

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JUNE 10, 2019:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, June 10, 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.

At the request of President Dino, Director Dizmang led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Vincent Dino, President
Kathy Mac Laren, Vice President
Gloria Dizmang, Treasurer
Don Wilson, Secretary
Robert Alvarado, Assistant
Secretary

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
Eric Dunn, General Counsel
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
2 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

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

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

Mrs. Debbie Dino, Director for the Antelope Valley Fair Association, provided an overview of the Fair's livestock auction, the Kids Feeding Kids Program, and their fundraiser for this Program and then requested the District help promote and request donations for this fundraiser.

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 Meeting Held May 28, 2019.

6.2) Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting Held May 29, 2019.

6.3) Payment of Bills for June 10, 2019.

6.4) Approval of Amendment No. 3 to General Manager Employment Agreement Dated July 30, 2015. (Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-4000-000, Salaries – President Dino)

6.5) Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Contract Services Agreement for General Counsel Services for the Palmdale Water District. (Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-5070-010, Legal Services – President Dino)

6.6) Approve Absence of Director Dizmang From May 29, 2019 Special Board Meeting Due to Work Commitment. (General Counsel Dunn)

President Dino announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which 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 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 Adoption of Social Media Terms of Use Guidelines. (No Budget Impact – Public Affairs Director Shay)

Public Affairs Director Shay provided an overview of the proposed Social Media Terms of Use Guidelines, and after a brief discussion of the need for this policy, 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 adopt the Social Media Terms of Use Guidelines.

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 2019 Budget:

a) None at This Time.

There were no conferences, seminars, and training sessions to consider.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Meetings/General Report.

Director Alvarado reported that on May 29 he attended the Special Board Meeting regarding the General Manager and General Counsel evaluations; that on May 30, he attended the Special District Summit Training Program regarding technology in Anaheim; that also on May 30, he completed a survey for the Special District Summit; and that on June 6, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux via telephone regarding tonight's meeting.

He then commended the Antelope Valley Fair Association Board on their recent business appreciation event.

Director Mac Laren reported that on May 29 she attended the Special Board Meeting regarding the General Manager and General Counsel evaluations and both received high ratings.

Director Dizmang stated that she has no report.

Director Wilson reported that on May 5 – 10, he attended the ACWA/JPIA Spring Conference in Monterey; that on May 13, he attended the Regular Board Meeting; that on May 16, he attended the Strategic Plan Special Meeting Workshop; that on May 22, he attended a Board briefing with Assistant General Manager Ly regarding the May 28 Regular Board Meeting; and that on May 28, he attended the Regular Board Meeting.

He then reported that he attended a non-District meeting where they discussed technology and human trafficking.

President Dino reported that on May 14, he attended an AVEK Board meeting; that on May 20, he attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that on May 23, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding the May 28 Regular Board Meeting; that on May 29, he attended the Special Board Meeting regarding the General Manager and General Counsel evaluations; that on May 30, he attended an agenda review and approval meeting; that on June 6, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's meeting; and that on June 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

b) Standing Committee/Assignment Reports (Chair):

1) None.

There were no further reports on Standing Committee/Assignments.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux thanked the Board for the contract amendment and then reported that an employee was injured on the job last week, he is doing well, and the situation was properly handled and that the Forest Service's tenant at Littlerock Dam posted a letter on social media regarding his recent eviction notice and has requested assistance with this matter from the City of Palmdale, the District is not involved in this matter, and a meeting will be scheduled between the District and the City of Palmdale to provide background and clarity on this topic.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Dunn reported that the State's budget does not include a water tax and that \$130 million to provide clean water supplies for disadvantaged communities will now be funded from the Cap and Trade Program.

He then reviewed a new Proposition 218 case regarding effective public hearing notices.

9) Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Matters.

There were no public comments on closed session agenda matters.

10) Closed Session Under:

10.1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: A Closed Session Will be Held, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to Confer With Special Litigation Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation to Which the District is a Party. The Title of Such Litigation is as Follows: *Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*.

At 6:41 p.m., President Dino called for a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel regarding existing litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*. He reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

11) Public Report of Any Action Taken in Closed Session.

President Dino stated that a closed session was held pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1), to confer with Special Litigation Counsel via teleconference regarding existing litigation to which the District is a party, the title of such litigation being: *the Antelope Valley Ground Water Cases*, but that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

12) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Alvarado requested updates on the Littlerock Dam tenant issue and on the roof replacement at the District's well on 20th Street East near Rancho Vista Boulevard be provided at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren requested an item be placed on the next agenda for "Consideration and possible action on the nomination of a Watermaster representative."

Director Dizmang recommended the dress code for Board meetings be casual in the summer.

13) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.


Secretary