

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JANUARY 26, 2026:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, January 26, 2026, 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 Kellerman 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
Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager
Paul Early, General Counsel
Wendell Wal, Facilities Manager
Shadi Bader, Engineering Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Sarah Hernandez, Accounting Supervisor
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
2 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 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 January 12, 2026.

6.2) Payment of Bills for January 26, 2026.

6.3) Receive and File Semi-Annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the Period Covering July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (No Budget Impact – Finance Manager Iguaran)

6.4) Approval of Absence of Director Kellerman from January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Due to Scheduled Work Travel. (General Counsel Early)

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present to approve those items with the exception of Agenda Item Nos. 6.1 and 6.4, from which Director Kellerman abstained.

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 Approval of Contract with Turbine Repair Services, LLC to Repair Hydroelectric Turbine. (\$93,000.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Non-Budgeted – Facilities Manager Wall)

Facilities Manager Wall provided an overview of the previously approved work for the generator component of the Hydroelectric Turbine Generator and the discovery of additional repairs required for the turbine component, and after a brief discussion of the SCADA programming and estimated annual power savings, it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present to approve a contract with Turbine Repair Services, LLC to repair the Hydroelectric Turbine in the not-to-exceed amount of \$93,000.00.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve and Authorize the General Manager and Legal Counsel to Negotiate and Enter Into a Professional Services Agreement with Moore Iacofano Goltzman, Inc. (MIG) for the 2026 Strategic Plan. (\$57,441.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-5070-007 – General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the strategic planning process, including the Strategic Plan Workshop, the distribution of the Request for Proposals, and staff's evaluation of the proposals received, after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present to approve and authorize the General Manager and Legal Counsel to negotiate and enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Moore Iacofano Goltzman, Inc. (MIG) for the 2026 Strategic Plan in the not-to-exceed amount of \$57,441.00.

7.3) 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 2026 Budget:

- a) **2026 Nevada WaterReuse Annual Symposium to be held February 2, 2026 in Las Vegas.**
- b) **North American Society for Trenchless Technology (NASTT) No-Dig 2026 Conference to be held March 29 – April 2, 2026 in Palm Springs, CA.**
- c) **DBIA Design-Build for Water/Wastewater Conference 2026 to be held April 13-15, 2026 in Grapevine, TX.**
- d) **OpenGov Conference 2026 to be held April 29 – May 1, 2026 in Chicago, IL.**
- e) **Utility Engineering & Surveying Institute (UESI) of ASCE 2026 to be held August 1-5, 2026 in Detroit, MI.**

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the conferences, seminars, and training sessions recommended for staff attendance after which it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present to authorize staff attendance at the approved conferences, seminars, and training sessions within budget amounts previously approved in the 2026 Budget.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Meeting – January 13. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Dino reported on her attendance at the January 13 AVEK Board Meeting, where updates were provided on the California drought status, recent Brown Act changes, and staff changes resulting from the resignation of Assistant General Manager Peter Thompson.

2) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – January 17. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Director Kellerman reported that the January 17 Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting was cancelled due to the Club's opening fishing day and announced that membership renewals are due.

b) General Meeting Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported on his attendance at the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meetings on December 15 and January 26, and Board Briefings on January 8 and 22.

Director Wilson reported on his attendance at the PWD Regular Board Meetings on January 12 and 26, and Board Briefings on January 8 and 22.

Director Sanchez reported on her attendance at the Palmdale City Council Meeting on January 13 and a Board Briefing on January 22.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported on her attendance at the PWD Regular Board Meeting on January 12, an Agenda Review Briefing on January 15, and a Board Briefing on January 22. She also attended a CSDA Webinar on January 13 covering the 2026 Prevailing Wage Process and Requirements Update and stated that she joined staff in receiving the District's Christmas Parade float trophy from the Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce (AVCOC).

Director Dino reported on her attendance at the AVEK Board Meeting on January 13, a Board Briefing on January 22, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on January 26. She also attended CSDA Webinars on January 14, 20 and 23 covering Building Relationships with Your Lawmaker's District Office, Dealing with Evolving Boundaries and Boards, and AB 2561: New Requirements for Public Employers.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) Department Activity Updates:

1) Engineering Department. (Engineering Manager Bader)

Engineering Manager Bader reported on department activities, including the Engineering Department structure and staffing, daily operations, current capital projects such as the Palmdale Ditch enclosure, 3M, Well 36, and Pure Water AV, planning and development support, the backflow prevention program, and anticipated 2026 projects followed by a brief discussion on service-type backflow requirements.

b) January Written Report of Activities through December 2025.

General Manager LaMoreaux recognized staff's efforts for earning the 2025 AVCOC Christmas Parade trophy for the District's float and then reported on the above-normal precipitation contributing to the State Water Project, California's current drought-free

conditions, and declining snowpack levels. He then stated that the District ended 2025 with a total of 13 leaks.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

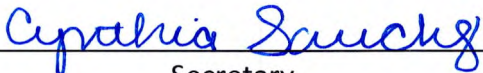
General Counsel Early reported on the extension of federal grant funding under the Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act of 2026.

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 6:42 p.m.


Secretary