

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024:

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, September 16, 2024, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. President, Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of President Mac Laren-Gomez, Director Dino led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of the first responders and firefighters battling the Bridge Fire and in memory of Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Pam Lee, General Counsel
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
3 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) Overview of 2024 Water Rate Study. (RDN Consultants/Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer introduced Project Manager Anthony Elowsky and Outreach Coordinator Sanjay Gaur, of RDN Consultants, after which Mr. Gaur provided a detailed overview of the results of the 2024 Water Rate Study, including the review schedule, the present financial plan and rate structure, the proposed rates, and the rate impacts followed by a brief discussion of the current and proposed tiers, of the

water budget rate structure, of state mandated water reductions, and of future development and water supply.

The Board then thanked RDN for their presentation.

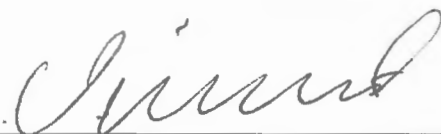
5) Action Items – Action Calendar (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item as each item is considered by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.)

5.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Water Rate Structure for Calendar Years 2025-2029, Authorization for Staff to Begin the Proposition 218 Process, and Establishment of a Proposition 218 Hearing Date. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer provided an overview of the proposed rate adjustments for Calendar Years 2025-2029 and the Proposition 218 process, and after discussion of public outreach workshops and materials, of inflation, of the District's debt service coverage, of future capital projects and development, of grant and capital improvement funding, of transparency, and of the District's current policy regarding parameters for water rate adjustments, 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 establish a water revenue increase for Calendar Years 2025-2029 as presented in the 2024 Water Rate Study, authorize staff to begin the Proposition 218 process, and to establish November 4, 2024 as the Proposition 218 hearing date.

6) Adjournment.

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



Secretary