

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE  
INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE  
PURE WATER ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING  
STAFF TO FILE THE NOTICE OF DETERMINATION WITH THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Palmdale Water District (District) seeks to advance regional water supply reliability through the development of the Pure Water Antelope Valley Project (Project) which will produce advanced treated recycled water for groundwater recharge and long-term sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project includes advanced treatment facilities, conveyance pipelines, brine basins, monitoring wells, production wells, injection wells, booster pump stations, and related improvements necessary to implement indirect potable reuse within the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the District serves as the Lead Agency for the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to CEQA requirements and the District's Local CEQA Guidelines, the District prepared an Initial Study analyzing potential environmental effects associated with the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Initial Study determined that with the implementation of identified mitigation measures the Project would not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment and therefore a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the CEQA, the District, as the Lead Agency, has analyzed the proposed project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No. 2025100946) for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study was circulated for the required public review for the required minimum of 30 days from October 21, 2025, through December 9, 2025 through the State Clearinghouse and were made available on the District website and at the District office for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, all comments received during the public review period were considered by District staff and incorporated as appropriate into the final environmental document; and

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting of the Board of Directors to consider adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was duly noticed and held on December 15, 2025, during which staff presented the environmental analysis and all public testimony and evidence both written and oral was received and considered, after which public testimony was closed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors now desires to adopt the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project.

**THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.
2. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the District’s Local CEQA Guidelines, District prepared an Initial Study for the Project. It was determined that there was no substantial evidence that the Project would have a significant effect on the environment after the implementation of Mitigation Measures. Based on that determination, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared. Thereafter, the District staff provided public notice of the public comment period and of the intent to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
3. The Board’s additional findings regarding the Project are set forth in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration attached hereto as Exhibit 1, which findings the Board incorporates herein by this reference.
4. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
5. The General Manager and District staff are hereby authorized and directed to take such further actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement this Resolution, including filing the Notice of Determination with the appropriate county or other governmental authorities pursuant to CEQA and taking such other and further action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

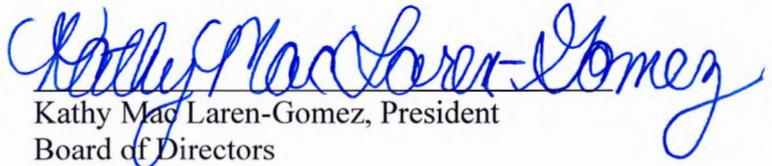
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: President Mac Laren-Gomez, Directors Kellerman, Wilson, Dino

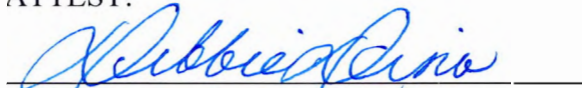
NOES:

ABSENT: Director Sanchez


ABSTAIN:

  
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, President  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
Deborah Dino, Assistant Secretary  
Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, General Counsel  
For Paul Early