

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MAY 10, 2021:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, May 10, 2021, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. President, Gloria Dizmang, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Dizmang, Assistant General Manager Ly led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Gloria Dizmang, President
Vincent Dino, Vice President
Don Wilson, Treasurer
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Secretary
Amberrose Merino, 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
Scott Rogers, Engineering/Grant Manager
Chris Bligh, Operations Manager
Jennifer Emery, Human Resources Director
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
0 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Merino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as written:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – 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 April 26, 2021.

6.2) Payment of Bills for May 10, 2021.

6.3) Approval of Water Service Agreement Between the Palmdale Water District and Richard Diaz. (No Budget Impact – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers)

President Dizmang announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – 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 Directors' Compensation. (Potential Budget Impact – Human Resources Director Emery/Personnel Committee)

Human Resources Director Emery provided an overview of the 2021 Board Compensation and Benefit Survey after which it was moved by Director Merino and seconded by Director Dino to increase the Directors' compensation stipend. There was no action taken on this motion.

After a further discussion of the time frame since the last Director compensation increase, of offering a competitive compensation and benefits package to retain and attract qualified Director candidates, the compensation amount, the compensation and benefits of other agencies included in the Survey, previously removing the compensation and benefits cap, and of offering an additional stipend for a medical benefit waiver, it was moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Merino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to increase the Directors' compensation from a \$150 stipend per meeting to a \$220 stipend per meeting in accordance with California Water Code Section 20201; to maintain the health benefits package for Directors the same as for District staff; to maintain the life insurance benefit for Directors the same as for District staff; and to offer a medical benefit waiver for Directors opting out of the District's benefits package subject to ACWA/JPIA requirements:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – 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 2021 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. (Director Dino/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alternate)

Director Dino, AVEK Liaison, reported that on April 27, he attended an AVEK Board meeting where they took action to prepare and distribute a commemorative book similar to the District's 100th anniversary book.

2) Resource and Facilities Committee. (Director Dino, Chair/Director Merino)

Director Dino reported that the Resource and Facilities Committee met on April 20 and discussed the implementation of Stage 1 of the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, the 5% State Water Project allocation, and the voluntary 15% customer water use reduction.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Merino reported that on April 27, she listened to Director Wilson's Coffee-With-a-Director; that on May 4, she attended a meeting with Dr. Mathis; and that on May 6, she attended a Board briefing.

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Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on April 28, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster meeting; that on May 4, she attended a meeting with Dr. Mathis; and that on May 6, she attended a Board briefing.

Director Dino reported that on April 27, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; that on May 5, he attended a meeting with Dr. Mathis; that on May 6, he attended a Board briefing; and that on May 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

President Dizmang reported that on April 27, she listened to Director Wilson's Coffee-With-a-Director; that on April 29, she attended an Agenda briefing; that on May 6, she attended a Board briefing and received an update on ACWA/JPIA; that on May 8, she attended a meeting with Dr. Mathis; and that on May 10, she attended the ACWA/JPIA meeting and provided a brief overview of the meeting and distributed content from the meeting to the Board.

She then reminded Directors that per the District's Rules and Regulations Section 4.07.3.c, all meetings for which compensation is requested shall be reported on by the Directors.

8.3) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux reported that due to potential funding at state and federal levels, staff prepared a Project Funding Summary of District grant applications and awards along with projects for future funding assistance; that the Summary will be sent to the District's state and federal representatives for assistance; and that copies have been provided to each of the Directors.

8.4) Report of General Counsel.

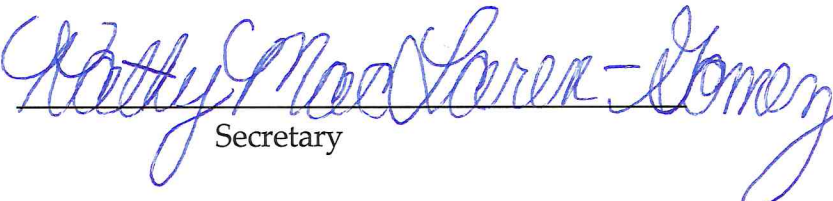
General Counsel Dunn provided a brief update on the status of the State Water Contractors v. California Department of Water Resources case.

9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

10) Adjournment.

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


Secretary