

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, September 22, 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.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Paul Early, General Counsel
Viri Iguaran, Finance Manager
Jim Stanton, Information Technology Manager
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
1 member of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

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 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 Special Board 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.**

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 on Reorganization of the Board of Directors for the Positions of Secretary and Assistant Secretary. (President Mac Laren-Gomez)

After a brief discussion of the open Secretary position, 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 nomination of Director Cynthia Sanchez as Secretary and Director Debbie Dino as Assistant Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Officers for the Palmdale Water District Board of Directors are as follows:

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

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Annual Membership with Community Water Systems Alliance. (\$5,000.00 – Non-Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the District's working relationship with Community Water Systems Alliance (CWSA) regarding Western Joshua Tree regulations and the benefits of the membership, and after a brief discussion

of CWSA'S current members, 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 annual membership with Community Water Systems Alliance in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the proposed Resolution for application of grant funding that the Littlerock Reservoir recreation area may qualify for, after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Kellerman, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve 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.

Resolution No. 25-7 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

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)

Finance Manager Iguaran provided an overview of the proposed Amendment with Vertical Bridge, including the term, the rate, and the additional revenue that would continue to support the District's Rate Assistance Program, after which 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 approve the First Amendment to Communications Site Lease Agreement with Vertical Bridge for Cell Tower Located at 805 East Avenue S.

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)

Information Technology Manager Stanton provided an overview of the SCADA upgrade project and the need to replace panels at four locations that have reached the end of their useful life resulting in network vulnerabilities, and after a brief discussion of budget projections for future panel replacements, 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 SCADA radio panel replacements and upgrades in the amount of \$59,575.00.

7.6) Adjourn to Palmdale Water District Annual Meeting of the Public Facilities Corporation. (President Mac Laren-Gomez)

At 6:15 p.m., President Mac Laren-Gomez adjourned the Regular Meeting to the Palmdale Water District Annual Meeting of the Public Facilities Corporation. She reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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.

General Manager LaMoreaux provided a brief overview of the District's working relationship with United Water Conservation District and past participation in their annual Summits, after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2025 Budget: 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.

General Manager LaMoreaux noted that the proposed webinar was added to the CSDA website after the Board's approval of the annual conference and training list in January, after which 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 approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board

and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2025 Budget: 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.)

Director Dino reported that on September 9, she attended the AVEK Board Meeting along with President Mac Laren-Gomez where they approved a generous sponsorship of \$25K towards the second phase of the Antelope Valley Rural Museum.

2) Finance Committee Meeting – September 16. (Director Wilson, Chair/Director Kellerman/Director Sanchez, Alt.)

Director Wilson reported that on September 16, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and that a written report was distributed.

3) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – September 20. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Directors Kellerman and Wilson reported that they attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting on September 20, which was subsequently cancelled.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on September 4, he attended a Board Briefing; that on September 8, he attended the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meeting; that on September 9, he attended a Littlerock Reservoir Ad Hoc Committee Meeting; that on September 16, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on September 18, he attended a Board Briefing; that on September 19, he attended the BizFed Institute Annual Water Resiliency Summit in Whittier where they discussed Pure Water and Delta Conveyance Projects; and that on September 22, he is attending the PWD Regular Board Meeting.

Director Wilson reported that on August 14, he attended the AVSWCA Meeting where a presentation on the State Water Project Science Program was provided; that on August 18, he attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) Meeting where they discussed the future of PRWA; 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 provided a recap on the speakers; that on September 4, he attended a Board Briefing; that on September 8, he attended the PWD Regular Board Meeting; that on September 16, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on September 18, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on September 29, he will be attending the Strategic Plan Workshop.

Director Sanchez reported that on September 16, she attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on September 18, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on September 19, she attended the BizFed Institute Annual Water Resiliency Summit.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on September 9, she attended a Littlerock Reservoir Ad Hoc Committee Meeting; that on September 9, she also attended the AVEK Board Meeting; that on September 11, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on September 18, she attended a Board Briefing; that on September 19, she attended the BizFed Institute Annual Water Resiliency Summit; and that on September 22, she attended a Public Water Suppliers Meeting.

Director Dino reported that on September 8, she attended a Board Briefing; that on September 8, she also attended the PWD Regular Board Meeting; that on September 9, she attended the AVEK Board Meeting; that on September 11, she attended a New Director Briefing; that on September 15, she attended a Strategic Scoping Interview; that on September 16, she attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on September 18, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on September 19, she attended the BizFed Institute Annual Water Resiliency Summit and that she was very impressed with the speakers and expressed that PWD is on the right track with Pure Water AV.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) Department Activity Updates:

1) Information Technology Department. (Information Technology Manager Stanton)

Information Technology Manager Stanton provided a detailed presentation of the Information Technology Department's current and projected activities including the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) network and infrastructure upgrades and migration, the SCADA project upgrades, the transition of video surveillance and alarm monitoring to Convergent, licensing for the display monitors, internet upgrades and staff training for the new phone system and stated that staff will be providing a brief GIS presentation at the next All-Hands Meeting.

b) September 2025 Written Report of Activities through August 2025.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a written report was provided with the agenda packet and highlighted the District's groundwater production rights and carry over water, the precipitation contributions in the Oroville and San Luis Reservoirs, and the California drought status.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Early stated that three of the ten bill previously reported on have advanced to the Governor's desk including SB 72 regarding revisions to the California Water Plan, SB 394 regarding enhanced penalties for unauthorized use or tampering with fire hydrants, and SB 454 regarding establishment of a PFAS Mitigation Fund in the State Treasury.

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