

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JUNE 8, 2026:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, June 8, 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 Sanchez 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
Shadi Bader, Engineering Manager
Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Director
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Pam Clark, Resource and Analytics Supervisor
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
Angel Abarca, Help Desk Assistant
3 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors present to adopt the agenda as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

Mr. Miguel Sanchez shared a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Antelope Valley Union High School District Board of Trustees recognizing Public Affairs Director Shay for the bottled water contributions for the graduates and families of the 2026 graduation ceremonies held at Pete Knight High School, Palmdale High School, and SOAR High School, reflecting a strong commitment to the community and expressing gratitude for the District's partnership.

President Mac Laren-Gomez stated that it is encouraging to hear about the success of regional partnerships.

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 May 26, 2026.

6.2) Payment of Bills for June 8, 2026.

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Sanchez, 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) Public Hearing regarding Adopting, Directing the Filing of, and Implementing the Palmdale Water District 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Update and the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos/Resource and Analytics Supervisor Clark/Kennedy Jenks Consultants)

President Mac Laren-Gomez opened the public hearing regarding the adopting, directing the filing of, and implementing the Palmdale Water District 2025 Urban Water Management Plan Update and the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, after which Resource and Analytics Supervisor Clark provided an overview of the Request for Proposals process, staff contributions and collaboration, and the publication of required notices, and then introduced Ms. Lauren Everett Smith, Water Resources Project Manager for Kennedy Jenks Consultants.

Ms. Lauren Everett Smith provided an overview presentation of the District's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, including the purpose of the plans, reporting changes since 2020, the water supply portfolio including Pure Water Antelope Valley, projected supply and demand assessments, rationing and reduction goals during deficiencies or state-mandated reductions, and the submittal steps after adoption, followed by a brief discussion on population growth.

Hearing no public comments, the Board thanked Ms. Everett Smith for the presentation.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2026-2 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Adopting, Directing the Filing of, and Implementing the Palmdale Water District 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos/Resource and Analytics Supervisor Clark/Kennedy Jenks Consultants)

Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos presented the proposed resolution after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by the Board members present to approve Resolution No. 2026-2 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Adopting, Directing the Filing of, and Implementing the Palmdale Water District 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Resolution No. 2026-2 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on the Approval and Adoption of the 2026-2027 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment. (No Budget Impact – Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos provided an overview of the annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment, including reporting requirements and the District's healthy water supply, and following a brief discussion on the results of last year's plan and the types of carryover water, it was moved by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all Board members present to adopt the 2026-2027 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment.

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager to Approve Change Order No. 2 with Geocon West, Inc. for Additional Geotechnical Inspection and Materials Testing Services for the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project. (\$120,000.00 – Budgeted – Capital Project No. 21-613 – Engineering Manager Bader)

Engineering Manager Bader provided an overview of the progress of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project and the additional geotechnical work required, and after a brief discussion of the full project timeline, it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors present to authorize the General Manager to approve Change Order No. 2 with Geocon West, Inc. for additional geotechnical inspection and materials testing services for the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project in the amount of \$120,000.00.

7.5) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve and Authorize the General Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Contract Amendment with Stantec Consulting for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application, Subject to Approval by General Counsel, and to Authorize Related Budget Adjustments. (\$30,000.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Non-Budgeted – Capital Project No. 21-613 – Assistant General Manager Rogers)

Assistant General Manager Rogers provided an overview of prior grant work with Stantec Consulting and revisions required to meet updated FEMA program requirements and address CalOES feedback for the Palmdale Ditch Enclosure Project, after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all Board members present to approve and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a

contract amendment with Stantec Consulting for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application, subject to approval by General Counsel, and to authorize related budget adjustments in the amount of \$30,000.00.

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) Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County (SDANLAC) Meeting – May 20. (President Mac Laren-Gomez, CSDA Chapter Director-at-Large)

“President Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on May 20, she attended her first SDANLAC Chapter meeting, during which members discussed their strategic plan and interviewed candidates for the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

2) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – June 6. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Directors Kellerman and Wilson stated that they did not attend the June 6 Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting.

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

Director Kellerman reported on his attendance at the Coffee with Director Dino event on May 28, a Strategic Plan consultant interview on June 1, a Board Briefing on June 4, Sexual Harassment Prevention Training on June 7, and the Palmdale Water District (PWD) Regular Board Meeting on June 8.

Director Wilson reported on his attendance at a Strategic Plan consultant interview on June 1, a Board Briefing on June 4, Workplace Violence Prevention Training also on June 4, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on June 8.

Director Sanchez reported on her attendance at a Strategic Plan consultant interview on June 1 and a Board Briefing on June 4.

President Mac Laren-Gomez reported on her attendance at a Public Water Suppliers Meeting on May 26, the PWD Regular Board Meeting on May 26, the Watermaster Board Meeting on May 27, the Coffee with Director Dino event on May 28, an Agenda Review Briefing also on May 28, a Strategic Plan consultant interview on June 1, and a Board Briefing on June 4.

Director Dino reported on her attendance at the PWD Regular Board Meeting on May 26, the Coffee with Director Dino event on May 28, a Strategic Plan consultant interview on June 1, a Board Briefing on June 4, a CSDA webinar titled "The Future is Here! AI's Risks and Opportunities for Special Districts" on June 7, and the PWD Regular Board Meeting on June 8.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) Department Activity Updates:

1) Resource and Analytics Department. (Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Director Bolanos provided an overview of the Resource and Analytics Department's activities including regulatory reporting and planning, data retrieval for studies, community outreach events, legislative tours and site visits, partnerships and coordination efforts, rebate program participation and analysis, the healthy 2026 water supply portfolio, and the Antelope Valley groundwater supply, and highlighted a new visual learning method demonstrating the amount of water required to produce a single hamburger, the annual increase in school presentations by the Water Use Efficiency team reaching 13 schools within District boundaries, positive teacher survey responses, and recognized Water Use Efficiency Specialist Avelar for earning her Project WET teaching certification followed by a brief discussion of water use reduction from turf removal.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Early provided an update on SB 1153 regarding required changes to Emergency Response Plans related to wildfire suppression support for small agencies.

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 7:16 p.m.


Secretary