

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, March 23, 2026, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District Office and at 8 Gipson Place Northeast 7, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548. President, Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Mac Laren-Gomez, Mr. Eddie Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring military troops.

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
Viridiana Iguaran, Finance Manager
Wendell Wal, Facilities Manager
Joe Marcinko, Operations Manager
Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Director
Angelica Garcia, Human Resources Director
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
Angel Abarca, Help Desk Assistant
10 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda as presented on the following roll-call vote:

President Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Sanchez – aye
Director Dino – aye

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 23, 2026.

6.2) Ratification of Payment of Bills for March 9, 2026.

6.3) Payment of Bills for March 23, 2026.

6.4) Approval of Absence of Director Sanchez from February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting due to Scheduled Vacation. (General Counsel Early)

6.5) Approval to Reschedule the May 25, 2026 Regular Board Meeting to May 26, 2026 due to the Memorial Day Holiday. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

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 to approve the Consent Calendar on the following roll-call vote:

President Mac Laren-Gomez – aye

Director Kellerman – aye

Director Wilson – aye

Director Sanchez – aye

Director Dino – aye

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 Community Workforce Agreement By and Between the Palmdale Water District and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council and the Signatory Craft Councils and Local Unions. (No Budget Impact – Eddie Alvarez, Building & Trades/General Manager LaMoreaux)

Mr. Eddie Alvarez, Building & Trades, provided an overview of his professional background and expressed appreciation for working with former PWD Director Dave Gomez and Antelope Valley businesses and to keep jobs local for skilled professionals after which General Manager LaMoreaux presented the proposed Community Workforce Agreement (CWA), including threshold adjustments to align with other local agencies, and provided an update of current and future District projects.

Several trade representatives spoke in strong support of the CWA, emphasizing its benefits for maintaining local jobs and encouraged its approval. After a brief discussion of the trades represented, it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried to approve the Community Workforce Agreement By and Between the Palmdale Water District and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council and the Signatory Craft Councils and Local Unions on the following roll-call vote:

President Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Sanchez – aye
Director Dino – aye

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve and Authorize the General Manager or His Designee to Enter Into an Agreement with Workday and ERP Analysts for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Implementation and Subscription. (\$2,000,000.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Including 2026 Non-Budgeted Impact of \$482,665.00 – Finance Manager Iguaran/Finance Committee)

Finance Manager Iguaran provided a detailed overview of the proposed agreements with Workday and ERP Analysts for implementation and subscription of a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, along with a 2026 budget increase of \$482,665.00, noting that the existing Microsoft GP system is nearing end-of-life and no longer meets the District's operational needs, and that through evaluation of multiple ERP providers, Workday was identified as the most suitable solution due to its cloud-based platform, strong financial and HR capabilities, and ability to integrate multiple business functions, which will consolidate several existing systems and add enhanced features such as grant management, workflow automation, secure document storage, and advanced financial planning.

After review of the phased implementation process and discussion of the consolidated program savings and data transparency, it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Kellerman, and unanimously carried to approve and authorize the General Manager or his Designee to enter into an Agreement with Workday and ERP Analysts for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Implementation and Subscription in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000.00 over a ten-year period, including a 2026 budget adjustment of \$482,665.00 on the following roll-call vote:

President Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Sanchez – aye
Director Dino – aye

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve and Authorize the General Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Andritz Hydro Division, Subject to General Counsel Approval, for the Startup and Commissioning of the Hydroelectric Turbine Generator. (\$91,000.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Non-Budgeted – Work Order No. 25-612 – Facilities Manager Wall)

Facilities Manager Wall presented a recommendation to approve an agreement with Andritz Hydro Division for the startup and commissioning of the Hydroelectric Turbine Generator, including the scope of work and corresponding capital budget increase, and noted that Andritz is the only qualified vendor to perform this specialized commissioning work to ensure all operational parameters and fail-safe functions are properly configured for efficient unit operation, and after a brief discussion of work warranty and future energy savings, it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried to approve and authorize the General Manager to enter into an Agreement with Andritz Hydro Division, subject to General Counsel approval, for the Startup and Commissioning of the Hydroelectric Turbine Generator in the not-to-exceed amount of \$91,000.00 on the following roll-call vote:

President Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Sanchez – aye
Director Dino – aye

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve and Authorize the General Manager or His Designee to Enter Into a Contract Agreement with CPS HR Consulting to Assist with Recruitment Campaign for Senior/Principal Engineer Position. (\$17,000.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Budgeted – Human Resources Director Garcia)

Human Resources Director Garcia presented a recommendation to enter into a contract with CPS HR Consulting to assist with recruitment for the Senior/Principal Engineer position following previous unsuccessful recruiting attempts, after which it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Kellerman, and unanimously carried to approve and authorize the General Manager or his Designee to enter into a Contract Agreement with CPS HR Consulting to Assist with Recruitment Campaign for Senior/Principal Engineer Position in the not-to-exceed amount of \$17,000.00 on the following roll-call vote:

President Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Sanchez – aye
Director Dino – aye

7.5) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Resolution No. 2026-1 Amending Rules and Regulations Appendix O to Incorporate Assembly Bill 1572 - Prohibition of Potable Water for Non-Functional Turf. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos)

Resources and Analytics Director Bolanos provided an overview of Assembly Bill (AB) 1572 and Resolution No. 2026-1, which proposes updates to Appendix O (Water Waste Policy) of the District’s Rules and Regulations to incorporate the requirements of AB 1572 prohibiting the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on specified commercial, industrial, institutional, and HOA-maintained properties, and after discussion of District enforcement, outreach efforts, and the Water-Wise Landscape Conversion Program, it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2026-1 Amending Rules and Regulations Appendix O to Incorporate Assembly Bill 1572 - Prohibition of Potable Water for Non-Functional Turf on the following roll-call vote:

President Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Sanchez – aye
Director Dino – aye

Resolution No. 2026-1 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.6) 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) Reports of Directors:

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

1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Meeting – February 24 and March 10. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Dino reported her attendance at the February 24 AVEK Board Meeting.

2) Finance Committee Meeting – March 17. (Director Wilson, Chair/Director Kellerman/Director Sanchez, Alt.)

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

3) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – March 7 and 21. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Director Kellerman reported attending the March 21 Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting, where they discussed where members discussed record membership numbers, the recent light installations to help deter theft, and the success of the kids' derby event.

b) General Meeting Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported attending Workplace Violence and Prevention Online Training on February 24; a tour of the Pure Water Antelope Valley (PWAV) Demonstration Facility on March 5; the Finance Committee Meeting on March 17; a Board Briefing on March 18; the Antelope Valley (AV) Business Outlook Conference on March 19; the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting on March 21; and the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meeting on March 23.

Director Wilson reported attending a tour of the PWAV Demonstration Facility on March 5; the 2026 WateReuse Symposium from March 8-11; the Finance Committee Meeting on March 17; a Board Briefing on March 18; the AV Edge Business Outlook Conference on March 19; and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on March 23.

Director Sanchez reported attending the ACWA Legislative Symposium from February 11-12; the Finance Committee Meeting on February 17; a Board Briefing on February 19; a CSDA webinar regarding Standard Contracts on March 16; the Finance Committee Meeting on March 17; a tour of the PWAV Demonstration Facility on March 17; the AV Edge Business Outlook Conference on March 19; a Board Briefing on March 19; and a CSDA webinar regarding Building Relationships with Your Lawmaker's District Office on March 20.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported attending the AVEK Board Meeting on February 24; Workplace Violence and Prevention Online Training on February 26; Health & Wellness and Fire Prevention Online Training on February 27; Public Water Suppliers Meetings on March 2 and 23; the Watermaster Meeting on March 4; the 2026 WateReuse Symposium from March 8-11; the Let's Talk H2O Event on March 11; an Agenda Review Briefing on March 9; a tour of the PWAV Demonstration Facility on March 18; the AV Edge Business Outlook Conference on March 19; and a Board Briefing on March 19.

Director Dino reported attending a CSDA webinar regarding California Government Compensation Reporting Rules and Requirements on March 2; the 2026 WateReuse Symposium from March 8-11; the Finance Committee Meeting on March 17; a tour of the PWAV Demonstration Facility on March 18; a Board Briefing on March 19; and the PWD Regular

Board Meeting on March 23, followed by a brief discussion of the WaterReuse Symposium outreach takeaways and Pure Water facilities..

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) Department Activity Updates:

1) Operations Department. (Operations Manager Marcinko)

Operations Manager Marcinko provided a presentation update on the Operations Department's laboratory, regulatory, and water operations activities, including water quality sampling, mussel monitoring and mitigation, equipment updates, the Well 11A status report, required reporting and audits, cattail removal at Palmdale Lake, the new Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) contract, Water Treatment Plant winter maintenance, and the wind turbine removal.

2) Human Resources Department. (Human Resources Director Garcia)

Human Resources Director Garcia provided an update on recent Human Resources Department activities, including Water Professionals Week in October, the employee benefit fair and open enrollment, evacuation procedure updates, recruitment campaigns, adoption and implementation of an AI policy, staff training, the Holiday Party, the new-hire facilities tour, and the Salary Survey.

b) March Written Report of Activities through February 2026.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a written report was included with the agenda packet highlighting the low precipitation and lack of snowpack. He also reported touring the Las Virgenes Pure Water Facility and the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant during the WaterReuse Symposium, followed by a brief discussion regarding the coordination of a future tour of the Pure Water facility and a brief overview of Las Virgenes' deep-water high-pressure desalination technology.

He further stated that the water well for Blue Skies Mobile Home Park was destroyed during the Christmas Eve storm that caused Littlerock Dam to spill, and that they are working with the state to secure future service from the District, similar to the arrangements for the Alpine Springs and Joshua Hills Mobile Home Parks.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Early reported that he is the lead for the Las Virgenes Pure Water and Deep-Water Desalination projects and offered to provide additional information if requested.

He then provided an update on SB 1153, which addresses wildfire response procedures for high fire-severity zones and outlines related liability protections for water retailers.

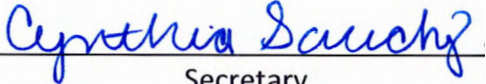
Assistant General Manager Rogers reported that the District is working with the Water Systems Coalition on several proposed bills and provided an update on Assemblymember Carrillo's proposed Assembly Bill 1808, which addresses fee relief for public works projects located near Joshua trees, followed by a brief discussion of District lobbying representation.

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 7:50 p.m.


Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT INCORPORATING STATE-MANDATED RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF POTABLE WATER TO IRRIGATE NON-FUNCTIONAL TURF (AB 1572)

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District (“District”) is a water district empowered to provide water service within District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1572 (AB 1572), titled “Potable water: nonfunctional turf,” was chaptered into state law on October 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, AB 1572 prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties, as well as on common areas maintained by homeowners’ associations (HOAs), community service organizations, and common-interest developments; and

WHEREAS, AB 1572 defines nonfunctional turf as ornamental grass irrigated with potable water that serves no recreational, community, or civic purpose; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires public water systems to update their policies, ordinances, or regulations to incorporate AB 1572 requirements and ensure that affected customers are informed of the potable water prohibition; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Rules and Regulations Appendix O (Waste of Water Policy) requires amendment to reflect these state-mandated prohibitions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District as follows:

Section 1: Findings: The Board of Directors of the District hereby finds and declares as follows:

1. Assembly Bill 1572 (Potable water: nonfunctional turf) was enacted on October 13, 2023, and prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on commercial, industrial, institutional, and specified common-area properties.
2. AB 1572 requires public water systems to update their regulations, ordinances, or policies to incorporate these prohibitions and communicate them to customers.
3. The District’s Rules and Regulations Appendix O (Waste of Water Policy) must be amended to reflect these requirements.

4. Adoption of this resolution is necessary to ensure compliance with state law and support consistent enforcement of potable water restrictions.

Section 2: Amendment of Appendix O

Appendix O of the District's Rules and Regulations is hereby amended to include a new section titled: "Prohibition on Potable Water Use for Nonfunctional Turf (AB 1572)"

The section shall incorporate the following requirements:

A. Potable Water Prohibition

The use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf is prohibited in accordance with the following statutory compliance schedule:

- January 1, 2027: State and local government properties.
- January 1, 2028: Commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties.
- January 1, 2029: Homeowners' association (HOA) and common-interest development common areas.
- January 1, 2031: Local government properties located in disadvantaged communities, unless delayed due to lack of state funding.

B. Exempt Uses

Potable water may continue to be used for:

- Irrigation required to sustain trees and perennial non-turf landscape plants.
- Health and safety purposes, including fire suppression and erosion control.
- Cemeteries, parks, sports fields, and other public assembly or recreation areas.
- Agricultural irrigation.

C. Enforcement

Violations of this section shall be enforced in accordance with the District's Waste of Water Policy. Administrative penalties may be imposed up to \$1,000 per violation, as authorized under state law.

D. Compliance Extensions

The State Water Resources Control Board may grant compliance extensions of up to three years for documented economic hardship, critical business need, or health and safety concerns.

E. Penalties for Nonfunctional Turf Violations

The following penalty structure applies specifically to violations of this section:

1. First violation: Warning and educational materials.
2. Second violation: Warning and educational materials.
3. Third violation: \$500 fine and educational materials.
4. Fourth violation: \$1,000 fine and educational materials.
5. Fifth and subsequent violations: \$1,000 per violation.

Section 3: Implementation and Coordination

The District shall implement the requirements of AB 1572 through updates to its internal procedures, customer communication materials, and development-review processes.

The District shall coordinate with the City of Palmdale and other appropriate agencies to ensure that proposed landscape and irrigation plans comply with the potable-water restrictions applicable to nonfunctional turf.

Section 4: Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Palmdale Water District held on March 23, 2026, by the following vote:

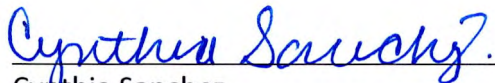
AYES: President Mac Laren-Gomez, Directors Kellerman, Wilson, Sanchez, Dino

NOES:

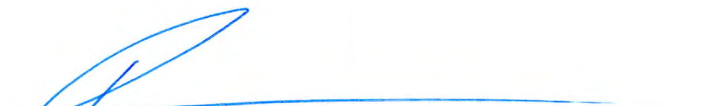
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:


Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez,
President, Board of Directors


Cynthia Sanchez,
Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, District Legal Counsel