

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, APRIL 27, 2026:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, April 27, 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.

President Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez invited second-grade Tumbleweed Elementary student Dulce Mercado to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in honor of military service members.

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 Wall, Facilities Manager
Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Director
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Pam Clark, Resource and Analytics Supervisor
Maria Avelar, Water Use Efficiency Specialist I
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
64 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously approved by 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) 2026 Water Use Efficiency Earth Day Poster Contest. (Water Use Efficiency Specialist I Avelar/ Water Use Efficiency Specialist I Rosati)

Water Use Efficiency Specialist I Avelar thanked the students, teachers, parents, and members of the Board for their participation and support of the 2026 Earth Day Poster Contest. She noted that this year marked a record-breaking year for school outreach presentations, which contributed to 301 poster entries submitted by students representing 15 teachers, and that an additional Honorable Mentions category was added in recognition of the many outstanding submissions.

She then announced the second through eighth-grade winners of the 2026 Water Use Efficiency Earth Day Poster Contest and presented each winning student and participating teacher with certificates and gift cards, followed by a group photo with the Board of Directors.

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 April 13, 2026.

6.2) Payment of Bills for April 27, 2026.

6.3) Approval to Declare District Equipment as Surplus Property. (Facilities Manager Wall/Resource and Facilities Committee)

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by the Board members present to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

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 Sponsorship of Antelope Valley Boosters Casino Night. (\$1,500.00 – Non-Budgeted – President Mac Laren-Gomez)

President Mac Laren-Gomez provided a brief overview of the event and the proposed sponsorship in support of Antelope Valley first responders, after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Sanchez, and carried by the following roll-call vote to approve sponsorship of the Antelope Valley Boosters Casino Night in the amount of \$1,500.00:

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

7.2) 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) CSDA On-Demand Webinar: Micro-Storytelling for Public Sector Impact.

General Manager LaMoreaux briefly noted the attendance interest for the proposed training session, after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director

Sanchez, and unanimously carried by the Board of Directors present to authorize Board and staff attendance at the following approved conference, seminar, and training session within the budget amounts previously approved in the 2026 Budget: CSDA On-Demand Webinar, Micro-Storytelling for Public Sector Impact.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Meeting – April 14. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on April 14, she attended the AVEK Board Meeting where they approved a candidate for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) voting member and sponsorships for the Antelope Valley Boosters, Rural Museum, and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

2) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – April 18. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Directors Kellerman and Wilson stated that they did not attend the April 18 Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting.

3) Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting – April 20. (Director Dino, Chair/Director Sanchez/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on April 20, she attended and chaired her first Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting.

4) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) Meeting – April 20. (Director Kellerman/Director Wilson/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Kellerman reported that on April 20, he attended the PRWA Meeting where they discussed bids for division of assets between Palmdale Water District and the City of Palmdale.

5) Finance Committee Meeting – April 21. (Director Wilson, Chair/Director Kellerman/Director Sanchez, Alt.)

Director Wilson reported that on April 21, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and that a written report will be distributed.

b) General Meeting Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported on his attendance at the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Meeting on April 9, the Water Ambassadors Academy on April 15 and 22, the Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting on April 20, the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) Meeting on April 20, the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Earth Day Poster judging on April 21, the Finance Committee Meeting on April 21, a Board Briefing on April 23, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on April 27.

Director Wilson reported on his attendance at the PWD Regular Board Meeting on April 13, the Finance Committee Meeting on April 21, the PWD Earth Day Poster judging on April 21, a Board Briefing on April 23, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on April 27.

Director Sanchez reported on her attendance at the Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting on April 20, the PWD Earth Day Poster judging on April 21, the Water Ambassadors Academy on April 22, and a Board Briefing on April 23.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported on her attendance at the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Board Meeting on April 14, the Water Ambassadors Academy on April 15, an Agenda Review Briefing on April 16, the PRWA Meeting on April 20, the PWD Earth Day Poster judging on April 21, the Watermaster Meeting on April 22, and a Board Briefing on April 23.

Director Dino reported on her attendance at the AVEK Board Meeting on April 14, the Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting on April 20, the Finance Committee Meeting on April 21, the PWD Earth Day Poster judging on April 21, a Board Briefing on April 23, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on April 27.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) Department Activity Updates:

1) Facilities Department. (Facilities Manager Wall)

Facilities Manager Wall presented a detailed overview of Facilities Department activities, including the department's staffing structure, staff achievements, day-to-day operations, and completed and ongoing maintenance, replacement, upgrade, rehabilitation, and fabrication projects, highlighting the traveling screen replacement at the aqueduct. He also discussed the District's emergency vehicle exemption requests from California Air Resources Board requirements related to the Advanced Clean Fleets mandates, as well as the efficiency audit challenges that the District consultant, TerraVerde, is experiencing with the Tesla battery systems installed at District sites through the state-funded program administered by the California Energy Commission followed by discussion of the next steps involved.

b) April 2026 Written Report of Activities through March 2026.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that he was not able to prepare a written report and that one will be provided next month and then reported that the Department of Water Resources locked in the State Water Project Table A allocation at 30% and that staff provided a tour of the Littlerock Dam related to the permitting process for recreational use.

The City of Palmdale's urban forestry planning and the District's Lunch and Learn event was then briefly discussed.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

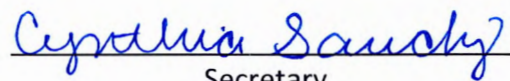
General Counsel Early reported on AB 2787 regarding Department of Water Resources related legislation on the evaluation and boundary assessment of groundwater basins.

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 7:18 p.m.


Secretary