

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MARCH 11, 2019:**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, March 11, 2019, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. President, Vincent Dino, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

### **1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence in Honor and Remembrance of PWD Employee Barry Fear.**

At the request of President Dino, Director Henriquez led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of PWD employee Barry Fear.

### **2) Roll Call.**

#### **Attendance:**

Vincent Dino, President  
Kathy Mac Laren, Vice President  
Marco Henriquez, Treasurer  
Don Wilson, Secretary  
Robert Alvarado, Assistant  
Secretary

#### **Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager  
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager  
Eric Dunn, General Counsel  
Mike Williams, Finance Manager  
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director  
Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager  
Mynor Masaya, Operations Manager  
Carey Louey, Construction Supervisor  
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant  
2 members of the public

### **3) Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Henriquez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

### **4) Presentation of Appreciation Plaque to Outgoing Director Marco Henriquez. (President Dino)**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, President Dino presented outgoing Director Henriquez with an appreciation plaque, thanked him for his years of service to the Palmdale Water District, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Director Henriquez then expressed his thanks and appreciation and stated that he has enjoyed his time serving the District.

**5) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.**

Ms. Joanne Granai, Palmdale resident, stated that she has gained an education about water over the years; that she has taken a new job requiring extensive travel and will no longer be able to attend Board meetings; that she will stay active in the community; and then wished everyone the best of luck thanking them for their service.

There were no further public comments.

**6) Presentations:**

**6.1) Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) Refund. (Patricia Slaven, ACWA/JPIA Director of Human Resources and Administration)**

Ms. Patricia Slaven, ACWA/JPIA Director of Human Resources and Administration, provided an overview of the ACWA/JPIA pool and their training resources used by the District for safer operations and then presented the District a refund check for \$54,049.68 for a low loss rate for liability and property programs.

**6.2) Review of Annual Maintenance at Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant. (Operations Manager Masaya)**

Facilities Manager Bligh provided an overview of annual maintenance items recently completed at the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant and the timeline for completion of these items and then commended Facilities Department staff on a great job and for completing these repairs in-house at a significant savings to the District.

The Board then commended staff on a job well done.

**7) 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.)**

**7.1) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held February 25, 2019.**

**7.2) Payment of Bills for March 11, 2019.**

President Dino announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar.

**8) 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.)**

**8.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 19-6 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Supporting SB 669 (Caballero) the Safe Drinking Water Trust. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)**

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of proposed SB 669, the Safe Drinking Water Trust, and after a brief discussion of the Board's support of SB 669 and opposition to the proposed state water tax, it was moved by Director Henriquez, seconded by Director Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Resolution No. 19-6 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Supporting SB 669 (Caballero) the Safe Drinking Water Trust and to have staff send a letter expressing the District's support of SB 669.

Resolution No. 19-6 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

**8.2) Consideration and Possible Action on District Membership in the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters. (\$1,000.00 – Non-Budgeted – Director Mac Laren)**

Director Mac Laren clarified that this item is for sponsorship of casino night for the Antelope Valley Sheriffs Boosters, Inc., and after a brief discussion of the benefit to Palmdale and Lancaster of this sponsorship, it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve sponsorship of casino night for the Antelope Valley Sheriffs Boosters, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**8.3) Discussion of Participation in the California Special Districts Association Southern Network Board of Directors. (Budget Impact – Unknown Travel Expenses – Director Alvarado)**



The nomination of General Manager LaMoreaux to the California Special Districts Association Southern Network Board of Directors Seat B position, the time involved for this position, and the benefits of this position were briefly discussed after which it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Resolution No. 19-7 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Nominating Dennis D. LaMoreaux to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Southern Network Board of Directors Seat B Position.

Resolution No. 19-7 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

**8.4) 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 2019 Budget:**

**a) California Water Policy 28: The New Shape of Water to be Held April 4 and 5, 2019 in San Diego.**

After a brief discussion of conferences, seminars, and training sessions, it was moved by Director Henriquez, seconded by Director Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2019 Budget: California Water Policy 28: The New Shape of Water to be Held April 4 and 5, 2019 in San Diego.

**9) Information Items:**

**9.1) Reports of Directors:**

**a) Meetings/General Report.**

Director Alvarado reported that on March 5, he attended the Palmdale City Council meeting; that on March 7, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's meeting; that also on March 7, he attended the Personnel Committee meeting; and that on March 11, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren reported that on February 27, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting; that on March 1, she attended a dinner meeting with Dr.

Mathis; that on March 7, she attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's meeting; and that also on March 7, she attended the Personnel Committee meeting.

Director Henriquez reported that on March 6, he attended the District's all-hands employee lunch and meeting and appreciated staff honoring the loss of PWD employee Barry Fear.

Director Wilson reported that on February 19, he attended the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association meeting; that on February 22, he attended the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Business Outlook Conference; that on February 27, he attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting; that on March 6, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's meeting; that also on March 6, he attended the District's all-hands employee lunch and meeting; and that on March 7, he attended the Personnel Committee meeting.

President Dino reported that on February 26, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; that on March 4, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting with General Manager LaMoreaux; that on March 6, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's meeting; that on March 7, he attended the Personnel Committee meeting; and that on March 11, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

**b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):**

**1) Personnel Committee.**

There were no further reports on Standing Committee/Assignments.

**9.2) Report of General Manager.**

General Manager LaMoreaux thanked the Board for the nomination to the California Special Districts Association Southern Network Board of Directors Seat B position and reviewed the area of the Southern Network.

**9.3) Report of General Counsel.**

General Counsel Dunn stated that the state's twin tunnel project is now a single tunnel project and that a 60-day stay of hearings has been requested and granted as new environmental impact reports, studies, and permits may be required of the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

He then provided an overview of the United Water Conservation District v. the City of Ventura case where the United Water Conservation District's non-agricultural groundwater charges are much higher than their agricultural groundwater charges and stated that the Supreme Court ruled that these charges are not subject to the Proposition 218 process but that it has not yet been determined if these charges are subject to Proposition 26 where fees must be reasonable and not be more than the cost of service provided.

**10) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

Director Alvarado requested the funds received under Agenda Item No. 6.1 be applied towards the cost of a year-end event for District employees.

Director Henriquez thanked everyone for the opportunity to be of service to the District and stated that it has been an honor to serve the District, the Board, and staff; that they have not always had the same viewpoint but have worked towards improving the District; that he wishes everyone all the best as Palmdale Water District keeps moving forward; and that he will stay engaged and looks forward to seeing everyone in the community.

The Board then thanked Director Henriquez for his service and contributions to the Board and to the District.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

**11) Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Secretary



**RESOLUTION NO. 19-6**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT**  
**SUPPORTING SB 669 (CABALLERO), THE SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST**

**WHEREAS**, the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Municipal Utilities Association are sponsoring SB 669 (Caballero) to create the Safe Drinking Water Trust (the Trust); and

**WHEREAS**, drinking water is essential to life and the lack of access to safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities is a public health issue that the state should address; and

**WHEREAS**, a funding solution for operation and maintenance and consolidation costs is needed that can complement existing federal and state funding sources for capital costs; and

**WHEREAS**, ACWA and CMUA have developed the Trust proposal to provide the needed funding solution;

**WHEREAS**, SB 669 would create the Trust in the state Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust would be funded with an infusion of General Fund dollars during a state budget surplus year; and


**WHEREAS**, there is a record General Fund budget surplus for the 2019-'20 fiscal year, and a portion could be used to fund the Trust's principal; and


**WHEREAS**, the net income from the Trust would provide the needed durable source of funding; and

**WHEREAS**, a statewide water tax on local water bills of approximately 3,000 community water systems would work against the common goal of keeping water affordable.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District formally supports SB 669.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS:** 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

  
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Vincent Dino, President  
Board of Directors  
Palmdale Water District

  
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Don Wilson, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Palmdale Water District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Aleshire & Wynder, LLP  
District Legal Counsel

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-7**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT  
NOMINATING DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX TO THE  
CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) SOUTHERN NETWORK  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEAT B POSITION**

**WHEREAS**, the CSDA is looking for Independent Special District Board Members and General Managers to lead the direction of CSDA for the 2020-2022 term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palmdale Water District is a member district of the CSDA; and

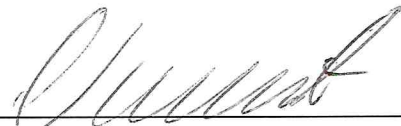
**WHEREAS**, Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager, for the Palmdale Water District, is interested in the issues confronting special districts statewide and is seeking the CSDA Board of Directors Seat B position for the Southern Network; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. LaMoreaux has 30 years of experience leading special districts both at the Palmdale Water District and at the Rosamond Community Services District, serves as Executive Director for the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority, serves as Chair of the Antelope Valley Water Master Advisory Committee, and has guided the Palmdale Water District towards its Special District Leadership Foundation District of Distinction – Platinum Level and District Transparency Certificate of Excellence re-accreditation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District is confident that Dennis D. LaMoreaux will advocate for the common interests of all California's special districts and will bring new and innovative ideas to the CSDA Southern Network Board of Directors Seat B position as well as to any CSDA Committee appointments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District offers its full support and nomination of Dennis D. LaMoreaux to the CSDA Southern Network Board of Directors Seat B position.


**ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

  
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Vincent Dino, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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Don Wilson, SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP,  
General Counsel