

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 26, 2019:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, August 26, 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 Wilson 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
Alondra Espinoza, Assistant General Counsel
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Jim Riley, Engineering/Grant Manager
Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager
Tara Rosati, Customer Care Supervisor
Peter Thompson, Project Manager
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
1 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dizmang, seconded by Director Wilson, 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.

There were no public comments.

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 August 12, 2019.

6.2) Payment of Bills for August 26, 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.

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 Appeal From Samerah Plawan to General Manager Determination Regarding Application of Outstanding Charges From 1552 High Point Drive, Palmdale. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

It was moved by Director Mac Laren, seconded by Director Dizmang, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to postpone action on this item until later in the meeting.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Change Order No. 4 to the Contract with ASI Construction LLC for Construction of the Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project – Phase 1: Grade Control Structure Under Specification No. 1802. (\$1,118,792.54-Additional Costs and Contract Days Related to Flood Event of December 17, 2018 – Non-Budgeted – Engineering/Grant Manager Riley/Project Manager Thompson Sr.)

Project Manager Thompson provided an overview of Change Order No. 4, and after a brief discussion of the cost involved with this Change Order, 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 Change Order No. 4 to the Contract with ASI Construction LLC for Construction of the Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project – Phase 1: Grade Control Structure under

Specification No. 1802 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,118,792.54 adding 234 days to the contract.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on District Participation in Dia de Los Muertos Fiesta Event to be Held November 2, 2019 Benefitting the AV. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation. (Non-Budgeted – Director Dizmang/Public Affairs Director Shay)

Public Affairs Director Shay and Director Dizmang provided an overview of this event, and after a brief discussion of the benefits of this event, 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 that the District participate in the Dia de Los Muertos Fiesta event to be held November 2, 2019 benefitting the AV. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation.

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 2019 Budget:

a) Netcom Learning “Querying Data with Transact-SQL” Training to be held September 23 – 27, 2019 in Las Vegas.

b) CA-NV AWWA Fall Conference “Resource Sustaining Life Through Diversity of Water” to be held October 21 – 24, 2019 in San Diego.

c) Netcom Learning “Developing SQL Databases” Training to be held October 28 – November 1, 2019 in Las Vegas.

After a brief discussion of these conferences, seminars, and training sessions, 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 the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2019 Budget: Netcom Learning “Querying Data with Transact-SQL” Training to be held September 23 – 27, 2019 in Las Vegas; CA-NV AWWA Fall Conference “Resource Sustaining Life Through Diversity of Water” to be held October 21 – 24, 2019 in San Diego; and Netcom Learning “Developing SQL Databases” Training to be held October 28 – November 1, 2019 in Las Vegas.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Meetings; Standing Committee/Assignment Reports; General Report.

Director Alvarado reported that on August 6, he attended the Palmdale City Council meeting; that on August 13, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux, Assistant General Manager Ly, Finance Manager Williams, and Public Affairs Director Shay regarding the August 15 Special Board Meeting; that on August 19, he attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that on August 21, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's Board Meeting; that on August 22, he attended the Workshop for Elected Officials, Community Leaders, and Water Ambassadors; that on August 24, he attended a City of Palmdale General Plan Community Workshop; that on August 25, he attended the Palmdale Fin and Feather Club Barbecue; that on August 26, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on August 27, he will be attending the Financial Health and Stability Committee meeting; and that also on August 27, he will be attending a City of Palmdale General Plan Community Workshop.

Director Mac Laren reported that on August 13, she attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux, Assistant General Manager Ly, Finance Manager Williams, and Public Affairs Director Shay regarding the August 15 Special Board Meeting; that on August 15, she attended the Special Board Meeting; that on August 19, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Public Water Supplier meeting; and that on August 21, she attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's Board Meeting.

Director Dizmang reported that on August 14, she attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux, Assistant General Manager Ly, Finance Manager Williams, and Public Affairs Director Shay regarding the August 15 Special Board Meeting; that on August 15, she attended the Special Board Meeting; that on August 22, she attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's Board Meeting; that also on August 22, she attended the Workshop for Elected Officials, Community Leaders, and Water Ambassadors; and that on August 26, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Wilson reported that on August 12, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on August 13, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux regarding the District's annual property tax assessments; that on August 15, he attended the Special Board Meeting; that on August 22, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's Board Meeting; that also on August 22, he attended the Workshop for Elected Officials, Community Leaders, and Water Ambassadors; and that on August 26, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

President Dino reported that on August 13, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on August 14, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux, Assistant General Manager Ly, Finance Manager Williams, and Public Affairs Director Shay regarding the August 15 Special Board Meeting; that on August 15, he attended the Special Board Meeting; that on August 19, he attended the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority meeting; that on August 22, he attended a Board briefing with General Manager LaMoreaux and Assistant General Manager Ly regarding tonight's Board Meeting; that also on August 22, he attended the Workshop for Elected Officials, Community Leaders, and Water Ambassadors; that on August 26, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; and that on August 27, he will be attending an AVEK Board Meeting.

He then appointed Directors Alvarado and Mac Laren to the Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss the feasibility of a joint event with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District followed by discussion of AVEK activities and their upcoming Proposition 218 process.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) August 2019 Written Report of Activities Through July 2019.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a written report was included with the agenda packets if there are any questions; that water use is lower than projected; that leaks have increased due to repairs near older water mains; that pictures of the fencing near Palmdale Ditch at Palmdale Lake were included with his written report; and that Kathleen Tiegs has been elected to the Southern Network Seat B for the California Special Districts Association.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

Assistant General Counsel Alondra provided an overview of a recent case between a dental practice group and a city which resulted in a win for public agencies.

President Dino stated that Agenda Item No. 7.1 will now be considered.

7.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Appeal From Samerah Plawan to General Manager Determination Regarding Application of Outstanding Charges From 1552 High Point Drive, Palmdale. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

After a brief discussion of Mr. Plawan's admitted repeated illegal use of water and of General Manager LaMoreaux's determination to waive fees associated with this use, it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Dizmang, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to deny the appeal received from Samerah Plawan upholding the General Manager's determination regarding the application of outstanding charges from 1552 High Point Drive, Palmdale.

9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

After clarification of Notification Levels, Public Health Goals, and Maximum Contaminant Levels for treating water, Director Alvarado requested an item be placed on the next agenda for "Consideration and possible action on security of fencing bordering the Palmdale Fin and Feather Club and the Avenue S park and ride."

Director Dizmang then thanked Antelope Valley Press reporter Alison Gatlin for the informational article on the District's Water Rate Study.

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 6:42 p.m.


Secretary