proposal was made to conduct individual meetings and a workshop with the Board members for feedback

prior to issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) and that the wall markings in the Main and Small Board Rooms are potential locations for the new screen monitors that will be replacing the non-operational projectors as part of the visual upgrades.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Early stated that he has no legislative report but is grateful to be back in the United States with access to high-quality drinking water.

9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

10) Adjournment.

President Mac Laren-Gomez introduced audience member, and AVEK's newest Board Director, Mr. Ray Tremblay.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Secretary