

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

September 17, 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

W. SCOTT KELLERMAN Division 1

DON WILSON

Division 2

CYNTHIA SANCHEZ

Division 3

KATHY MAC LAREN-GOMEZ

Division 4

DEBBIE DINO

Division 5

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX

General Manager

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Attorneys





AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT TO BE HELD AT 2029 EAST AVENUE Q, PALMDALE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 6:00 p.m.

<u>NOTES</u>: To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to participate in any Board meeting please contact Danielle Henry at 661-947-4111 x1059 at least 48 hours prior to a Board meeting to inform us of your needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

Additionally, an interpreter will be made available to assist the public in making **comments** under Agenda Item No. 4 and any action items where public input is offered during the meeting if requested at least 48 hours before the meeting. Please call Danielle Henry at 661-947-4111 x1059 with your request. (PWD Rules and Regulations Section 4.03.1 (c))

Adicionalmente, un intérprete estará disponible para ayudar al público a hacer <u>comentarios</u> bajo la sección No. 4 en la agenda y cualquier elemento de acción donde se ofrece comentarios al público durante la reunión, siempre y cuando se solicite con 48 horas de anticipación de la junta directiva. Por favor de llamar Danielle Henry al 661-947-4111 x1059 con su solicitud. (PWD reglas y reglamentos sección 4.03.1 (c))

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<u>PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:</u> The prescribed time limit per speaker is three-minutes. Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments, or cheering. Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the District to conduct its meeting will not be permitted, and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting. (PWD Rules and Regulations, Appendix DD, Sec. IV.A.)

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Adoption of Agenda.
- 4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

- 5) Presentations:
 - 5.1) None at This Time.
- 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 Special Meeting held September 8, 2025.
 - 6.2) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held September 8, 2025.
 - 6.3) Payment of Bills for September 22, 2025.
- 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 Reorganization of the Board of Directors for the Positions of Secretary and Assistant Secretary. (President Mac Laren-Gomez)
 - 7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Annual Membership with Community Water Systems Alliance. (\$5,000.00 Non-Budgeted General Manager LaMoreaux)
 - 7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Resolution No. 25-7
 Authorizing Staff Blanket Authority to File Applications for Grant Funds from
 the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Measure A
 Funding for Projects and Programs. (No Budget Impact Potential Revenue –
 Assistant General Manager Rogers)
 - 7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of First Amendment to Communications Site Lease Agreement with Vertical Bridge for Cell Tower Located at 805 East Avenue S. (No Budget Impact Potential Revenue Finance Manager Iguaran)
 - 7.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Ratification of SCADA Radio Panel Replacements and Upgrades. (\$59,575.00 Non-Budgeted Project No. 24-616 Information Technology Manager Stanton)
 - 7.6) Adjourn to Palmdale Water District Annual Meeting of the Public Facilities Corporation. (President Mac Laren-Gomez)
 - 7.7) 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) United Water Conservation District's (UWCD) 2025 Water Sustainability Summit to be held October 16, 2025 in Oxnard.
 - b) CSDA On-Demand Webinar: AI in 2025: Legal Landscape and Strategic Imperatives for Special Districts.
- 8) Information Items:
 - 8.1) Reports of Directors:
 - a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

- 1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Meeting September 9. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)
- 2) Finance Committee Meeting September 16. (Director Wilson, Chair/Director Kellerman/Director Sanchez, Alt.)
- 3) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting September 20. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)
- b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.
- 8.2) Report of General Manager.
 - a) Department Activity Updates:
 - 1) Information Technology Department. (Information Technology Manager Stanton)
 - b) September 2025 Written Report of Activities through August 2025.
- 8.3) Report of General Counsel.

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- 9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.
- 10) Adjournment.

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,

General Manager

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025:

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, September 8, 2025, 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 5:01 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of President Mac Laren-Gomez, Director Sanchez led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager Paul Early, General Counsel Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director Kelly Jeters, Engineering Analyst Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant Patricia Guerrero, Management Analyst 11 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

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 agenda, as written.

- 4) 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.)
- 4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Appointment to Fill Vacancy for Division 5 of the Board of Directors. (General Counsel Early)

General Counsel Early provided an overview of the process to fill the Division 5 Board of Directors vacancy and reported that one application was received, after which President Mac Laren-Gomez invited candidate Deborah Dino to present her qualifications and interest in the position.

Mrs. Deborah Dino provided a detailed overview of her qualifications, highlighting her years of public service in the community, and stated that it would be an honor to carry on her late husband's legacy with Palmdale Water District.

Director Sanchez expressed her appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Dino's commitment and service to the community after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to appoint Deborah Dino to fill the vacancy for the Division 5 Board of Directors seat.

4.2) Administering of Oath of Office to Appointed Director. (General Counsel Lee)

Mr. Robert Parris, AVEK Director, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Division 5 Director Deborah Dino.

5) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, September 8, 2025, 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 service men and women.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager Paul Early, General Counsel Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager Viri Iguaran, Finance Manager Joe Marcinko, Operations Manager Curtis Cobb, Operations Supervisor Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director Kelly Jeters, Engineering Analyst Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant 6 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

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 agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

5) Presentations:

5.1) None at This Time.

There were no presentations.

- 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 August 11, 2025.
 - 6.2) Ratification of Payment of Bills for August 25, 2025.
 - 6.3) Payment of Bills for September 8, 2025.
- 6.4) Approval to Ratify Accounting Supervisor and Engineer Job Description Updates. (No Budget Impact Human Resources Director Garcia)
- 6.5) Approval of California Quitclaim Deed for A.P.N. 3022-015-012, Palmdale Family Housing, L.P., a California Partnership. (No Budget Impact Engineering Manager Bader)

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar 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 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 to Declare Micon 900 Wind Turbine and Tower as Surplus Property. (No Budget Impact Potential Revenue Assistant General Manager Rogers)

Assistant General Manager Rogers provided an overview of staff's efforts and recommendation to declare the decommissioned Micon 900 Wind Turbine and Tower as surplus property, and after a brief discussion of the removal process and the offset costs from the scrap metal, 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 declare the Micon 900 Wind Turbine and Tower as surplus property.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Ratification of Contract with Stantec Consulting for Development of Application for the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the Palmdale Ditch Enclosure. (\$73,480.00 – Non-Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Rogers)

Assistant General Manager Rogers provided an overview of the previous grants received for the Palmdale Ditch Enclosure Project and the funding needed to complete the ditch conversion 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 ratification of the Contract with Stantec Consulting for Development of Application for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the Palmdale Ditch Enclosure.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Ratification of Contract with Energy Management Corporation to Repair Hydroelectric Turbine Generator. (\$77,000.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Non-Budgeted – Facilities Manager Wall)

Assistant General Manager Rogers provided a brief background on the hydroelectric turbine generator installed as part of the Energy Recovery Facility at Lake Palmdale, including prior damage that led to its removal from service and the District's estimated energy cost savings, and after a brief discussion of the generator's lifespan, 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 approve ratification of the Contract with Energy Management Corporation to Repair Hydroelectric Turbine Generator in the not-to-exceed amount of \$77,000.00.

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing the General Manager to Approve the Cost Estimate for Crotch's Bumble Bee Habitat Restoration and Maintenance of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project. (\$801,390.00 – Budgeted – Project No. 21-613 – Engineering Manager Bader)

Assistant General Manager Rogers provided an overview of the escrow account previously approved as part of the permitting process and outlined the scope of work for the Crotch's Bumble Bee habitat restoration and maintenance, and after a brief discussion of the potential habitat disturbance and the required five-year monitoring period, 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 authorization of the General Manager to approve the Cost Estimate for Crotch's Bumble Bee Habitat Restoration and Maintenance of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project in the amount of \$801,390.00.

- 7.5) 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) BizFed Institute 4th Annual Water Resiliency Summit: Pure Water LA/SoCal & The Delta Conveyance to be held September 19, 2025 at Los Angeles County Sanitation District in Whittier.

General Manager LaMoreaux provided a brief overview of the benefits of this Summit after which it was moved Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve to the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2025 Budget: BizFed Institute 4th Annual Water Resiliency Summit: Pure Water LA/SoCal & The Delta Conveyance to be held September 19, 2025 at Los Angeles County Sanitation District in Whittier.

8) Information Items:

- 8.1) Reports of Directors:
- a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:
- 1) Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (AVSWCA) Meeting – August 14. (President Mac Laren-Gomez/Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

President Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on August 14, she attended the AVSWCA Meeting where a presentation on the State Water Project Science Program was provided and where they discussed grant opportunities.

2) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – August 16 & September 6. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Director Kellerman reported that on August 16, he attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club meeting, where discussions included future fish purchases, mitigation efforts related to the discovery of the Golden Mussel at Lake Palmdale, the Club's zone permitting application and required Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and an increase in liability insurance.

There was no report for the September 6 Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting.

3) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) Meeting – August 18. (Director Kellerman/Director Wilson/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Kellerman reported that on August 18, he attended the PRWA Meeting where they briefly discussed the future direction of the Joint Powers Authority.

4) Finance Committee Meeting – August 19. (Director Wilson, Chair/Director Kellerman/Director Sanchez, Alt.)

Director Wilson reported that on August 19, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and that a written report was distributed.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on August 7, he attended a Board Briefing; that on August 14, he attended the AVSWCA Meeting; that on August 16, he attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting; that on August 18, he attended the PRWA Meeting; that on August 19, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on August 21, he attended a Strategic Plan Scoping Interview with Jennifer Liebermann; that on August 24, he attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Annual BBQ; and that on September 4, he attended a Board Briefing.

Director Wilson reported that on August 7, he attended a Board Briefing; that on August 11, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on August 14, he attended the AVSWCA Meeting; that on August 18, he attended the PRWA Meeting; that on August 19, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on August 21, he attended a Strategic Plan Scoping Interview with Jennifer Liebermann; that on August 25-28, he attended the California Special Districts Association Annual Conference in Monterey and that the motivational speakers were excellent; and that on September 4, he attended a Board Briefing.

Director Sanchez reported that on August 14, she attended the Let's Talk H2O event; that on August 19, she attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on August 21, she attended a Strategic Plan Scoping Interview with Jennifer Liebermann; that on August 25, she attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Annual Employment Law Update; that on August 26, she completed a CSDA Webinar regarding AI in 2025: Legal Landscape and Strategic Imperatives for Special Districts; that on August 27, she

completed a CSDA Webinar regarding Mastering Good Governance for a Better Board and District; that on August 29, she completed a CSDA Webinar regarding How to Build a Better Multi-Year Strategic Plan; that on August 30, she completed a CSDA Webinar regarding Transparency in Action: Unlocking the Brown Act; and that on September 4, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on August 7, she attended a Board Briefing; that on August 14, she attended the AVSWCA Meeting; that on August 18, she attended the PRWA Meeting; that on August 21, she attended a Strategic Plan Scoping Interview with Jennifer Liebermann; that on August 21, she also attended a Public Water Suppliers Meeting; that on August 24, she attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Annual BBQ; that on August 26, she attended the AVEK Meeting; that on August 27, she attended the Watermaster Meeting; that on August 28, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing; and that on September 4, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Dino had no report.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that Councilmembers Loa and Ohlsen were appointed to the City of Palmdale's Littlerock Reservoir Ad Hoc Committee and that staff will coordinate a joint meeting to discuss the Littlerock Reservoir recreation area.

a) Department Activity Updates:

1) Public Affairs Department. (Public Affairs Director Shay)

Public Affairs Director Shay provided a detailed update on the Public Affairs Department's current and projected activities, including press releases, print publications, purchased advertisements, featured articles in ACWA News, completion of the Consumer Confidence Report, staff interviews and presentations, lobbying efforts, sponsorship of the AV ALTA Soccer Club, water bottle donations, customer outreach, and social media posts highlighting Director Dino's passing that received over 40,000 engagements. She also reported on participation in various events, including the Water Ambassadors Academy, the upcoming Junior Water Ambassadors Academy, PWD Customer Appreciation Day, facility tours and discussions with local legislators and City officials, career fairs, Let's Talk H2O events, Coffee with Director events, Read Across America, a District-hosted Red Cross Blood Drive, Water-Wise

Workshops, the AVC Block Party, and National Night Out and stated that Assistant General Manager Rogers was named the AWWA Water Champion; that she is serving her third term on the ACWA Communications Task Force, the Scholarship Subcommittee, and the Outreach Task Force; that the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County (SDANLAC) received the CSDA Chapter of the Year Award and that the open seat will be up for election at the November Chapter luncheon; and that staff is planning the District's float for the AV Chambers of Commerce Holiday Parade.

2) Operations Department. (Operations Manager Marcinko)

Operations Manager Marcinko commended the District's Public Affairs Department for their outreach efforts and then provided a detailed presentation on the Operations Department's current and projected laboratory, regulatory, and water operations activities including updates on sampling, monitoring, reporting, equipment, solid disposals, HazMat inspections, salt deliveries, the discovery of Golden Mussel veligers and mitigation efforts, brush abatement, the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Granular Activated Carbon (GAC), new staff, staff accomplishments, and participation in Let's Talk H2O and a facility tours for Congressman Whitesides.

He then announced that tomorrow marks the one-year anniversary of Operations Supervisor Cobb's position, after which the Board expressed their congratulations.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Early reported that SB 394, regarding penalties for unauthorized use or tampering with fire hydrants, has advanced to the Governor's desk; that SB 601, regarding bodies of water defined under the Clean Water Act, AB 1146, regarding regulation of water releases from reservoirs owned and operated by the United States within California, and SB 350, regarding the establishment of a Water Rate Assistance Fund for low-income households, are all currently stalled; and that the other Assembly bills previously reported on continue to move forward through committee.

9) Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Matters.

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

10) Closed Session:

10.1) Government Code § 54956.8:

a) Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation in 1 Case.

At 7:07 p.m., President Mac Laren-Gomez called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8 to conduct a Conference With Real Property Negotiators: Negotiating Parties: PWD General Manager and Calandri Farms, Inc.; Property: Water Rights; Under Negotiations: Price and Terms. She reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

11) Public Report of Any Action Taken in Closed Session.

General Counsel Early reported that a closed session was held pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8 to conduct a Conference With Real Property Negotiators and that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

12) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

13) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2025
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

OF DIRECTORS FOR THE POSITIONS OF SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

(PRESIDENT MAC LAREN-GOMEZ)

Recommendation:

There is no staff recommendation on this item.

Alternative Options:

There are no alternative options.

Impact of Taking No Action:

Action is needed to complete the rotation of the Board officer position.

Background:

Former Director Vincent Dino was the Board Secretary and Director Cynthia Sanchez the Assistant Secretary. The Board appointed Director Debbie Dino on September 8, 2025. However, the Board Secretary position is still vacant. Article 4 of the District's Rules and Regulations, Section 4.05: Officers of the Board – states that "...The Board shall reorganize every two years, following an election, unless by a 3/5 majority vote the Board approves a reorganization at any other time." Section 4.06: Duties and Obligations of the Officers of the Board – identifies Officer duties and titles.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership.

This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

Budget:

There is no budget impact.

Supporting Documents:

Rules and Regulations Article 4 Sections 4.05, 4.06, 4.06.4, and 4.06.5

4.05: OFFICERS OF THE BOARD (Revised 7-9-18)

The officers of the Board shall be:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary.

Officers shall be elected by a 3/5 majority vote of the Board. The Board shall reorganize every two years, following an election, unless by a 3/5 majority vote the Board approves a reorganization at any other time.

4.06: DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Other than the duties and obligations specified herein, Officers have no rights or authority different from any other Director. In addition to such duties and obligations imposed by law or by action of the Board of Directors, the duties of each Officer of the District are as follows:

4.06.1 PRESIDENT

Preside over and conduct all meetings of the Board, including maintaining the order pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Board and attached hereto as Appendix DD, to ensure constructive and democratic meetings and help, not hinder, the business and discussion of the Board. Carry out the resolutions and orders of the Board. Exercise other powers and perform other duties as prescribed by the Board in these Rules and Regulations and by other actions of the Board. Approve Board meeting agendas. Form or disband standing and ad hoc committees. Appoint committee members and the Chair of said committees. Sign all agreements to which the District is a party. Write and/or sign correspondence on behalf of the Board and PWD. In the event of an early vacancy in the office of the Presidency, the Vice President shall become the President.

4.06.2 VICE PRESIDENT

Exercise the duties of the President in the absence of, when the President stands down, or when the President is unable to continue in his/her duties due to any

other reason. In the event of an early vacancy in the position of Vice-President, the Board shall elect a new Vice-President in accordance with Section 4.04.

4.06.3 TREASURER

Sign financial instruments as required and serve as the Finance Committee Chair. The Treasurer acts on behalf of the President in the event the President and Vice President are unable to do so. In the event of an early vacancy in the position of Treasurer, the Board shall elect a new Treasurer in accordance with Section 4.04.

4.06.4 SECRETARY

Certify or attest to the actions taken by the Board. Sign the minutes of the Board meeting following their approval. In the absence of the Secretary from any meeting at which the Board approved meeting minutes, the Assistant Secretary, if present, shall sign the meeting minutes. In the event of an early vacancy in the position of Secretary, the Board shall elect a new Secretary in accordance with Section 4.04.

4.06.5 ASSISTANT SECRETARY (Approved 7-9-18)

Exercise the duties of the Secretary in the absence of or when the Secretary is unable to continue in his/her duties due to any other reason. In the event of an early vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, the Board shall elect a new Assistant Secretary in accordance with Section 4.04.

4.07: DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF ALL DIRECTORS

4.07.1 RULES OF CONDUCT

The Board of Directors shall at all times conduct itself in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, State laws, Local laws, and the District's Rules and Regulations. Any violations by any Director of these Rules and Regulations, including this Article IV, may be addressed by the Board in the manner provided in the Rules of Procedure, attached hereto as Appendix DD at Section IV.B.



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2025
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP WITH

COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE. (\$5,000.00 - NON-BUDGETED -

GENERAL MANAGER LaMOREAUX)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the annual District membership with Community Water Systems Alliance (CWSA).

Alternative Options:

No similar organization is available.

Impact of Taking No Action:

The District will continue to participate in task forces and work groups associated with the LA County Water Plan. These have dealt with improving reliable water service to residents in the County, including the Antelope Valley, by addressing existing shortcomings with programs and policies. The assistance would not be as direct and tangible.

Background:

CWSA works directly on issues that affect water systems, particularly small water systems. These range from regulatory compliance to water system management to helping to shape new regulations. A good example is CWSA's work on the new Western Joshua Tree California regulations. The District is currently working with two small water systems: Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park and Joshua Acres Mutual Water Company. These water systems each have different challenges, and both would like to be served by the District.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

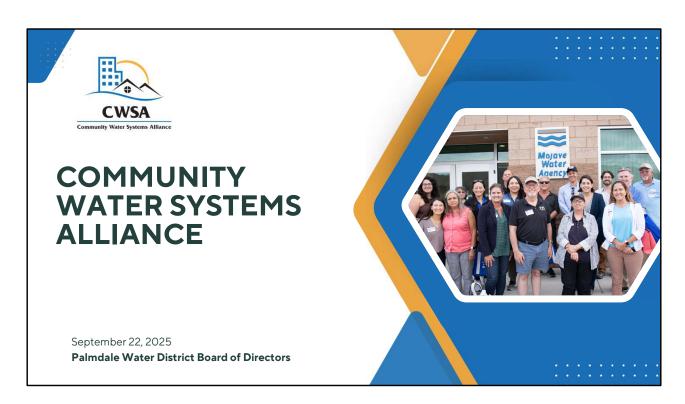
This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 3 –Systems Efficiency and No. 5 Regional Leadership. This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

Budget:

The annual membership of \$5,000.00 is non-budgeted for 2025.

Supporting Documents:

- Community Water Systems Alliance (CWSA) Presentation
- CWSA Membership Brochure



The Community Water Systems Alliance hosted State Water Resources Control Board member Laurel Firestone (shown here) on a tour of our members, from Coachella Valley to Twentynine Palms Water District and Mojave Water Agency. She remarked on how much she learned from us.

OUR INCEPTION Launched in 2019- CalMutuals umbrella



systems

opposition to a proposed meter tax

New voice for smaller, older, poorer water

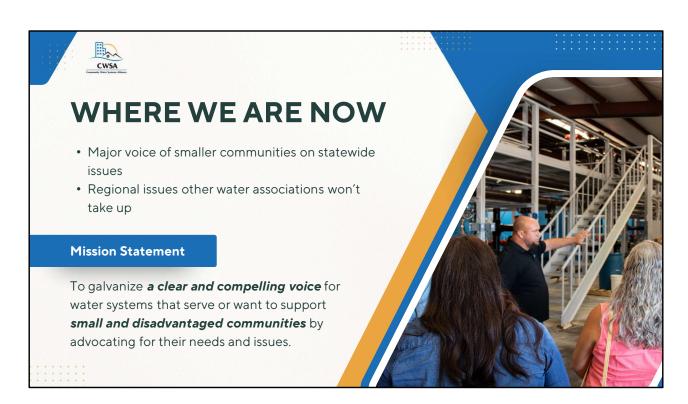
• invalidation of Chromium-6 standards



What was the problem CWSA was formed to solve? In 2018 and 2019 there was a major battle over a bill that proposed to put a fee on retail water meters – you might recall the fight over a "water tax," as we called it. ACWA and the big water associations were lined up against it, but it wasn't clear that they were going to defeat this. The problem was that the legislature saw them as all the big water agencies with plenty of money and ability, and were only listening to the "environmental justice" organizations. Nobody was speaking with the voice of the water systems that **actually serve** the disadvantaged communities.

We had seen the same problem when the state adopted the drinking water standard for chromium-6 the first time, in 2012. AWWA and others presented some sophisticated studies about the cost of the regulation, but it didn't carry the day. As executive director of Cal Mutuals, Adan Ortega coordinated with some of the small systems, and they supported the legal case that overturned the regulation. The judge found that the state had not considered the "economic feasibility" of the regulation. But it was evidence of what the voice of smaller, older, and poorer communities could do if they were organized.

CWSA was organized in November of 2018, and the next year became a "project" under the fiscal management of CalMutuals. So that's a little bit of the history.



Bringing this up to the present, CWSA has become a consistent voice representing the "smaller, older, and poorer" community water systems. We don't take on every water issue in the state, we are more focused.

Our mission statement keeps the focus on small and disadvantaged communities, but what you might not realize is that some larger districts and some that serve wealthier populations find value in supporting the voice of their sister agencies that have more of a struggle. The issues affect everyone, but some feel the impact of new regulations or laws more intensely. We carry that voice to the big state policy debates, which benefits every water system when we call attention to the affordability of regulations or other actions.

But there is another niche that CWSA has grown into, and that is to help organize a water voice on some regional issues that other associations won't help with—like desert cannabis grows, or the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act.



<u>CWSA Members</u> now span from the Inland Empire to coastal southern California, and in three counties north of the Grapevine, as more cities and districts have come in as members this year. The members include:

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

City of Coachella (Coachella Water Authority)

City of Indio (Indio Water Authority)

**City of Los Banos (new member in 2025)

City of Watsonville

Coachella Valley Water District

Hi-Desert Water District

Joshua Basin Water District

Las Virgenes Water District

Mesa Water District

Mojave Water Agency

North of the River Water District

Pico Water District

**San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (new member in 2025)

**San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (new member in 2025)

Santa Margarita Water District

Twentynine Palms Water District

Water Replenishment District of Southern California

Yorba Linda Water District.



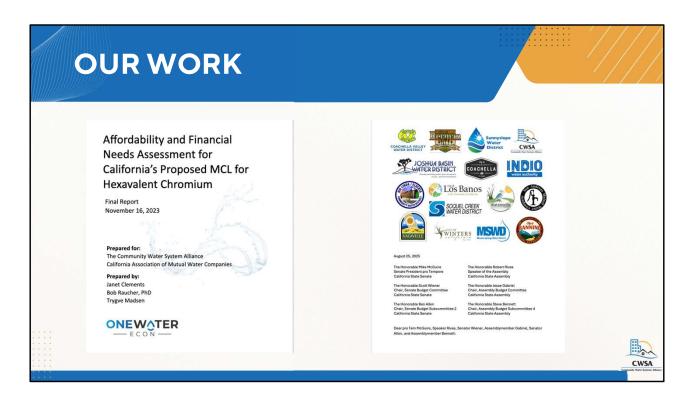
CWSA's work focuses on issues that other water agencies can't or won't take on, and fits into one or more priority areas.

Legislative & Regulatory: CWSA advocates regularly in the Legislature and regulatory agencies through public comment, meetings with key decision makers and collaborating with other organizations. CWSA co-sponsored SB 466 (Caballero) to provide water systems that are impacted by Chromium-6 relief from public litigation. We were appointed to the DRIP Collaborative so that the voice of smaller and poorer systems is considered.

Regional Issues: CWSA develops regional campaigns and advocates for underrepresented water systems. For example, CWSA spotlighted how illegal cannabis cultivation harmed both the environment and community water resources. The Alliance has elevated concerns with implementation of the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act, and problems with the chromium-6 regulation, including the need for funding assistance.

Large Helping Small: California red tape often blocks financial aid from reaching the older, poorer communities and small water systems that need it most. CWSA highlights large water agencies that support smaller neighbors with planning, technical help, emergency aid, and bridge loans to offset long waits for state reimbursements.

Water Affordability: CWSA advocates for changes to the state's analytical methods and decision-making to ensure that drinking water is both safe and affordable. A CWSA economic study revealed a crucial flaw in California's drinking water regulatory system, whereby a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for chromium will make water unaffordable for many thousands of people.



Our impacts stretch back to our inception with the invalidation of the 2017 Chromium-6 regulatory package and defeat of a legislatively proposed meter tax. More recently, CWSA has been involved in workgroups helping inform the "Making Conservation a California Way of Life" regulations, helping significantly reduce the impacts of the regulation's implementation on our member agencies.

Our members, alongside CalMutuals, paid for an independent assessment of the Chromium-6 regulatory package and found that the state did not adequately measure the financial impact of treatment on customers of medium sized and larger sized systems. This underestimation highlights a severe deficit in the amount of available funding relative to need that was previously referenced by the State Water Resources Control Board. CWSA has consistently made public comment on the State Water Board's Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds, and conducted several meetings with the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance to discuss the financial need and advocate for increased funding for Chromium-6 treatment.



Our members are able to bring forth issues of particular concern or importance to their region to be supported by the broader organization. Our successes in the Desert with illegal water theft from cannabis resulted in several news publications and bills to curb the stealing and diversion of water. Water agencies in that region have seen the issue radically reduced and successfully protected their local water supplies.

Additionally, CWSA has taken leadership in forming the Western Joshua Tree coalition, a group comprised of water agencies, local government, building and agricultural interests, and private landowners, to advocate for improved implementation of the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act. Palmdale Water District has been a key part of that coalition. Pressure from the partners in this coalition have brought about several needed improvements in implementation, including decreased buffer zones, fee waivers or reductions for private homeowners, and introducing legislative language to provide a fix for some more fundamental concerns over the Plan.

This law needs more changes that will require strong legislative advocacy next year, and CWSA would like to invite Palmdale Water District to join us in that effort and all the other issues that are important to districts like this one.



CWSA is led by two committees of the members – a Steering Committee that oversees the budget and membership, and the Policy Committee of all members that determines positions and tactics.

The managing director of CWSA is Dr. Tim Worley, a veteran of nearly 35 years in California water policy with deep knowledge of the issues and the people who make a difference.

COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE







Who speaks for the underrepresented?

Many California drinking water systems serve areas considered "disadvantaged communities" (DACs) under economic criteria, but nongovernmental organizations often viewed as DAC advocates do not speak for all.

To bolster the voices of small water systems and disadvantaged communities, the Community Water Systems Alliance is guided by the principle of "large helping small" water systems to fill the void in representation with water system officials from DACs and small community water systems, and others whose interests align with them.

CWSA Accomplishments



Legislation

CWSA frequently monitors bills that affect our member systems and takes action in the form of comment letters, suggesting bill amendments, testifying in Congress and co-sponsoring bills.



Regulation

CWSA has historically spoken on regulatory policies like the Chromium-6 MCL. We write comment letters and provide verbal testimony to highlight the impact of these regulations on small systems and advocate for their equitable enforcement.



Guidance & Education Materials

We frequently conduct webinars focused on water policy & advocacy for our member systems and their elected officials. We recently hosted a tour of our member systems to show the real impacts of policy changes to State officials.



COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE





Membership

Annual fees are billed on a quarterly basis. Becoming a Charter Member provides a higher level of involvement and exposure in our events and planning.

Tier 1: Revenues <\$250,000	\$500/year
Tier 2: Revenues \$250,000-499,999	\$750/year
Tier 3: Revenues \$500,000-999,999	\$1,250/year
Tier 4: Revenues \$1,000,000-3,999,999	\$2,500/year
Tier 5: Revenues \$4,000,000+	\$5,000/year
Charter Member	\$10,000/year

Benefits of Membership

Education

Gain access to an archive of educational materials on water policy in California and how to advocate in the legislature for your system.

Events

Get invited to participate in tours, mixers and webinars that can connect you to State officials and facilitate candid discussions around the issues that matter the most to you and your system.

Take Action

Participate in our efforts to comment on legislation you & other members care about. Join in on letters, fly in to Sacramento to meet with legislators, and provide your voice when co-sponsoring a bill or suggesting bill amendments.

Our Members

We bring together some of the smallest water systems in the state with the larger water systems and cities that want to help their communities. Some of our members include Mojave Water Agency, Mesa Water District, Twentynine Palms Water District, City of Watsonville, and Coachella Valley Water District.





COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE

Contact Us to Learn More or Join!



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2025
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Mr. Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-

7 AUTHORIZING STAFF BLANKET AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS. (NO BUDGET IMPACT – POTENTIAL REVENUE – ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

ROGERS)

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Board approve Resolution No. 25-7 authorizing staff to apply for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Measure A to fund the renovation and improvements to the Littlerock Reservoir Recreational Area.

Alternative Options:

The alternative is to not approve this resolution.

Impact of Taking No Action:

Not obtaining potential grant funds to assist with re-opening the recreation area at Littlerock Reservoir.

Background:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) administers Measure A, the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure of 2016. Approved by voters in 2016, Measure A provides ongoing funding for parks, open space, and recreation through a parcel tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of structural improvements, generating approximately \$95 million annually.

Funds are distributed through both competitive and formula-based grant programs, with a strong emphasis on equity and supporting park-poor and underserved communities. Eligible projects include park development, land acquisition, habitat restoration, recreational programming, and urban greening.

The 2025 Measure A Competitive Grant Program has \$58 million in funding available and includes categories such as:

Recreation Access

VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: Resolution No. 25-7 – Measure A Grant Applications September 22, 2025

- Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation
- Rural Recreation and Community Services
- Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement

These grants are designed to fund impactful projects that improve access to outdoor spaces and serve communities with the greatest need.

The District is pursuing 2025 Competitive Grant funding to support the Littlerock Reservoir Recreation Area Project, which aims to enhance public access, improve recreational infrastructure, and support environmental stewardship in the Antelope Valley region. This project aligns with Measure A goals by expanding rural recreation opportunities and increasing equitable access to open space.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 4 – Financial Health and Stability, No. 5 – Regional Leadership and No. 6 – Customer Care, Advocacy and Outreach

This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

Budget:

This item has no budget impact.

Supporting Documents:

- Resolution No. 25-7: Resolution of the Palmdale Water District Approving the Blanket Authority to File Applications for Grant Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Measure A Funding for Projects and Programs
- July 15, 2025 Press Release: Historic \$58 Million Investment for the Next Generation of Parks, Trails, and Open Space

RESOLUTION NO. 25-7

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DSITRICT APPROVING THE BLANKET AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the voters of the County of Los Angeles on November 8, 2016, approved the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure (Measure A); and

WHEREAS, Measure A also designated the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary policies and procedures governing the application for grant funds under Measure A; and

WHEREAS, the District's policies and procedures require the governing body of the Palmdale Water District to approve of the filing of an application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that Palmdale Water District must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District will enter into Agreement(s) with the District to provide funds for acquisition projects, development projects, and/or programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District hereby:

- 1. Approves the blanket authority to file applications with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Measure A Funds for projects or programs; and
- 2. Certifies that Palmdale Water District understands the assurances and will comply with the assurances in the application form; and
- 3. Appoints the General Manager, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of projects or programs.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Palmdale Water District this 22nd day of September, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
	President, Board of Directors
ATTEST:	
Secretary, Board of Directors	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mark Glassock, mglassock@parks.lacounty.gov, 626-223-7916

Date: July 15, 2025

HISTORIC \$58 MILLION INVESTMENT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE

LOS ANGELES – July 15, 2025 – The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) has announced a landmark \$58 million investment—the largest competitive grant program in its history—to transform the future of parks, trails, and open space across Los Angeles County.

"This is more than a grant program—it's a commitment to creating parks and open space in the communities that need them most," said **Norma E. García-González**, Director of Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation and Director of RPOSD. "This \$58 million investment has the power to deliver on the promises made to voters—transforming neglected spaces into vibrant parks, trails, and green infrastructure that will serve generations to come. We envision a Los Angeles County where every neighborhood has access, and where children and families can easily access a park, trail, or open space they can call their own."

The 2025 Competitive Grant Program is designed to accelerate shovel-ready, climate-smart, and community-rooted projects. At least 30% of funds are reserved for communities identified as having High or Very High Park Need, according to the 2016 Countywide Park Needs Assessment. Additional consideration will go to projects in rural and historically underrepresented communities.

This latest investment builds on RPOSD's ongoing commitment to ensuring that every person has access to green space in their community. Over the past two years, RPOSD has awarded more than \$45 million in targeted investments to local park agencies serving LA County's most park-deficient communities. In addition, RPOSD provided emergency wildfire recovery funds earlier this year and supported the acquisition of 623 acres of new parkland countywide.

The \$58 million from this grant program will be awarded through three grant categories, each designed to unlock the full potential of community-driven park projects:

- Planning & Design Grants \$18 million: To fund planning, design permitting, and engagement work to create shovel ready projects ready to compete for other funding opportunities. Awards range from \$100,000–\$500,000.
- Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation & Protection \$24 million: For shovel-ready projects that enhance water quality, habitat, and open space. Awards range from \$500,000–\$4 million.
- Regional Recreation, Multi-Use Trails & Accessibility \$16 million: To connect the County through trail systems, regional parks, and inclusive recreation. Awards range from \$500,000–\$4 million.

About RPOSD:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) is a special district that grants voter-approved Measure A funding to cities, agencies, and nonprofits for new and improved parks, trails, and green spaces across the County. RPOSD ensures that investments reach the communities that need them most—improving public health, climate resilience, and equitable access to nature for generations to come.



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2025
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Mrs. Viri Iguaran, Finance Manager/CFO

VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT

TO COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VERTICAL BRIDGE FOR CELL TOWER LOCATED AT 805 EAST AVENUE S. (NO BUDGETED IMPACT —

POTENIAL REVENUE - FINANCE MANAGER IGUARAN)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the proposed Amendment to the Communications Site Lease Agreement with Vertical Bridge (VB-S1 Assets) for the cell tower located at 805 East Avenue S. The Amendment proposes the following:

- **Term:** Extend the agreement from three (3) five-year renewal options to eight (8) five-year renewal options, extending the potential term through 2061.
- **Revenue:** The additional five renewal periods are projected to generate \$2,930,959.03 in additional revenue.
- Rate: The annual rent escalation will remain at 4%, which is slightly above industry standards.

Alternative Options:

The Board may elect not to amend the existing contract. In that case, the lease would expire in 2036 under the current terms. No additional revenue beyond the current expiration date would be realized.

Impact of Taking No Action:

The lease contract term would remain as is, and no amendment to the terms would be made. No additional revenue beyond the current expiration date would be realized.

Background:

In 2011, Palmdale Water District entered into a lease agreement with MetroPCS (now administered by VB-S1 Assets) for the use of District property at 805 East Avenue S. The original lease provided a 10-year term, with three (3) optional five-year extensions, and included a 4% annual rent increase.

VIA: Mr. Dennis. D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: First Amendment Lease Agreement with Vertical Bridge

September 22, 2025

The proposed amendment would extend the renewal options from three (3) to eight (8), allowing the lease to run through 2061. This change would result in an estimated \$2,930,959.03 in additional revenue for the District. These funds would directly support the Rate Assistance Program (RAP), which provides relief for senior, low-income, and veteran customers.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 4 – Financial Health and Stability.

This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

Budget:

This item has no budget impact and would provide an opportunity for additional revenue.

Supporting Documents:

• First Amendment to Communications Site Lease Agreement

FIRST AMENDMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT

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RECITALS

WHEREAS, Landlord is the fee owner of certain real property located in Los Angeles County, California, (the "**Property**");and,

WHEREAS, in 1973, Landlord officially changed its name from Palmdale Irrigation District to the Palmdale Water District; and,

WHEREAS, On February 15, 2011, Landlord, under the name Palmdale Irrigation District, entered into a Communications Site Lease Agreement with MetroPCS Networks California, LLC ("the Lease"); and,

WHEREAS, Tenant, by way of assignment, is the current tenant under Lease.; and,

WHEREAS, Tenant owns, operates, and maintains one or more wireless communications towers, equipment, shelters, and other associated improvements on the Premises (collectively, "Improvements"); and,

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant now desire to amend the Lease as more particularly provided below.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements set forth below and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows.

- 1. <u>Defined Terms; Recitals.</u> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Lease. The recitals set forth here and above are true and correct in all respects and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. Landlord's name on the Lease is hereby amended to read Palmdale Water District throughout the Lease.
 - 3. Section 2 of the Lease is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

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Site Name: Palmdale Water II Site Number: US-CA-7014

"Term. The initial term of this Lease shall be ten (10) years commencing on the date Lessee begins construction of Lessee's facilities on the Premises or six months (6) from the date of full execution date of this Lease, whichever occurs first ("Commencement Date"). The Lease shall terminate ten (10) years after the Commencement Date unless sooner terminated as herein provided. Lessee shall have the right to extend the Term for eight (8) additional Terms ("Renewal Term(s)") of five (5) years each. Each Renewal Term shall be on the same terms and conditions as set forth herein. This Lease shall automatically be extended for each Renewal Term unless Lessee notifies Lessor in writing of Lessee's intention not to extend this Lease at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the first ten year Term or any Renewal Term."

Section 23 is hereby amended to reflect the following:

"Notices. All notices under the Lease shall be delivered by Federal Express, or US certified mail return receipt requested, and addressed to:

If to Tenant:

VB-S1 Assets, LLC c/o Vertical Bridge REIT, LLC 22 W Atlantic Ave, Suite 310 Delray Beach, Florida 33444 Attention: General Counsel Ref: US-CA-7014

If to Landlord:

Palmdale Water District 2029 Avenue O Palmdale, California 93550 viguaran@palmdalewater.org

- Counterparts/Digital Signatures. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts with the same effect as if both parties hereto had executed the same document. Both counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute a single document. Delivery of a copy of this Amendment (or any notices pursuant to the Lease) bearing an original signature by facsimile transmission, by DocuSign, by electronic mail in "portable document format" (".pdf") form, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.
- Ratification. Except as amended and modified in this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Lease (in existence prior to this Amendment) are ratified and confirmed in all respects and shall continue in full force and effect. In the event of any dispute between the terms of the Lease 01184.0010 2031625.1

Site Name: Palmdale Water II Site Number: US-CA-7014

(in existence prior to this Amendment) and this Amendment, the terms of this Amendment shall govern and supersede those set forth in the Lease (in existence prior to this Amendment).

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Site Name: Palmdale Water II Site Number: US-CA-7014

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the Effective Date.

WITNESSES:	LANDLORD:
	Palmdale Water District,
Name:	By:
Name.	Name:
	Title:
Name:	Date:

[Landlord's Signature Page to Amendment]

Site Name: Palmdale Water II
Site Number: US-CA-7014

WITNESSES:	TENANT:
	VB-S1 Assets, LLC a Delaware limited liability company
	By:
Name:	Name:
	Title:
Name:	

[Tenant's Signature Page to Amendment]



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2025
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Mr. Jim Stanton, Information Technology Manager

VIA: Mr. Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager

Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RATIFICATION OF SCADA RADIO

PANEL REPLACEMENTS AND UPGRADES. (\$59,575.00 - NON-BUDGETED - PROJECT NO. 24-616 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER STANTON)

Recommendation:

Staff recommend purchasing four panels to support the SCADA radio and network upgrade from Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED).

Alternative Options:

Continue to use the outdated 20-year-old panels.

Impact of Taking No Action:

Not replacing them leaves the distribution and production network susceptible to cyber-attacks, unable to be monitored and controlled remotely which increases the possibility of failure and having to operate the water system manually. Not replacing them could result in delayed emergency responses due to communication failures.

Background:

Palmdale Water District recognized the need to modernize the existing SCADA network by investing in the SCADA Master Plan. Phase 1 was the initial network design completed in March of 2025. This request is to replace the existing panels at four locations – the Main Office, the Underground, Walt's Tank and 47th Street.

Network Implementation – These panels are a critical part of the network implementation. The new network will be fault-tolerant, segmented, and protected utilizing both licensed and unlicensed radio frequencies and current cybersecurity best practices.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

VIA: Mr. Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager RE: SCADA Panel Replacements and Upgrades

September 22, 2025

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 3 – Systems Efficiency.

This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

Budget:

This item has a non-budgeted cost of approximately \$59,575.00 under Project No. 24-616.

Supporting Documents:

- All-Phase Quote
- Royal Quote
- CED Quote

ALL-PHASE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO Quote: Q1032361 Revision #: 018



610 WEST AVENUE O SUITE 103

PALMDALE CA 93551

Tel: (661)361-1680 Fax: (661)361-1681

Job Name: RADIO PANEL

Attn:

Ship To: PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

610 WEST AVENUE O SUITE 103 PALMDALE, CA 93551-0000

Contact Name: ARTURO PADILLA

Quote Date: 08/18/25 Updated On: 08/18/25 Expires On: 09/19/25

Customer PO #: Customer PO Date:

FOB: SHIPPING POINT

Freight: PICKUP

LN	Product	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price
01	HOFF A72H3724FS3PT ENCLOSURE	3	\$3,523.88	E	\$10,571.64
	1 DR FLR-MT TYPE 4 ENC 3 PT				
02	HOFF A72P36F1 FULL PANEL ONLY	3	\$607.18	Е	\$1,821.54
	FULL PANEL 60.00X32.00				
03	HOFF CEL550 REPLACES LEDA1S35	3	\$148.00	E	\$444.00
	COMPACT LIGHT 550 LM SWITCH				
04	HOFF ALFSWD 115V/230V DOOR SWITCH	4	\$35.00	E	\$140.00
	OPTIONAL DOOR SWITCH				
05	HOFF A36H30DLP3PT ENCLOSURE	1	\$1,300.59	E	\$1,300.59
	WALL MOUNT TYPE 4 ENCL W 3PT				
06	HOFF A36P30 PANEL ONLY	1	\$210.35	E	\$210.35
	PANEL 33.00X27.00 FITS 36.00X3				
07	MISC RASV230520BK1	1	\$121.58	E	\$121.58
08	MISC PS5R-VF24	4	\$168.72	E	\$674.88
09	MISC 011511607 1SNA115116R0700	180	\$1.99	E	\$358.20
10	MISC 011690027 1SNA116900R2700	108	\$5.49	E	\$592.92
11	MISC 011836816 1SNA118368R1600	32	\$0.68	E	\$21.76
12	MISC 011566323 1SNA115663R2300	40	\$24.58	E	\$983.20
13	MISC 011566121 1SNA115661R2100	40	\$18.60	E	\$744.00
14	MISC 804509	4	\$16.84	E	\$67.36
15	MISC 1263627	4	\$61.06	E	\$244.24
16	CH FAZ-C20/1-NA-SP	16	\$38.75	E	\$620.00
17	CH FAZ-C15/1-NA-SP	8	\$38.75	E	\$310.00
18	CH FAZ-C5/1-NA-SP	12	\$41.64	E	\$499.68
19	CH FAZ-C2/1-NA-SP	4	\$41.64	E	\$166.56
20	CH CH9GP21 GROUND BAR KIT	4	\$43.22	E	\$172.88

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Quote: Q1032361

Revision #: 018

ALL-PHASE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO

LN	Product	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price
21	<u>CH 9SX2000</u> 120V UPS	4	\$1,871.76	E	\$7,487.04
	EATON 9SX 2000 120V TOWER				
21.01	Warehouse: LEAD TIME: 30 DAYS				
22	CH 9SXEBM96 UPS BATTERY MOD	4	\$947.06	E	\$3,788.24
	EATON 9SX EXTENDED BATTERY MODULE (EBM)				
22.01	Warehouse: LEAD TIME: 30 DAYS				
23	CH NETWORK-M3 REPLACES 744-A3983	4	\$414.40	E	\$1,657.60
24	BUSS GMA500MA MINIATURE FUSE	44	\$264.71	С	\$116.47
	GMA 500MA BUSS FUSE				
25	BUSS GMA1A MINIATURE FUSE	20	\$264.71	С	\$52.94
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25.01	Warehouse: MUST BUY IN MULTIPLES OF 5				
26	BUSS GMA2A MINIATURE FUSE	10	\$264.71	С	\$26.47
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26.01	Warehouse: MUST BUY IN MULTIPLES OF 5				
27	BUSS GMA5A MINIATURE FUSE	4	\$264.71	С	\$10.59
	GMA 5A BUSS FUSE				
28	HOFF N360616G050 115V STL AIR COND	4	\$4,349.41	E	\$17,397.64
	6000BTU 115V				
28.01	Warehouse: STOCK IN TEXAS				
29	PAND F2X4LG6 SLTD WIRING DUCT	6	\$85.80	E	\$514.80
	NARROW SLOTTED DUCT, PVC, 2 X 4 X 6FT				
30	PAND C2LG6 2-IN LT GRAY CVR P/FT	6	\$17.55	E	\$105.30
	DUCT COVER, PVC, 2W X 6FT , LGRAY				
31	PAND SD4H6 4IN SLTD DCT DVDR WALL	8	\$51.69	E	\$413.52
22	SLOTTED DUCT DIVIDER WALL, PVC, 4IN H X 6FT		A45.00		Ć45.00
32	MISC DN-R35S1 PK OF 10	1	\$45.88	E	\$45.88
33	MISC 1015-14/41-4 YELLOW HOOKUP	500	\$176.47	M	\$88.24
34	MISC 1015-14/41-4 WHITE HOOKUP	500	\$176.47	M	\$88.24
35	MISC 1015-14/41-4 RED HOOKUP	500	\$176.47	M	\$88.24
36	MISC 1015-14/41-4 BLACK HOOKUP	500	\$176.47	M	\$88.24
37	MISC 1015-14/41-4 GREEN HOOKUP	500	\$176.47	М	\$88.24
38	MISC 1015-16-BLUE BLUE HOOKUP	500	\$129.41	М	\$64.71
39	MISC 1015-16-ORANGE ORANGE HOOKUP	500	\$129.41	М	\$64.71
40	MISC 1015-16-GREY GREY HOOKUP	500	\$129.41	М	\$64.71
41	MISC INBOUND FRT CHARGES FOR MATERIAL	1	\$0.00	E	\$0.00

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ESTIMATE ONLY - FINAL TBD

ALL-PHASE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO Quote: Q1032361 Revision #: 018

LN	Product	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price
42	ALL MATERIAL GOOD IN STOCK W/ MNFR AS OF TODAY UNLESS NOTED				
43	ALL MATERIAL SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE				
44	SUBJECT TO REQUOTE WITHOUT NOTICE				
45	CUSTOMER TO CONFIRM BOM, QTYS, LEAD TIMES				

Merchandise: \$52,317.20

Tax: \$5,885.69 Total: \$58,202.89

ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS VALENCIA



27520 AVE. HOPKINS, UNIT #A VALENCIA CA 91355

Tel: (661)257-0903

Job Name: Attn:

Ship To: PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

700 E AVE S

PALMDALE, CA 93550-0000

Contact Name: JOSE ROMERO

Quote Date: 08/12/25 Updated On: 08/12/25 Expires On: 10/11/25

Quote: Q1051186

Customer PO #:
Customer PO Date:

FOB: SHIPPING POINT

Revision #: 001

Freight: PREPAID

LN	Product	Lead Time	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price
01	HOFF A72H3724FS3PT ENCLOSURE		3	\$3,744.13	E	\$11,232.39
	1 DR FLR-MT TYPE 4 ENC 3 PT					
02	HOFF A72P36F1 FULL PANEL ONLY		3	\$632.63	E	\$1,897.89
	FULL PANEL 60.00X32.00					
03	HOFF CEL550 LED ENC LIGHT		3	\$152.25	E	\$456.75
	COMPACT LIGHT 550 LM SWITCH					
04	LEDA1S35 DISCONTINUED					
05	HOFF ALFSWD 115V/230V DOOR SWITCH		4	\$37.01	E	\$148.04
	OPTIONAL DOOR SWITCH					
06	HOFF A36H30DLP3PT ENCLOSURE		1	\$1,377.50	E	\$1,377.50
	WALL MOUNT TYPE 4 ENCL W 3PT					
07	HOFF A36P30 PANEL ONLY		1	\$222.25	E	\$222.25
	PANEL 33.00X27.00 FITS 36.00X3					
80	HAMMO RASV230520BK1 RAIL MNT SHELVE		4	\$102.00	E	\$408.00
	23IN 3U VENT RACK MNT SHELF 20IN					
09	IDEC PS5R-VF24 AC/DC DIN RAIL SUPPLY 24V 120W		4	\$188.75	E	\$755.00
10	ENTRE 011511607 M4/6 TERMINAL BLOCK MIN PKG50		200	\$1.73	E	\$346.00
	M4/6 TERMINAL BLOCK					
11	ENTRE 011690027 END ANCHOR MIN-PKG50		100	\$7.39	E	\$739.00
12	ENTRE 011836816 END BARRIER MIN-PKG60		60	\$0.88	E	\$52.80
13	ENTRE 011566323 M4/8.SFD FUSE TERM		40	\$39.29	E	\$1,571.60
	M4/8.SFD FUSE TERMINAL					
14	ENTRE 011566121 M4/8.SFL FUSE TERM		40	\$24.50	E	\$980.00
	M4/8.SFL FUSE TERMINAL					
15	PHENX 804509 SOCKET - TYP: AB 20A		4	\$22.31	E	\$89.24
16	PHENX 1263627 EO-AB/UT/LED/DUO/V/GFI/20		4	\$71.35	E	\$285.40
17	EATON FAZ-C20-1-NA-SP 20A, 277 VAC/48 VDC, 1-POLE, C CURVE		16	\$45.33	E	\$725.28
18	EATON FAZ-C15-1-NA-SP 15A, 277 VAC/48 VDC, 1-POLE, C CURVE		8	\$45.33	E	\$362.64

Quote: Q1051186

Revision #: 001

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LN	Product	Lead Time	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price
19	EATON FAZ-C5-1-NA-SP 5A, 277 VAC/48 VDC, 1-POLE, C CURVE		12	\$45.33	E	\$543.96
20	EATON FAZ-C2-1-NA-SP 2A, 277 VAC/48 VDC, 1-POLE, C CURVE		4	\$45.33	E	\$181.32
21	EATON 9SX2000 120V UPS		4	\$4,642.50	E	\$18,570.00
	EATON 9SX 2000 120V TOWER					
22	INCLUDES THE TWO ITEMS BELOW					
23	EATON 9SXEBM96 UPS BATTERY MOD		4	\$0.00	E	\$0.00
	EATON 9SX EXTENDED BATTERY MODULE (EBM)					
24	EATON 744-A3983 GIGABIT NETWORK CARD		4	\$0.00	E	\$0.00
25						
26	BUSS GMA500MA MINIATURE FUSE MIN5 GMA 500MA BUSS FUSE		45	\$0.78	E	\$35.10
27	BUSS GMA1A MINIATURE FUSE MIN5		20	\$0.28	E	\$5.60
	GMA 1A BUSS FUSE					
28	BUSS GMA2A MINIATURE FUSE MIN5		10	\$0.28	E	\$2.80
	UL FAST ACTING 5MM GLASS FUSE 2A					
29	BUSS GMA5A MINIATURE FUSE MIN5		5	\$0.28	E	\$1.40
	GMA 5A BUSS FUSE					
30	HOFF N360616G100 115V STL AIR COND		4	\$5,783.75	E	\$23,135.00
	6000BTU 115V LOW AMBIENT KIT					
31	PAN F2X4LG6 E2X4LG6 DISCONTINUED		24	\$5.24	E	\$125.76
	NARROW SLOTTED DUCT, PVC, 2 X 4 X 6FT					
32	PAN C2LG6 2-IN LT GRAY CVR P/FT		24	\$0.82	E	\$19.68
	DUCT COVER, PVC, 2W X 6FT , LGRAY					
33	PAN SD4H6 4IN SLTD DCT DVDR WALL		8	\$5.52	E	\$44.16
	SLOTTED DUCT DIVIDER WALL, PVC, 4IN H X 6FT					
34	AB 199-DR1 DIN MOUNTING RAIL		8	\$14.14	E	\$113.12
	IEC 35MM X 7.5MM X 1 M DIN RAIL					
35	WIRE #14 YELLOW HOOKUP WIRE		500	\$0.32	E	\$160.00
36	WIRE #14 WHITE HOOKUP WIRE		500	\$0.32	E	\$160.00
37	WIRE #14 RED HOOKUP WIRE		500	\$0.32	E	\$160.00
38	WIRE #14 BLACK HOOKUP WIRE		500	\$0.32	E	\$160.00
39	WIRE #14 GREEN HOOKUP WIRE		500	\$0.32	E	\$160.00
40	WIRE #16 BLUE HOOKUP WIRE		500	\$0.20	E	\$100.00

ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS VALENCIA

LN	Product	Lead Time	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price
41	WIRE #16 ORANGE HOOKUP WIRE		500	\$0.20	E	\$100.00
42	WIRE #16 GREY HOOKUP WIRE		500	\$0.20	E	\$100.00
43						

Merchandise: \$65,527.68

Tax: \$6,388.95 Total: \$71,916.63

Quote: Q1051186

Revision #: 001

CED - LANCASTER, CA Quote: Q1090226 Revision #: 006



42032 6TH STREET WEST LANCASTER CA 93534

Tel: (661)948-7508 Fax: (661)948-7938

Job Name: Attn:

Ship To: PALMDALE WATER DIST 42032 6TH STREET WEST

42032 6TH STREET WEST LANCASTER, CA 93534-0000 **Contact Name: NICK WINN**

Quote Date: 07/30/25 Updated On: 08/20/25 Expires On: 08/29/25

Customer PO #: RADIO PANEL

Customer PO Date:

FOB: SHIPPING POINT

Freight: PREPAY AND CHARGE

LN	Product	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price
01	HOFF A72H3724FS3PT ENCLOSURE	3	\$3,260.00	E	\$9,780.00
	1 DR FLR-MT TYPE 4 ENC 3 PT				
02	STOCK IN GREENFIELD, IN				
03	HOFF A72P36F1 FULL PANEL ONLY	3	\$562.35	E	\$1,687.05
	FULL PANEL 60.00X32.00				
04	STOCK IN GREENFIELD, IN				
05	HOFF CEL550 LED ENC LIGHT COMPACT LIGHT 550 LM SWITCH	3	\$143.35	E	\$430.05
06	STOCK IN DAYTON, MN				
07	HOFF ALFSWD 115V/230V DOOR SWITCH OPTIONAL DOOR SWITCH	4	\$37.00	Е	\$148.00
08	STOCK IN DAYTON, MN				
09	HOFF A36H30DLP3PT ENCLOSURE	1	\$1,252.85	E	\$1,252.85
	WALL MOUNT TYPE 4 ENCL W 3PT				
10	STOCK IN DAYTON, MN				
11	HOFF A36P30 PANEL ONLY	1	\$209.20	E	\$209.20
	PANEL 33.00X27.00 FITS 36.00X3				
12	STOCK IN DAYTON, MN				
13	HAM RASV230520BK1 RAIL MNT SHELVE	4	\$91.55	E	\$366.20
14	23IN 3U VENT RACK MNT SHELF 20IN 13 IN STOCK IN NY				
		•	Ć475.00	-	ά 7 00 00
15	IDEC PS5R-VF24 POWER SUPPLY	4	\$175.00	E	\$700.00
16	STOCK IN TX				
17	MISC 011511607	180	\$4.45	E	\$801.00
18	STOCK IN TX				
19	MISC 011690027	108	\$5.88	E	\$635.04
20	9 IN TX/ REMAINING 2 - 3 WEEKS ARO				
21	MISC 011836816	32	\$0.80	Е	\$25.60
22	STOCK IN TX				
23	MISC 011566323	40	\$25.30	E	\$1,012.00

CED - LANCASTER, CA Quote: Q1090226 Revision #: 006

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LN	Product	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price	
24	STOCK IN TX					
25	MISC 011566121	40	\$23.45	E	\$938.00	
26	STOCK IN TX					
27	PHX 804509	4	\$19.20	E	\$76.80	
28	STOCK IN PA					
29	PHX 1263627	4	\$69.28	E	\$277.12	
30	2 - 4 WEEKS ARO					
31	EATON FAZC20/1NASP 1P 20A CB MINIATURE BKR 1P 20A C CURVE SCR TRML	16	\$38.05	E	\$608.80	
32	EATON FAZC15/1NASP 1P 15A CB	8	\$38.05	E	\$304.40	
	FAZ-NA UL 489 MCB 1P 15A C CURVE SINGLE PKG					
33	EATON FAZC5/1NASP 1P 5A CB	12	\$40.40	E	\$484.80	
24	MINIATURE BKR 1P 5A C CURVE SCR TRML		Ć40.40		¢161.60	
34	EATON FAZCZ/1NASP 1P 2A CB MINIATURE BKR 1P 2A C CURVE SCR TRML	4	\$40.40	E	\$161.60	
35	ABOVE BREAKERS STOCK IN FL					
36	EATON 95X2000 120V UPS	4	\$1,730.00	E	\$6,920.00	
	EATON 9SX 2000 120V TOWER					
37	ESD 10/14					
38	EATON 9SXEBM96 UPS BATTERY MOD	4	\$895.00	E	\$3,580.00	
	EATON 9SX EXTENDED BATTERY MODULE (EBM)					
39	ESD 8/13					
40	EATON NETWORKM3 NETWORK CARD	4	\$391.38	E	\$1,565.52	
41	STOCK IN CHICAGO					
42	BUSS GMA500MA MINIATURE FUSE	45	\$2.03	E	\$91.35	
	GMA 500MA BUSS FUSE					
43	BUSS GMA1A MINIATURE FUSE	20	\$2.03	E	\$40.60	
	GMA 1A BUSS FUSE	10	<u> </u>		420.20	
44	BUSS GMA2A MINIATURE FUSE	10	\$2.03	E	\$20.30	
	UL FAST ACTING 5MM GLASS FUSE 2A					
45	BUSS GMA5A MINIATURE FUSE	5	\$2.03	E	\$10.15	
4.0	GMA 5A BUSS FUSE		Ć4 C27 FF		¢40 550 20	
46	HOFF N360616G050 115V STL AIR COND	4	\$4,637.55	E	\$18,550.20	
47	STOCK IN HUTCHINS, TX					
47	PAN G2X4LG6	24	\$11.50	E	\$276.00	
40	SLTD WIRING DUCT	24	\$11.50	E.	Ş∠/O.UU	
49	SLOTTED DUCT, PVC,2X4X6FT ,LGRY PAN C2LG6 2. IN LT CONY C/P P/CT	24	\$2.35	E	\$56.40	
	2-IN LT GRAY CVR P/FT					

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LN	Product	Qty	Price	Per *	Ext Price
	DUCT COVER, PVC, 2W X 6FT , LGRAY				
50	PAN SD4H6 4IN SLTD DCT DVDR WALL	8	\$6.25	E	\$50.00
	SLOTTED DUCT DIVIDER WALL, PVC, 4IN H X 6F	T			
51	10 - 12 WEEKS ARO				
52	SQD 9080MH339 TERMINAL BLOCK RAIL	8	\$31.50	E	\$252.00
	TERMINAL BLOCK, LINERGY, MOUNTING TRAC	K, 35MM DIN RAIL, WITH SLOT	TTED MOUNTING HOL	ES, 39.37 INCHES	LONG
53	OMRON 1015-14/41-4 14 YELLOW	500	\$0.20	E	\$100.00
54	OMRON 1015-14/41-4 14 WHITE	500	\$0.20	E	\$100.00
55	OMRON 1015-14/41-4 14 RED	500	\$0.20	E	\$100.00
56	OMRON 1015-14/41-4 14 BLACK	500	\$0.20	E	\$100.00
57	OMRON 1015-14/41-4 14 GREEN	500	\$0.20	E	\$100.00
58	OMRON 1015-16-BLUE 16 BLUE	500	\$0.16	E	\$80.00
59	OMRON 1015-16-ORANGE 16 ORANGE	500	\$0.16	E	\$80.00
60	OMRON 1015-16-GREY 16 GREY	500	\$0.16	E	\$80.00
61	ALL OMRON CABLE STOCK IN CHICAGO, IL				
62	THANK YOU!				

Merchandise: \$52,051.03 Tax: \$5,855.74 Total: \$57,906.77



Conference/Training Request

Event Name/Date(s):

TT 1: 17:7 : 0		
United Water Conservation Dis	strict's 2025 Water Sustair	nability Summit / October 16, 2025
REQUESTED BY:		
First Name	Last Name	Date
ACCOMMODATION INFORMAT	ΓΙΟΝ (If applicable)	
Rooms and rates are subject to avaireservation blocks at host hotels boowill be made to secure a room at the	ok quickly. In the event the	
Arrival Date Departure	No. of Guests	Room Type Single/King Bed
Dietary Restrictions? If yes, please provide specifics in add	ditional info. box	Smoking Room?
○ Yes • No		○ Yes ● No
Flight Needed? If yes, please provide DL# and D.O.B. in additional info. box Yes No	Flight Numbers	Departure/Return Times
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ REQUESTS	Supervisor A (If applicable	



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 1-5 P.M.

1:00 p.m.	WELCOMING REMARKS
1:15 p.m.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Samantha Barncastle, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance
1:35 p.m.	CULTIVATING COURAGE. DRIVING CHANGE. The Water and Agriculture Legal Challenge Nexus
2:00 p.m.	GROUNDWATER MODELING The Tool for Basin Management
2:15 p.m.	Break
2:25 p.m.	DEFINING RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF ARBITRARY DEMANDS General Managers Confront Uncertainty and Forge Solutions
3:00 p.m.	THE TURNING POINT Sustainability Plan Milestones & Momentum
3:30 p.m.	Break
3:40 p.m.	LIQUID LEGISLATION Policy Innovations for Water Reliability
4:20 p.m.	WATER, WORTH AND WILLPOWER Funding the Physical Solution
4:35 p.m.	COMMITMENT AND CLOSING REMARKS
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UWCD's Water Sustainability Summit brings together community leaders and industry experts to tackle our most pressing water challenges for the region. From navigating shifting legislation to securing bold new funding solutions and advancing resilient water supply projects, this event is a catalyst for action across Ventura County and beyond.

Join the conversation either virtually or in person at United Water Conservation District HQ in Oxnard, CA. Reserve your seat today!

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Conference/Training Request

Event Name/Date(s): CSDA On-Demand Webinar: AI in 2025: Legal Landscape and Strategic Imperatives				
First Name	Last Name	Date		
ACCOMMODATION INFORMAT	TION (If applicable)			
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Arrival Date Departure	No. of Guests	Room Type Single/King Bed		
Dietary Restrictions? If yes, please provide specifics in ad-	ditional info. box	Smoking Room?		
○ Yes ● No		○ Yes ● No		
Flight Needed? If yes, please provide DL# and D.O.B. in additional info. box	Flight Numbers	Departure/Return Times		
☐ Yes ☐ No				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ REQUESTS	Supervisor A (If applicable	• •		

On-Demand Webinar: AI in 2025: Legal Landscape and Strategic Imperatives for Special Districts

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Explore the evolving legal landscape and practical implications of AI for special districts in 2025, focusing on emerging risks, regulatory considerations, and strategic adaptation in an AI-driven world.





MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 19, 2025:

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550. Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Committee:	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Don Wilson, Chair	Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager
Scott Kellerman,	Viri Iguaran, Finance Manager
Committee Member	Bob Egan, Financial Advisor
	Cynthia Sanchez, Committee Member Alt.
	Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
	Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

0 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

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

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

- 4) Action Items: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Committee Prior to Action Being Taken.)
- 4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held July 22, 2025.

It was moved by Committee Member Kellerman, seconded by Chair Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held July 22, 2025, as written.

4.2) Discussion and Overview of Cash Flow Statement and Current Cash Balances as of July 2025. (Financial Advisor Egan)

Financial Advisor Egan provided an overview of the monthly Major Account Activity Report, the Investment Funds Report, and the Cash Flow Statement through July 2025, including interest and market values, assessments received, capital improvement funds received, future investment earnings, scheduled bond payments, and projected year-end balance.

4.3) Discussion and Overview of Financial Statements, Revenue, and Expense and Departmental Budget Reports for July 2025. (Finance Manager Iguaran)

Finance Manager Iguaran provided an overview of the Balance Sheet, the Balance Sheet Variance, the Income Statement, the Income Statement Variance, and the Departmental Reports for the period ending July 2025, including assessments received, increased water sales and meter fees, interest income, scheduled payments, supply expenses, and the decrease in capital improvement fees, and then stated that operating revenues are above the historical trend average at 64.8%; that expenses are below the historical trend average at 51.10% reflecting strong fiscal management; and that departments tracking above the traditional budgetary percentage of 56.42% are primarily due to groundwater adjudication pumping assessments, staff overtime and trainings, outreach and education programs, electricity costs, and upfront payment of contracted services.

4.4) Discussion and Overview of Committed Contracts Issued. (Finance Manager Iguaran)

Finance Manager Iguaran provided an overview of the Project Expense Transactions Report, including payments made from the General Fund, the General Fund Grant Offset, and Water Revenue Bonds in July 2025 followed by a brief discussion of unallocated 2024A Water Revenue Bond funds and anticipated tax obligations on the restricted interest earnings.

5) Reports.

5.1) Finance Manager Iguaran:

a) Accounts Receivable Overview.

Finance Manager Iguaran provided a brief update on outstanding balances for accounts 60 days delinquent and stated that as of July 30, there are eight payment arrangements totaling \$23,584.70 with \$4,785.51 collected to date with leak adjustments, financial hardships, and disputed fire protection system charges as the contributing factors.

b) Revenue Projections.

She then stated that based on selling 15,000 AF of water, 2025 revenue is ahead of projections by approximately \$2.6 million as of July 31 maintaining strong fiscal health followed by a brief discussion of water shut-off reporting.

5.2) Financial Advisor Egan:

a) Debt Service Coverage Status.

Financial Advisor Egan reported that the Debt Service Coverage for August 2024 to July 2025 is 4.15 and remains in a healthy position to make a transfer into the Rate Stabilization Fund before year-end.

5.3) Other.

There were no other items to report.

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 Finance Committee Meeting will be held September 16, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

8) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Chair



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2025
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER.

The following is the September 2025 report to the Board of activities through August 2025. It is organized to follow the District's 2022 Strategic Plan approved in October 2022 and composed of six strategic initiatives. The initiatives follow for reference. It is intended to provide a general framework to update the month's activities.

PWD 2022 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY



Water Resource Reliability: Resilience, Development, Partnership

Support and participate with local agencies in the development of projects and policies that improve water reliability

Maximize state and federal funding opportunities for Pure Water AV

Support projects and initiatives that increase the resilience of the State Water Project

Develop water storage options for State Water Project supplies and improve groundwater capture capabilities

Strengthen stakeholder relationships and implement Littlerock Dam and Reservoir Sediment Removal Project



Organizational Excellence: Train, Perform, Reward

Offer competitive compensation and benefits package for employee recruitment and retention

Focus Succession Planning Program on ensuring an overlap of training for key positions

Continue providing transparency to our ratepayers through training for the ongoing achievement of the Districts of Distinction certification

Encourage cohesiveness, transparency, and integrity within the staff through Codes of Conduct and increased accountability

Ensure employees are trained on the Strategic Plan and the District's Values of Diversity, Integrity, Teamwork, and Passion

Improve safety for Directors, employees, and customers

Develop career paths at the District for interns and pursue state and federal funding for intern programs

Cultivate a positive culture and increase employee engagement

RE: Report of General Manager September 22, 2025



Systems Efficiency: Independence, Technology, Research

Explore energy independence and evaluate the feasibility of energy options, including wind and solar

Incorporate more energy efficient technologies into the District's infrastructure

Research state-of-the-art treatment techniques to enhance systems efficiency

Re-evaluate Lake Palmdale by-pass pipeline and pursue funding options

Improve Palmdale Ditch to reduce water loss



<u>Financial Health and Stability:</u> Strength, Consistency, Balance

Pursue grant funding for District projects and operations

Maintain the five-year financial plan adopted as part of the 2019 Water Rate Study, including the five-year Capital Improvement Plan

Conduct and adopt a 2024 five-year Water Rate Plan

Build adequate reserve levels and achieve high-level bond rating

Seek potential revenue sources from vacant District properties

Monitor finances, operations, and projects affected by emergencies

Digitize and document departmental workflows



Regional Leadership: Engage, Lead, Progress

Continue to provide opportunities and information for local businesses and agencies to contract with the District

Continue to collaborate with neighboring water agencies and move to include more agencies throughout and outside of the Antelope Valley through Greater Antelope Valley Mutual Response Agreements and emergency response exercises

Develop working relationships and mutually beneficial projects with other water agencies in the District's region

Develop strategies, alliances, and funding to make Littlerock Dam and Reservoir recreational again

Continue Memorandum of Understanding with United Water Conservation District to combine political forces to obtain grant funding and research other joint cooperative regional efforts

Continue representation on larger regional organizations such as the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and assist with the growth and influence of the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County, a CSDA local chapter

September 22, 2025



<u>Customer Care, Advocacy and Outreach:</u> Promote, Educate, Support

Enhance customers' experience through communication and feedback

Expand and market additional payment options

Continue to increase public awareness of current programs and services through traditional and new media platforms

Engage elected officials and the public on the importance of local and state water reliability issues

Complete conversion to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) to increase customers' knowledge of water use and promote customer self-help portal

Continue to increase public awareness of the on-going drought and the importance of conservation efforts

Publicize, engage, and educate the community about Pure Water AV

Overview

This report also includes charts that show the effects of the District's efforts in several areas. They are organized within each strategic initiative and include status of the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) current and former long-term conservation orders, the District's total per capita water use trends, State Water Project resources status, 2025 actual water production and customer use graph, mainline leaks, and the water loss trends for both 12- and 24-month running averages.



Water Resource Reliability Resilience, Development, Partnership

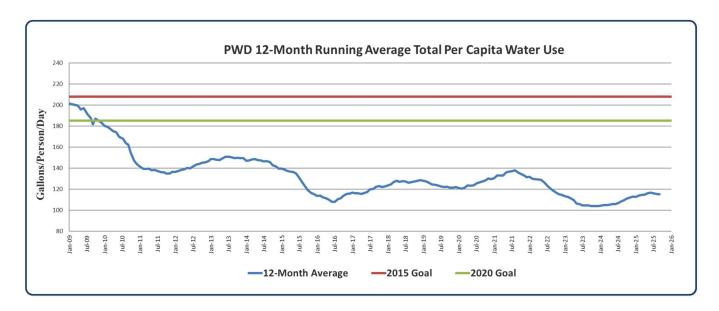
This initiative includes conservation efforts, water supply projects, and water planning. Recent highlights are as follows:

Overall Water Use Goals and Compliance

The 2020 Urban Water Management Plan was adopted by the District in June 2021. This report still uses the 20 x 2020 requirements. The new "Making Conservation a Way of Life" regulations were approved on July 3, 2024. The District's use of a water budget-based rate structure is helpful in complying with the new regulations. The first report was submitted earlier this year under the new regulations. It shows the District is approximately **5.5%** below the water budget determined by these regulations for the

period of July 2023 through June 2024. This is good news even though the regulations are not enforceable until 2027.

The District's compliance with the former 20 x 2020 law is evident from the chart titled "PWD 12-Month Running Average Total Per Capita Water Use:"



The District's customers have cut their water use by **50.2%** from the baseline number of 231 re-established in the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and met all 20 x 2020 Goals by early 2010. The current Metered-GPCD, gallons per capita per day, is now 115 showing our customers continued reduced usage.

Water Supply Information

The water production plan for 2025 is now set. A major goal is taking advantage of the available surface water and producing a minimum of 4,300 acre-feet (AF) of groundwater using the native and unused Federal production rights.

2025 began with a full Littlerock Dam and Reservoir and an initial SWP allocation of 10%. The SWP was finalized at 50%. These surface water resources, including approved transfers, total 16,800 AF. This is more surface water than is needed to meet the anticipated 2025 production. Some SWP water to be carried over for 2026, some will be banked in the Littlerock Wash Recharge Pilot Project, and some will be exchanged with the Westside Water Agencies west of Bakersfield in the Central Valley.

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Status of Local Water Supplies

The AV Adjudication is now in its ninth year. The District's 2025 groundwater production right is expected to be more than needed to meet our customers' demands and is detailed below.

Groundwater Production Rights

The District's 2025 groundwater production rights, in AF, are as follows:

Native:	2,769.73
Unused Federal Rights:	1,414.49
Imported Water Return Flows:	2,733.73
Carry Over from Previous Years:	12,596.83
Total Production Rights Available:	19,514.68

This amount of groundwater production rights helps the District with supplying water to meet our customers' demands in future drought years when surface water could be limited. Additionally, the District has banked over 10,000 AF of imported water using the Littlerock Creek Recharge and the Upper Amargosa Recharge Projects.

The Adjudication allows Carry Over groundwater production rights to be converted to storage agreements for rights that are ten (10) years old. The first rights for all producers will reach that milestone in January 2027. The details of how this will work are now being discussed by the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board (AVWB). The District's current Cary Over production right, in AF, by year is as follows:

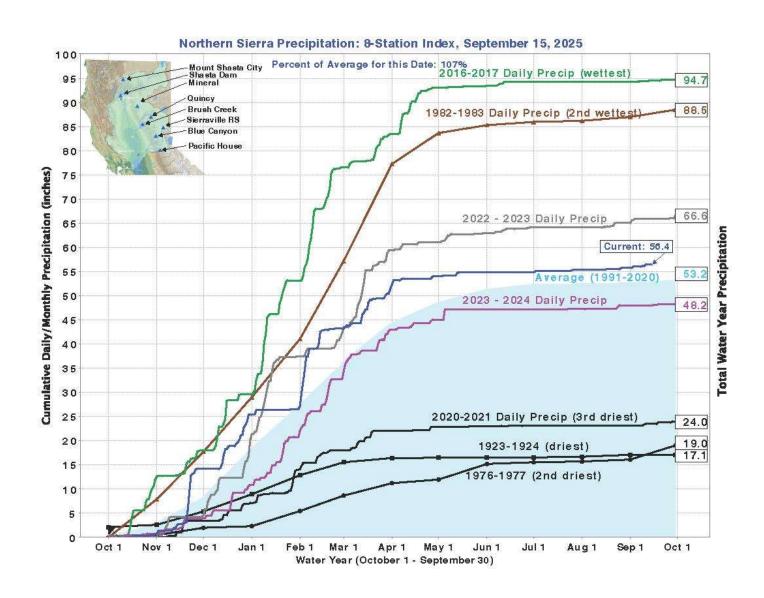
2017:	1,384.87
2018:	1,992.25
2019:	3,561.64
2020:	686.14
2021:	0.00
2022:	0.00
2023:	3,026.20
2024:	1,945.76

State Supply Status

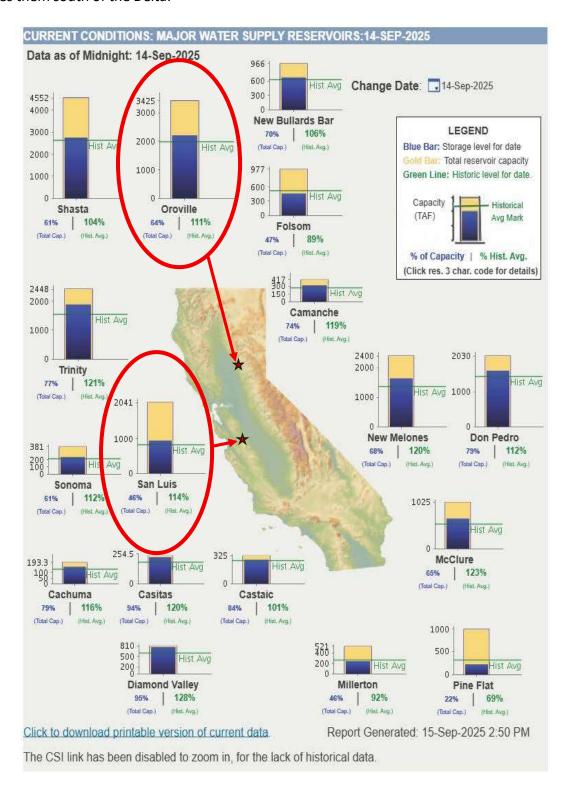
Precipitation in the area that contributes to the State Water Project for the 2024-2025 Water Year (October through September) is currently at 107% of the average for this date, exceeds the entire 2023-2024 water year and the long-term average.

The next few charts show the status of California's precipitation, water storage, and drought status.

The September 15, 2025 Northern Sierra precipitation is as follows:

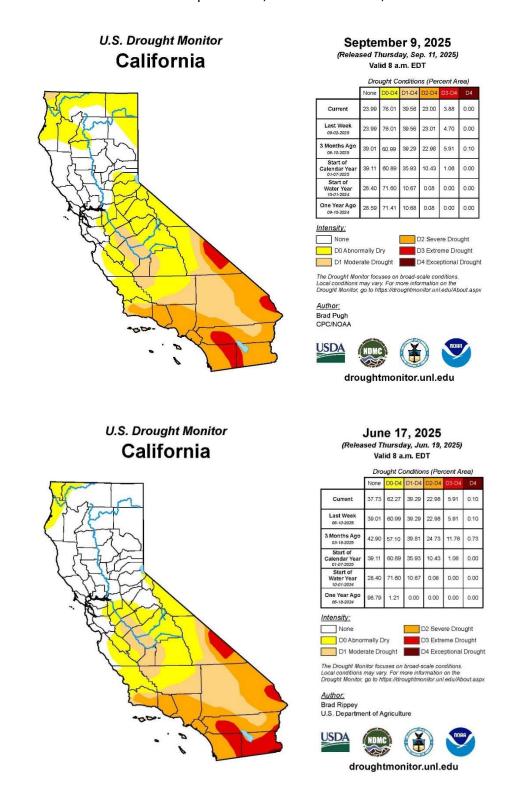


The September 15, 2025 reservoir summary is as follows. The two most important reservoirs to the District are Oroville and San Luis. Oroville stores SWP supplies north of the Delta and San Luis stores them south of the Delta:



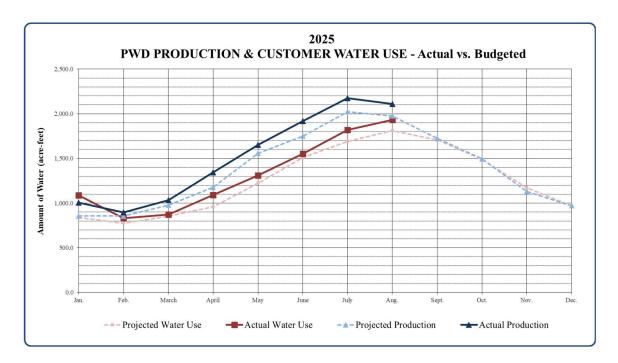
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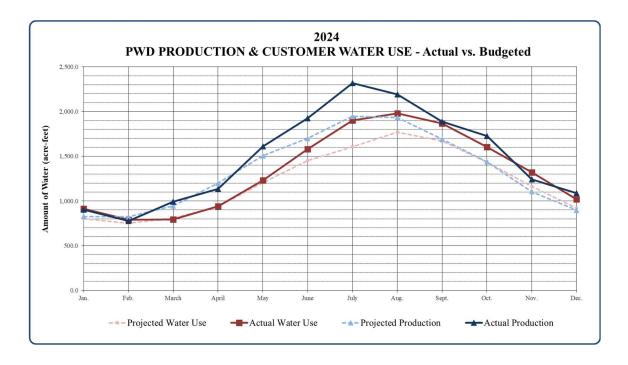
The lack of rain this water year has led to drought in some areas of California, including Los Angeles County. The slight increase in drought is shown on the following U.S. Drought Monitor illustrations dated September 9, 2025 and June 17, 2025:



2025 and Historical Water Use Information

■ The following graph is the actual and projected monthly water consumption and production for 2025 and 2024. The shape of the projected amounts are based on an average of the prior five years of actual monthly information. The projected total consumption is based on the 2025 Budget amount of 15,000 AF. Customers have used 8.5% more water than anticipated through August.





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Other Items

2023 Strategic Water Resources Plan Update

The Update looks at the water demands and supplies through 2050, identifies packages of projects to provide additional water supplies, looks at how they will be financed, and will ultimately be used to determine "Water Supply" fees within the Capital Improvement Fees paid by new water service connections. The Final E.I.R. and Strategic Water Resources Plan were adopted at a special meeting on December 16, 2024. Staff has completed the work of updating the Water Supply portion of the Capital Improvement Fees (CIF). The CIF update was approved by the Board on March 24, 2025.

Littlerock Creek Recharge Pilot Project

AVEK, LCID, and the District had an agreement with DWR and the AV Watermaster Engineer for a pilot project to use Littlerock Wash to recharge available Article 21, beyond the District's Table "A", SWP water in 2023. Due to the availability of Article 21 water until July 2023, a total of 8,055 AF was recharged through this program. 2,000 AF was banked this way in 2024 and another 3,000 AF is planned for this year. The draft environmental work is complete and being reviewed by DWR to allow this as an ongoing recharge project. A storage agreement with the AV Watermaster will then be drafted.

Littlerock Sediment Removal Project

The Project consists of three phases. The Grade Control Structure is Phase 1 and was completed in January 2020. Phase II is the removal of 1.2 million cubic yards (CY) of sediment from the reservoir. Approximately 58,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed in 2022 using a single year California Fish and Wildlife permit. Staff continues to work with Aspen Environmental to secure all the necessary permits for multi-year sediment removal. No sediment was removed since then due to having a full reservoir through the end of the years. Approximately 25,000 cubic yards of sediment are planned to be used from the reservoir later this year and next year for the bedding of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project.

Other planned maintenance includes removing debris on the upstream side of the Dam and clearing vegetation from the outlet pond downstream of the Dam.

Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project

Palmdale Ditch was originally built in the 1880's by our predecessor water company. It moves water from Littlerock Reservoir to Lake Palmdale by gravity and is about eight miles long. Most of the Ditch is earthen and a substantial amount of water, approximately 20 to 30 percent, is lost between Littlerock Reservoir and Lake Palmdale.

The District applied for and obtained a \$17.6 million grant from the Department of Water Resources and a \$5 million grant from the Bureau of Reclamation to convert the Ditch to a pipeline. This will allow the District to move more water and significantly reduce losses. The work must be completed in 2026 to comply with grant requirements.

The District has contracted for the first step that consists of finalizing the design and obtaining a not-to exceed cost for the work. It will be the second time the District has used the construction manager at risk (CMAR) contracting method. Negotiations were then completed and the Board approved the contract for constructing the first section of the project. Approximately \$11M is available for construction after completing the design, environmental studies, and mitigation measures.

Pure Water AV Project

The District's goal of using recycled water for a reliable potable water supply is advanced water treatment and groundwater augmentation. The project is called Pure Water AV. The program management firm assisting the District with the Project is Stantec. Current activities include management of the construction contract with W. M. Lyles for the Demonstration Facility, refining the funding strategy for the full-sized Project, and working on potential grants.

Staff is working with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, District 20 (LASD), and, potentially, the City of Palmdale as collaborators or partners in the Project. Pure Water AV will put the already highly treated tertiary recycled water to a higher beneficial use and satisfies LACSD's goals for use of the water. The City may be interested in the Project for the potential benefits to the area's parks and landscaping during droughts without having to expand the current purple pipe distribution system.

Related activities include the design, funding, and construction of a recycled water pipeline in Avenue Q from 30th Street East to the Pure Water AV Demonstration Facility. This pipeline also provides additional access to recycled water for construction and Palmdale SOAR High School for irrigation.

This project is funded by a state grant, PRWA, and PWD. The construction contract was awarded to American Pipeline Services on May 13, 2024. The pipeline is now complete.

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Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge Project

The Project's construction is complete. The Project partners, City of Palmdale, LA County Waterworks, and AVEK, are working toward finalizing the operation and maintenance agreement. The recharge yield in 2023 was very disappointing and will also be discussed to improve it in the future.

Additionally, the City of Palmdale also notified the Project partners about the mitigation requirements and costs in 2021. Preliminary costs were stated at that time. There has not been any further action on the mitigation activities or finalizing the operation and maintenance agreement in recent years. However, the City has begun scheduling meetings to work on this issue.

Delta Conveyance Project

The Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) Final EIR for the Project was completed in December 2023. DWR then certified the document and issued a Notice of Determination naming the Bethany Alternative as the project moving forward. Work has begun to obtain the necessary permits for the project.

The Board of Directors was briefed by DWR and the DCA on the status of the Project and the updated cost estimate and benefit/cost analysis on June 24, 2024. The current cost estimate is \$20.12 billion with a benefit/cost ratio of 2.20. Continued participation in funding the District's share on planning and engineering in 2026 and 2027 was approved by the Board at the November 12, 2024 Board meeting.

The Governor recently proposed a set of legislation that would streamline, but not sidestep, the Project's State permitting process. The set is part of the budget trailer bill. However, the legislature did not act on it this session. It will be brought back for the 2026 session.



<u>Organizational Excellence</u> Train, Perform, Reward

This initiative includes efforts to restructure staff duties and activities to more efficiently provide service to our customers. The recent highlights are as follows:

 Nearly 80 percent of the District's staff is required to have certifications or licenses issued by the State of California. Many of these have continuing educational requirements which must be met by technical training. The District provides an education reimbursement that can be used by staff for these requirements.

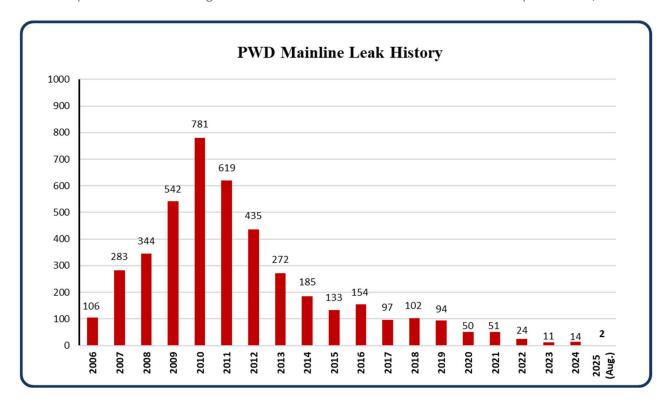
- The District has continued to find ways for internships and training opportunities for college and high school students who are interested in the water industry.
- An Employee Engagement survey was conducted in November 2023. Information from the survey was compiled, presented to the Personnel Committee and staff, and meetings by staff were held to develop action plans addressing areas identified for improvement in the survey are now completed. The staff Engagement Committee also met to determine an action plan to address the District's overall results. That action plan and all the department plans have been distributed to staff for implementation.
- Work is nearly complete to review and make any necessary updates to all the job descriptions. Once complete, they will be the basis of a salary survey to compare the compensation for positions in similar agencies.
- The District's Risk and Resiliency Plan developed and approved in 2020 is required to be updated under Federal law. The update was completed and self-certified on March 31, 2025. Similarly, an update of the District's Emergency Response Plan is required. The PWAG Emergency Coordinator will assist the District with the update. It is due on September 30, 2025.



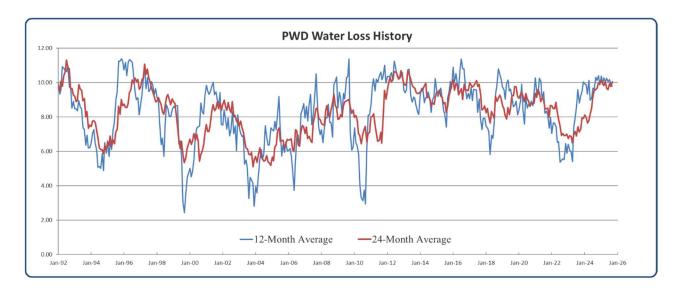
Systems Efficiency Independence, Technology, Research

This initiative largely focuses on the state of the District's infrastructure. The recent highlights are as follows:

The effects of the District's past efforts in replacing failing water mains can be seen in the reduced number of mainline leaks. This is illustrated in the following chart titled "PWD Mainline Leak History." 2024 ended with 14 mainline leaks. 2025 has also started well. There are two mainline leaks and twelve service line leaks through the end of August.



The positive effect of both water main and water meter replacement programs is also shown on the chart titled "PWD Water Loss History." The 24-month running average for water loss has been 10% or less over the last ten years. This is a good indication of a healthy water distribution system



Battery arrays for backup power are operational at four booster facilities. This program
was funded and managed by the California Public Utilities Commission. These batteries

are located at Well 5, the 3M booster site, the 45th Street Booster Station, and the Underground Booster Station. Staff is working with Terra Verde to make sure these systems are managed correctly.

The District approved two solar PV projects to provide energy for wells, the Clearwell booster, and the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant in December 2022. One will be located north of the maintenance yard and will provide power for a set of wells. The other will be located between Avenue S and Avenue R-8 on the west side of the railroad tracks. It will provide power for the Clearwell booster and Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. Both of these facilities are currently under construction.

Additionally, PV solar companies are expressing an interest in vacant District-owned parcels. Staff and the attorney's office worked through State requirements regarding the sale or long-term lease of vacant land to allow the parcels to be used in this way.

■ The Resources and Facilities Committee and Board approved contracts in 2023 to address improvements needed for the 6 Million Gallon (6M) tank used as the Clearwell for treated water from the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. Tank Industry Consultants (TIC) was hired by the District a few years ago to inspect the District's tanks, including the 6M. The executive summary of their 2022 report was distributed to the Board on April 12, 2023 and is the basis of the awarded work.

Staff has completed some of TIC's recommendations. Other recommendations will be addressed when possible until the 6M can be taken out of service. This will be possible after the new 2950' booster station at the 3M tank is completed and the 3M can be used as the Clearwell. Meanwhile, staff is ensuring the 6M is operating safely. This includes removing the baffle curtain in 2023 due to finding pieces of it in transmission mains.



<u>Financial Health and Stability</u> Strength, Consistency, Balance

- Staff has implemented the approved 2024 Water Rate Study.
- The District successfully closed the EPA WIFIA Loan for the Pure Water AV Demonstration Facility in June 2024. This, and the 2024 Series Revenue Bonds, ensure funding for the Demonstration Facility construction. The first draw on the loan is expected this fall.

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The District is seeking assistance from the State's SAFER Program to provide water service to the Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park on Sierra Highway. It has stopped using its well due to poor water quality, has several health violations, and now relies on hauled water. This will be considered a consolidation as the Alpine Springs MHP is currently a separate public water system.

Maria Kennedy, Kennedy Communications, is experienced with these programs and is contracted with the District to help accomplish this. A grant agreement is now in place to fund water hauling until the connection to the District is approved by the State, constructed, and operational. An extension of this agreement through the end of 2026 has been approved by the State. A grant application to fund the construction of the water system improvements needed to serve the mobile home park was submitted and has been approved by the State. The environmental and design work has begun.

The District is also beginning to work with Joshua Acres Mutual Water Company (Joshua). Joshua has requested to be served by the District. A legal review of the process has been done and a draft plan with estimates of the cost to bring the Joshua water system up to the District's standards has been prepared and shared with Joshua. An assessment district will likely be needed to fund the improvements. We are awaiting more input from the residents.



Regional Leadership Engage, Lead, Progress

This initiative includes efforts to involve the community, be involved in regional activities, and be a resource for other agencies in the area. The recent highlights are as follows:

- Activities of the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA), AV Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), and Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (AVSWCA) have continued. The District has leadership positions in these organizations. District staff is active in the local chambers, AV EDGE, regional human resources, and public information organizations. This includes the AV EDGE's efforts to help coordinate agencies and utilities to help developments in Palmdale and Lancaster move forward.
- The PRWA Board consists of two Palmdale City Councilmembers, two PWD Board Members, and a new public director, Joe Pallon. Construction of new purple pipes with PRWA is on hold as the District works on the Pure Water AV Project. However, PRWA

approved partial funding of the Avenue Q purple pipe project for construction water access and urban irrigation.

- The "PWD Water Ambassador Academy" (WAA) was successfully held in April 2025. The one-day Junior WAA for high school students is scheduled for October.
- The District and other members of the Public Water Agencies Group (PWAG) share the services of an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. This approach also helped the District successfully comply with the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018 and respond to the COVID-19 event. It has also been critical in developing mutual aid agreements, universal equipping of mobile generators, and updating the Emergency Response Plan.
- Staff has taken a lead role in developing and implementing a valley-wide mutual aid agreement for agencies and mutual water companies.

United Water Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding

The District and United Water Conservation District (United) approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to work cooperatively on projects where our interests overlap. These include internships and cooperation with community colleges, combined recreational funding for Piru and Littlerock Reservoir recreational improvements, and assistance and funding of advanced treatment of recycled or brackish water for potable use projects.

There have been several meetings between District staff and United Human Resources staff to discuss apprenticeship programs, intern programs, and work with three community college districts to support water-related curriculum. The first action item from these meetings was the funding of PWD interns for 2022. Participation in interview panels and the development of a mutual aid agreement are also being done.

Recreation staff from United met with District staff and visited the Littlerock Recreation Area in March 2022. They provided good advice and input on a rough plan for helping the Area open at some point. Staff worked with the Angeles National Forest (ANF) as the first step in clearing the prior recreational concessionaire's property in the recreational area. All the property now belongs to the ANF. A hazardous material survey was also funded by the District's existing deposit to begin the process of clearing the site.

Several other meetings have been held regarding the use of available State Water Project (SWP) supplies. District and United staff are working with other East Branch SWP

contractors on ways to recategorize water and avoid having water go unused. This is expected to make additional water available for United and the District. Staff also collaborated with United on legislative issues and completed a 2,000 AF SWP exchange agreement in 2023.

Additional coordination will also be focused on both agencies' advanced water treatment projects. The United project will treat brackish groundwater for potable use by the military. The PWD project, Pure Water AV, will treat tertiary water for potable use by our customers. Once Pure Water AV is more established, joint meetings with state and federal representatives will be held to obtain funding assistance.

The District also recently supported United's concerns and comments on potential changes to the designation of Piru Creek by the Angeles National Forest. These changes could affect the delivery of State Water Project Water to United, including exchanges with the District. A United facility tour was held on July 29, 2024 to assist newer directors for both agencies in understanding each district's operations.

Littlerock Reservoir Recreation Area (Area)

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in the Angeles National Forest started a process in March 2025 to seek expressions of interest in rehabilitating and operating the Area. The District did not receive a copy of this request until summer. The City of Palmdale and a private company submitted proposals. Discussions with the City about working together on this project have lasted over eighteen months. However, the District was not included in the City's proposal. Discussions are ongoing with the City to see if there is still an opportunity to work together on this.



<u>Customer Care, Advocacy, and Outreach</u> Promote, Educate, Support

This initiative includes efforts to better serve our customers. The recent highlights are as follows:

- Applications for 2025 were accepted beginning in November 2024. The Rate Assistance Program typically reaches its capacity of 700 accounts in February. Staff continually monitors the Program for openings. Two major cell tower leases have requested extensions. These should continue to fund the program into the future.
- Staff successfully conducted virtual coffee meetings with Directors and their constituents, online "Let's Talk H2O" meetings, issued regular internal and public

newsletters, coordinated drive-through giveaways for customers, an in-person customer appreciation day, monitored and maintained the District's social media, and assisted with information for the current drought. In-person workshops have also been held.

■ The District held a "Customer Appreciation Day" on July 22nd again this year on our anniversary. It provided information on the District's activities, projects, and light refreshments for customers visiting our lobby.