# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 10, 2025:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, November 10, 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 Sanchez 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, Secretary Debbie Dino, Assistant Secretary

#### **Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Paul Early, General Counsel
Viri Iguaran, Finance Manager
Wendell Wall, Facilities Manager
Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Director
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
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) 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 October 27, 2025.
  - 6.2) Payment of Bills for November 10, 2025.
- 6.3) Approval of Absence of President Mac Laren-Gomez from October 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting due to Scheduled Vacation. (General Counsel Early)
- 6.4) Approval to Cancel Second Regular Board Meeting in December, December 22, 2025, due to the District's Scheduled Holiday Closure. (No Budget Impact General Manager LaMoreaux)
- 6.5) Approval of Resolution No. 25-9 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Approving the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Restricted Funds Budget for the USGS/CASGEM Program for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. (\$4,929.00 Budgeted Finance Manager/AVSWCA Controller Iguaran)

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar 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 approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 25-9 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

- 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 Reschedule the First Regular Board Meeting in December from December 8 to December 15, 2025. (No Budget Impact General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that staff recommends rescheduling the first Regular Board Meeting in December to allow adequate time to conduct Board Briefings and the 2026 Budget review following staff and Board attendance at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference 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 reschedule the first Regular Board Meeting in December from December 8 to December 15, 2025.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve and Authorize the General Manager or His Designee to Execute a Contract with Access Limited for the Repainting of Water Levels at Littlerock Dam. (\$35,000.00 - Not-to-Exceed - Non-Budgeted - Project No. 25-289 - Facilities Manager Wall)

Facilities Manager Wall provided an overview of the scope of work and proposals received to repaint the faded water levels at Littlerock Dam for operational efficiency, including clarification that the District's standard contract will be used for this work, and after a brief discussion of past water level markings and a future budget for this work, 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 and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract with Access Limited for the repainting of water levels at Littlerock Dam in the not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.00.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve and Authorize the General Manager or His Designee to Enter Into an Agreement for Transfer of Water Between Palmdale Water District and San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos provided an overview of the proposed agreement, including the terms and the opportunity to bank the transferred water in the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project for future use, and after a brief discussion noting that there are no administrative costs involved, 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 and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Agreement for Transfer of Water between Palmdale Water District and San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve and Authorize the General Manager or His Designee to Enter Into a Second Agreement Amendment for the Sale and Transfer of Water Supplies from Palmdale Water District to the Westside Districts. (Potential Revenue – Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos provided an overview of the proposed amendment to extend the existing Agreement for Purchase of Water Supplies with the Westside Districts for an additional five years to further support resource management and regional partnerships 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 approve and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Second Agreement Amendment for the Sale and Transfer of Water Supplies from Palmdale Water District to the Westside Districts.

- 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) None at This Time.

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

- 8) Information Items:
  - 8.1) Reports of Directors:
  - a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:
- 1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Meeting October 28. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on October 28, she attended the AVEK Board Meeting.

2) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – November 1. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Directors Wilson and Kellerman had no report on this meeting.

3) Outreach Committee Meeting – November 3. (Director Dino/Director Sanchez/Director Wilson, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on November 3, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting, which was her first meeting as Chair of the Committee.

## b) General Meeting Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on October 30, he attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on November 6, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on November 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meeting.

Director Wilson reported that on November 3, he attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on November 5, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on November 6, he attended the AV Edge Fall Forum.

Director Sanchez reported that on October 29, she attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Understanding the Roles and Responsibilities of Public Employees; that on October 30, she attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Tune Up to Stay in Peak Legal Shape; that on November 5, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on November 6, she attended the AV Edge Fall Forum.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on October 14, she attended the AVEK Board Meeting; that on October 15, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on October 20, she attended a Watermaster Briefing; that on October 22, she attended the Watermaster Board Meeting; that on November 5, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on November 6, she attended the AV Edge Fall Forum.

Director Dino reported that on October 28, she attended the AVEK Board Meeting; that on November 3, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on November 6, she attended a Board Briefing; that on November 10, she completed Harassment Training; and that on November 10, she is also attending the PWD Regular Board Meeting.

### 8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux presented the schedule and scope for dismantling and removing the decommissioned wind turbine at the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant, noting that the turbine has fulfilled its purpose and will be replaced with solar power.

## 8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Early reported that SB 827 was recently signed into law, expanding ethics training requirements to include department heads and requiring

biennial fiscal and financial training for local agency officials followed by a brief discussion of the training topics and providers.

# 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 6:29 p.m.

Cynthua Sauchy.

Secretary