

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MAY 11, 2026:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, May 11, 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 Dino 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
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
1 member 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.

Mr. Jay Tremblay, Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency Board Director, conveyed that his attendance is to help keep the public informed.

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 April 27, 2026.

6.2) Payment of Bills for May 11, 2026.

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

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 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 – April 28. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on April 28, she attended the AVEK Board Meeting where their Board approved payment for the installation of power poles to reconnect the Tejon Ranch well to Southern California Edison service.

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

Directors Kellerman and Wilson stated that they did not attend the May 2 Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting.

b) General Meeting Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported on his attendance at the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meeting on April 27, the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) Conference on May 4 and 5, the ACWA Spring Conference on May 6 and 7, a Board Briefing on May 7, a tour of the Delta with the Delta Conveyance Authority on May 8, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on May 11.

Director Wilson reported on his attendance at a Board Briefing on April 9, the PWD Regular Board Meeting on April 13, the Finance Committee Meeting on April 21, a Board Briefing on April 23, the PWD Regular Board Meeting on April 27, the PWD Employee Summer Event at Knott's Berry Farm on May 2, the ACWA/JPIA Conference on May 4 and 5, the ACWA Spring Conference on May 6 and 7, a Board Briefing on May 7, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on May 11.

Director Sanchez reported on her attendance at the PWD Employee Summer Event at Knott's Berry Farm on May 2, a Board Briefing on May 8, a tour of the Delta with the Delta Conveyance Authority on May 8, and noted her completion of Sexual Harassment Training, Workplace Violence Prevention Training, and KnowBe4 Cyber Security Training on April 30.

President Mac Laren-Gomez reported on her attendance at the Watermaster Meeting on April 22, an Agenda Review Briefing on April 30, the PWD Employee Summer Event at Knott's Berry Farm on May 2, the ACWA/JPIA Conference on May 4 and 5, the ACWA Spring Conference on May 6 and 7, a Board Briefing on May 7, and a tour of the Delta with the Delta Conveyance Authority on May 8.

Director Dino reported on her attendance at the PWD Regular Board Meeting on April 27, the AVEK Board Meeting on April 28, the ACWA/JPIA Conference on May 4 and 5, the ACWA Spring Conference on May 6 and 7, a Board Briefing on May 7, a tour of the Delta with the Delta Conveyance Authority on May 8, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on May 11.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that the Special District voting member election for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has been extended through the end of June due to a lack of quorum from submitted votes; that ACWA has issued a call for members to participate in specialized working groups to assist with next steps for its *Vision for Our Water Future* initiative introduced at the ACWA Spring Conference; and that he will convey the District's appreciation to Delta Conveyance Authority staff for providing a District Delta tour.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Early provided an update on the Voting Rights Act, including how the Louisiana redistricting case may impact the California Legislature, followed by a brief discussion of race-based gerrymandering and district-based versus at-large elections.

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 6:22 p.m.


Secretary