

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 15, 2019:**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Thursday, August 15, 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 5:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Dino, Director Mac Laren 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
Mynor Masaya, Operations Manager
Laura Gallegos, Public Affairs Specialist
6 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 to adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Presentations:

4.1) Overview of 2019 Rate Study. (RDN Consultants/Finance Manager Williams)

Finance Manager Williams thanked General Manager LaMoreaux, Assistant General Manager Ly, Public Affairs Director Shay, and Accounting Supervisor Hoffmeyer for their assistance in establishing financial goals for the District through the 2019 Rate Study prepared by RDN, provided an overview of RDN's qualifications, and

introduced Ms. Ichiko Kido, Mr. Bjorn Kallerud, and Mr. Anthony Elowsky, of RDN, who then commended staff on their commitment to the rate study process and provided a detailed overview of the results of the 2019 Rate Study, the District's financial outlook, cost of service analysis, several scenarios for increasing revenue over the next five years, and examples of customer bills based on these scenarios.

The Board then thanked RDN for their presentation.

5) 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.)

5.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Rate Structure for Years 2020 – 2024, Authorization for Staff to Begin the Proposition 218 Process, and Establishment of a Proposition 218 Hearing Date. (Finance Manager Williams)

After a brief discussion of the need to reinvest in the District's facilities and infrastructure, cover rising costs, achieve the District's financial goals, and the consistency and lesser impact to the District's customers from Option 1 of the 2019 Rate Study, it was moved by Director Alvarado and seconded by Director Wilson to establish a water rate revenue increase based on Option 1 of the 2019 Water Rate Study for years 2020-2024, authorize staff to begin the Proposition 218 process, and to establish October 28, 2019 as a Proposition 218 hearing date.

Mr. Doug Willis, Palmdale resident and Palmdale Water District Ambassador, then commended RDN on the presentation and stated that he attended the August 7, 2019 Focus Group meeting; that he was pleased with the information he learned; and that District staff and RDN have explained the Rate Study process thoroughly and answered all his questions.

The motion was then unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

6) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.


Secretary