

**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.

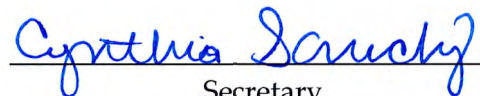
General Counsel Early reported that a closed session was held pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8 to conduct a Conference With Real Property Negotiators and that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

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.


Secretary