

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 23, 2026:**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, February 23, 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 in honor of Director Sanchez’s safe return home.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:**

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

**ABSENT --**

Cynthia Sanchez, Secretary

**Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager  
Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager  
Paul Early, General Counsel  
Wendell Wal, Facilities Manager  
Shadi Bader, Engineering Manager  
Viridiana Iguaran, Finance Manager  
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director  
Tara Rosati, Customer Care Supervisor  
Trisha Guerrero, Management Analyst  
1 member 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 February 9, 2026.**

**6.2) Payment of Bills for February 23, 2026.**

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which General Manager LaMoreaux requested the removal of the two Calgon Carbon Corporation invoices from the payables. It was then moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present to approve the consent calendar as amended.

**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 Approve and Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with Nona Palmdale, LLC for Easement Dedication and Construction of Facilities for Well 34A (APN 3051-014-902). (No Budget Impact – Engineering Manager Bader)**

Engineering Manager Bader provided an overview of the future Well 34A site and the proposed tract development within the vicinity, which requires a right-of-way easement dedication, after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Kellerman, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present to approve and authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with Nona Palmdale, LLC for Easement Dedication and Construction of Facilities for Well 34A (APN 3051-014-902).

**7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Equipment Purchase for 2026 Meter Exchange Program. (\$2,000,000.00 – Budgeted – Customer Care Supervisor Rosati)**

Customer Care Supervisor Rosati announced a correction to this item noting that it is non-budgeted. She then provided a status update on the 2025 Meter Exchange Program and an overview of the equipment needed for the proposed 2026 Meter Exchange Program for stuck and failing meters, and after a brief discussion of utilizing General Funds for the purchase, it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present to approve the equipment purchase for the 2026 Meter Exchange Program in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

**7.3) Consideration and Possible Action to Reschedule or Cancel the March 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)**

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that three Directors have requested to attend the 2026 WateReuse Symposium which will result in a lack of quorum for first Regular Board Meeting in March, after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present to cancel the March 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

**7.4) 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) **None at this time.**

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

**8) Information Items:**

**8.1) Finance Reports:**

- a) **Status Report on Current Cash Balances as of December 2025. (Financial Advisor Egan/Finance Committee)**

Finance Manager Iguaran provided an overview of the monthly and quarterly Major Account Activity Reports and the Investment Funds Report through December 2025, including account transfers, assessments received, scheduled payments, interest and market values, capital improvement fees, and future investments.

- b) **Status Report on Financial Statements, Revenue, and Expense and Departmental Budget Reports for December 2025. (Finance Manager Iguaran/Finance Committee)**

Finance Manager Iguaran reviewed in detail the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Income Statement Variance, and the Departmental Reports for the period ending December 2025, including assets and liabilities, retained earnings, operating and non-operating revenues, non-cash expenses, personnel and operational expenses, capital improvement fees, and anticipated state and federal grant reimbursements, and stated that operating revenues are at 116.3% of budget; that expenses are below the historical trend average at 90.34%; and that two departments were slightly above the projected budget due to annual contract services and staff time dedicated to service orders for failing meters followed by a brief discussion regarding potential audit adjustments.

- c) **Status Report on Committed Contracts Issued. (Finance Manager Iguaran/Finance Committee)**

She then provided an overview of the committed and uncommitted 2024A and 2023A Water Revenue Bond funds.

- d) **Other Financial Reports. (Finance Manager Iguaran/Finance Committee)**

- 1) **Revenue Projections.**

Finance Manager Iguaran reported that based on selling 15,000 AF of water, 2025 revenue is ahead of projections by approximately \$3.9 million as of December 31.

**2) Monthly Billing Statistics.**

She then reported on December billing activity, including the number of billings, late fee notices, shut-off notices, and shutoffs and locks.

**3) Rate Assistance Program Status.**

She then reported that \$190,000 was budgeted for the 2026 Rate Assistance Program to support 633 customers with a \$25 monthly discount, and as of February 11, 2026, 629 customers are enrolled, including 162 Low-Income, 462 Senior, and 5 Veteran participants.

**8.2) Reports of Directors:**

**a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:**

**1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Meeting – February 10. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)**

Director Dino reported attending the February 10 AVEK Board Meeting, where a report was provided regarding the Lake Oroville and San Luis Reservoirs and the Northern Sierra snowpack conditions.

**2) Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (AVSWCA) Meeting – February 12. (President Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair/Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)**

President Mac Laren-Gomez reported attending the February 12 AVSWCA Meeting, where they discussed staff changes, Littlerock project updates, and viewed photos of the recent spill impact from Littlerock Reservoir.

**3) Finance Committee Meeting – February 17. (Director Wilson, Chair/Director Kellerman/Director Sanchez, Alt.)**

Director Wilson reported attending the February 17 Finance Committee meeting and stated that a written report will be distributed.

**4) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – February 21. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)**

Director Kellerman reported attending the February 21 Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting, where they discussed facility improvements and maintenance, the number of members, fish counts, and an incident involving theft by a member that resulted in permanent removal.

**b) General Meeting Reports of Directors.**

Director Kellerman reported attending the AVSWCA Meeting on February 12; the Finance Committee Meeting on February 17; the Palmdale Fin and Feather Club Meeting on February 21; and Board Briefings on February 5 and 19.

Director Wilson reported attending the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meeting on February 9; the 2026 ACWA Legislative Symposium on February 11-12; the AVSWCA Meeting on February 12; the Finance Committee Meeting on February 17; and Board Briefing on February 19.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported attending an Agenda Review Briefing on February 11; the 2026 ACWA Legislative Symposium on February 11-12; the AVSWCA Meeting on February 12; the Watermaster Advisory Committee Meeting on February 18; and a Board Briefing on February 19.

Director Dino reported attending the AVEK Board Meeting on February 10; two CSDA webinars on February 11 and 16; the Finance Committee Meeting on February 17; a Board Briefing on February 19; the PWD Regular Board Meeting on February 23; and noted that she will also attend the AVEK Board Meeting on February 24.

**8.3) Report of General Manager.**

**a) February Written Report of Activities through January 2026.**

General Manager LaMoreaux distributed updated precipitation information from the recent storms and provided an update on Oroville Reservoir and the improved Sierra Snowpack conditions followed by a brief discussion of the local snowpack and the current State Water Project Table A allocation of 30%.

**8.4) Report of General Counsel.**

General Counsel Early stated that he has no report.

**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 6:58 p.m.

  
Secretary