

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 11, 2025:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, August 11, 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 Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

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
Viri Iguaran, Finance Manager
Shadi Bader, Engineering Manager
Wendell Wall, Facilities Manager
Tara Rosati, Customer Care Supervisor
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
2 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Kellerman, 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 July 28, 2025.

6.2) Payment of Bills for August 11, 2025.

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

7) Action Items - Action Calendar (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Board of Directors Prior to Action Being Taken.)

7.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Options to Fill the Vacant Board of Directors' Seat for Division 5. (General Counsel Early)

General Counsel Early provided an overview of the options, requirements, and timelines for filling the vacancy for the Division 5 seat, and after a brief discussion of high special election costs, of the current term expiration, and the 2026 general election, it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to fill the vacant Board of Directors' seat for Division 5 by appointment.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Setting Palmdale Water District's Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Adoption of Resolution No. 25-6 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Establishing Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer/Finance Manager Iguaran)

Finance Manager Iguaran provided a detailed overview of the 2025-2026 assessment rates 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 set Palmdale Water District's assessment rates for fiscal year 2025-2026 at the rate of 0.235971 and adopt Resolution No. 25-6 being a Resolution of the Board of

Directors of the Palmdale Water District Establishing Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Resolution No. 25-6 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Award of Janitorial Services Contract to City Wide Facility Solutions. (\$80,000.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Budgeted – Facilities Manager Wall)

Facilities Manager Wall provided an overview of the unsatisfactory janitorial services, the competitive bid process, the proposals received, and staff's recommendation to award a contract to City Wide Facilities based on the evaluation scoring, and after a brief discussion of the performance reviews, of the scope of work, and of the optional services, it was moved by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the award of a one-year Janitorial Services Contract to City Wide Facility Solutions in the not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000.00.

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Purchase of Additional Equipment for 2024 and 2025 Meter Exchange Programs. (\$1,360,000.00 – Non-Budgeted – Finance Manager Hoffmeyer/Customer Care Supervisor Rosati)

Customer Care Supervisor Rosati provided an overview of staff's recommendation to purchase additional meters to complete the 2024 Meter Exchange Project as well as 1.5" and 2" meters to begin the 2025 Meter Exchange Project which will replace stuck and failing meters serving commercial, irrigation, and multi-family customers, and after a brief discussion of the total meters exchanged and future replacements, of inventory replacement, and of unaccounted water loss, 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 approve the purchase of additional equipment for the 2024 and 2025 Meter Exchange Programs in the amount of \$1,360,000.00.

7.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing the General Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Garney Construction, Inc. to Perform Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Services for Phase 2 of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project. (\$13,342,358.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Budgeted – Project No. 21-613 – Engineering Manager Bader)

Engineering Manager Bader provided a brief presentation on the proposed Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Agreement for Phase 2 of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project, including the project location, the background and requirements, the project delivery method, the scope of work, the fee breakdown, and the use of sediment removed from Littlerock Dam for this Project, and after a brief discussion of the length of the ditch enclosure, of grant opportunities to help complete the future phases, and of flow restrictions, 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 approve authorization of the General Manager to enter into an Agreement with Garney Construction, Inc. to Perform Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Services for Phase 2 of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$13,342,358.00.

7.6) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorization of the Following Conferences, Seminars, and Training Sessions for Board and Staff Attendance within Budget Amounts Previously Approved in the 2025 Budget:

a) None at This Time.

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

8) Information Items:

8.1) General Meeting Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on July 31, he attended his Coffee with Director event and commended staff of the positive turnout and that on August 7, he attended a Board Briefing.

Director Wilson reported that on July 31, he attended the Coffee with Director Kellerman event; that on August 2, he attended the Palmdale Fin and Feather Club Meeting where the Club President provided a facilities tour; that on August 7, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on August 11, he is attending the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meeting.

Director Sanchez reported that on July 31, she attended the Coffee with Director Kellerman event; that on August 7, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on August 11, she is attending the PWD Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on July 31, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing and that on August 7, she attended a Board Briefing.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that the presence of golden mussels were detected near the California Aqueduct inlet at Lake Palmdale by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and that staff is working on a plan and press release to address these findings; that staff recently met with the new San Gabriel Mountains Monument Manager, Darrel Vance; that staff provided a facilities tour of Tejon Park and the Littlerock Dam recreation area to City of Palmdale staff; and that staff met with Congressman Whitesides to discuss District projects and provided a tour of the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

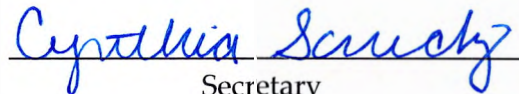
General Counsel Early stated that the status of the assembly bills previously reported on remains the same and then provided a brief overview on AB 601 regarding the bodies of water defined and covered under the Clean Water Act.

9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

10) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.


Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 25-6
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE
WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING ASSESSMENT RATES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller has submitted to the Palmdale Water District the assessed value information necessary to enable the District to establish its assessment rates; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the assessed value information and has calculated the amounts needed to be raised to meet the State Water Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined the assessment rate required to raise the required funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Palmdale Water District hereby establishes the following secured tax rates for 2025-2026:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>
308.60	Palmdale Water District	0.000000
308.61	Palmdale Water District Zone B	0.235971
308.62	Palmdale Water District Zone B2	0.235971
308.63	Palmdale Water District Zone C	0.235971
308.65	Palmdale Water District Zone E	0.235971
308.66	Palmdale Water District Zone A	0.235971
308.67	Palmdale Water-Westmont Imp. Dist.	0.000000

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, is hereby authorized and directed, at the time and in the manner directed by law, in addition to any and all other taxes and assessments levied against the lands within the Palmdale Water District, to levy and collect assessments against all of the lands within said District and the aforesaid improvement District at the rates set forth above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 11, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

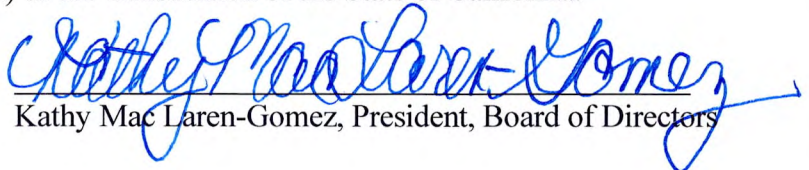
AYE: President Mac Laren-Gomez, Directors Kellerman, Wilson, Sanchez

NO: None.

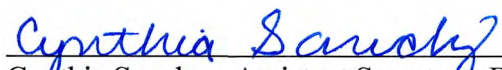
ABSENT: None.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the tax rates levied herein are exempt from the application of Article XIII A, Section 1(A) of the Constitution of the State of California.

DATED: August 11, 2025


Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Cynthia Sanchez, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Paul Early, General Counsel, Aleshire & Wynder LLP

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,
PROPERTY TAX APPORTIONMENT DIVISION**

2025 - 26 SECURED TAX RATES

ACCT #	AGENCY NAME	TAX RATE
308.60	PALMDALE WATER DIST	<u>0.000000</u>
308.61	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE B	<u>0.235971</u>
308.62	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE B2	<u>0.235971</u>
308.63	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE C	<u>0.235971</u>
308.65	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE E	<u>0.235971</u>
308.66	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE A	<u>0.235971</u>
308.67	PALMDALE WATER-WESTMONT IMP DIST	<u>0.000000</u>

I, DON WILSON, AM A ~~MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL~~, A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, ~~THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER~~ FOR THIS AGENCY AND I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE TAX RATES LEVIED HEREIN ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE XIII SECTION 1(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.


AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Treasurer, Board of Directors
TITLE

August 11, 2025
DATE