

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 10, 2020:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, August 10, 2020, 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 Wilson led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Vincent Dino, President (via teleconference)
Kathy Mac Laren, Vice Pres. (via teleconference)
Don Wilson, Secretary (via teleconference)
Robert Alvarado, Assistant
Secretary (via teleconference)
Gloria Dizmang, Treasurer - ABSENT

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Alondra Espinosa, Asst. Gnl. Counsel (via teleconf.)
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager (via teleconf.)
Mike Williams, Finance Manager (via teleconf.)
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director (via teleconf.)
Scott Rogers, Engr./Grant Manager (via teleconf.)
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant (via teleconf.)
0 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

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 on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as written:

President Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado - 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 July 27, 2020.

6.2) Approval of Minutes of Strategic Plan Special Meeting Workshop Held July 28, 2020.

6.3) Payment of Bills for August 10, 2020.

6.3) Receive and File Semi-Annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the Period Covering January 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2020. (Finance Manager Williams)

6.4) Reject Claim Received From Rochelle Johnson and Refer to Joint Powers Insurance Authority. (Finance Manager)

President Dino announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Wilson, 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 Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – 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 Award of Contract for Well No. 7 Rehabilitation Under Specification No. 20-601 to L. O. Lynch Quality Wells and Pumps, Inc. (\$188,920.00 – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 20-601 – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers)

Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers provided an overview of the Well No. 7 rehabilitation, and after a brief discussion, 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 on the following roll call vote to award a contract for the Well No. 7 rehabilitation under Specification No. 20-601 to L. O. Lynch Quality Wells and Pumps, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$188,920.00:

President Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – aye

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on the Approval of Resolution No. 20-10 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Authorizing the District's Application for Funding from the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Water Energy Efficiency Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 for the Palmdale Ditch Replacement Project. (\$2,000,000.00 – Potential Revenue – Non-Budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers)

Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers provided an overview of the WaterSMART grant opportunity, and after a brief discussion, 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 on the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 20-10 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Authorizing the District's Application for Funding from the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Water Energy Efficiency Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 for the Palmdale Ditch Replacement Project, approve the \$2,000,000.00 grant application, and authorize General Manager LaMoreaux to execute the grant application:

President Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – aye

Resolution No. 20-10 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Setting Palmdale Water District's Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Adoption of Resolution No. 20-11 Regarding Said Rates. (Finance Manager Williams/Financial Advisor Egan)

Finance Manager Williams provided an overview of the assessment rates, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Director Alvarado, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 20-11 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Setting the Palmdale Water District's Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 at 0.196759:

President Dino – aye
Director Mac Laren – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Alvarado – aye

Resolution No. 20-11 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.4) 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 2020 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) **Meetings; Standing Committee/Assignment Reports; General Report.**

Director Alvarado reported that on July 28, he attended the Strategic Plan Special Meeting Workshop; that on July 30, he attended a weekly briefing; that on August 4, he attended a briefing with the Fin and Feather Club; that on August 6, he attended a Board briefing; and that also on August 6, he attended the Antelope Valley Partners COVID-19 Meeting with the City via teleconference.

Director Mac Laren reported that on July 28, she attended the Strategic Plan Special Meeting Workshop; that on July 29 and 30, she attended the ACWA Conference via teleconference; and that on August 6, she attended a Board briefing.

Director Wilson reported that on July 16, he attended a Finance Committee briefing; that on July 28, he attended the Strategic Plan Special Meeting Workshop; that on July 29 and 30, he attended the ACWA Conference via teleconference; that on August 5 he attended his Coffee With a Director event via Facebook; and that on August 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

President Dino reported that on August 3, he attended an Agenda Review and Approval meeting; that on August 5, he attended his Coffee With a Director event via Facebook and thanked Public Information Director Shay and Public Affairs Specialist Gallegos for their assistance with this event; that on August 6, he attended an update briefing; and that on August 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

8.3) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that in the absence of Director Dizmang, he requests an Alternate Committee Member be assigned to tomorrow's Personnel Committee meeting after which Director Alvarado volunteered for this assignment.

He then stated that based on a recent teleconference, funding for the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority project and the Palmdale Regional Recharge and Recovery Project looks promising through the State Revolving Fund.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

Assistant General Counsel Espinosa provided an overview of a recent California Supreme Court case involving the challenging of water rates by referendum.

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 6:31 p.m., and President Dino asked that everyone keep Director Dizmang in their thoughts.


Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 20-10

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART: WATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 FOR THE PALMDALE DITCH REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District is an irrigation district established pursuant to Division 11, Section 20500 et seq. of the California Water Code.

WHEREAS, water supply in the Palmdale area is facing a growing list of challenges associated with reductions in allowed groundwater pumping due to groundwater adjudication, regulatory cutbacks on State Water Project deliveries, Bay-Delta instability, climate change, aging infrastructure, and growing population; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation under the Water Energy Efficiency Grant makes funding available to qualifying applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District has identified a project that exemplifies the objectives of the WaterSMART Grant in the Palmdale Ditch Replacement; and

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District agrees to the administration and cost sharing requirements of the WaterSMART Grant criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District as follows:

SECTION 1. Palmdale Water District is hereby authorized to receive, if awarded, the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency for 2021 grant funding in an amount up to \$2,000,000 and will make a good faith effort to enter into a cooperative agreement with Reclamation for the receipt and administration of said grant funds.

SECTION 2. The General Manager, Dennis D. LaMoreaux, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all action which may be necessary for the completion and execution of the project agreement and to take any and all other action which may be necessary for the receipt and administration of the grant funding in accordance with the requirements of the Bureau of Reclamation.

SECTION 3. This resolution officially becomes a component part of the Palmdale Water District's grant application.

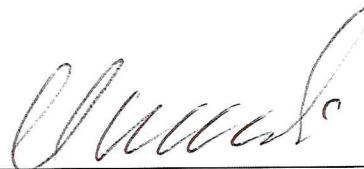
SECTION 4. The Board of Directors has reviewed and supports the application to be submitted.

SECTION 5. Palmdale Water District is capable of providing the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the grant application funding plan.

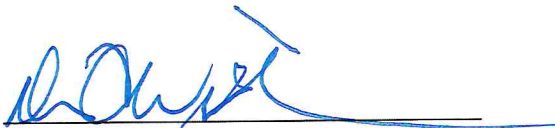
SECTION 6. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of adoption.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of August 2020.



Vincent Dino, President
Board of Directors
Palmdale Water District



Don Wilson, Secretary
Board of Directors
Palmdale Water District

Approved as to form:



Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
District Legal Counsel

**PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 20-11**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller has submitted to the Palmdale Water District the assessed value information necessary to enable the District to establish its assessment rates; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the assessed value information and has calculated the amounts needed to be raised to meet the State Water Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined the assessment rate required to raise the required funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Palmdale Water District hereby establishes the following secured tax rates for 2020-2021:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>
308.60	Palmdale Water District	.000000
308.61	Palmdale Water District Zone B	0.196759
308.62	Palmdale Water District Zone B2	0.196759
308.63	Palmdale Water District Zone C	0.196759
308.65	Palmdale Water District Zone E	0.196759
308.66	Palmdale Water District Zone A	0.196759
308.67	Palmdale Water-Westmont Imp. Dist.	.000000

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, is hereby authorized and directed, at the time and in the manner directed by law, in addition to any and all other taxes and assessments levied against the lands within the Palmdale Water District, to levy and collect assessments against all of the lands within said District and the aforesaid improvement District at the rates set forth above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 10, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

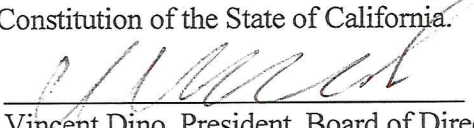
AYE: President Dino, Director Mac Laren, Director Wilson, Director Alvarado

NO: None

ABSENT: Director Dizmang

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the tax rates levied herein are exempt from the application of Article XIII A, Section 1(A) of the Constitution of the State of California.


DATED: August 10, 2020


Vincent Dino, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Don Wilson, Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Eric Dunn, General Counsel, Aleshire & Wynder LLP

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, TAX DIVISION

2020 - 21 SECURED TAX RATES

ACCT #	AGENCY NAME	TAX RATE
308.60	PALMDALE WATER DIST	<u>.000000</u>
308.61	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE B	<u>0.196759</u>
308.62	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE B2	<u>0.196759</u>
308.63	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE C	<u>0.196759</u>
308.65	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE E	<u>0.196759</u>
308.66	PALMDALE WATER DIST ZONE A	<u>0.196759</u>
308.67	PALMDALE WATER-WESTMONT IMP DIST	<u>.000000</u>

I, Vincent Dino, AM ~~A-MEMBER-OF-THE-CITY-COUNCIL~~, A
MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, ~~THE-CHIEF-EXECUTIVE-OR-THE-CHIEF-~~
~~FINANCIAL-OFFICER-FOR~~ THIS AGENCY AND I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE TAX
RATES LEVIED HEREIN ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XIII
SECTION 1(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.


AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

President
Board of Directors
TITLE

August 10, 2020
DATE