

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, MAY 28, 2024:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District Office. President, Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Mac Laren-Gomez, Director Dino led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of Memorial Day.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, President
Scott Kellerman, Vice President
Don Wilson, Treasurer
Vincent Dino, Secretary
Cynthia Sanchez, Assistant Secretary

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Pam Lee, General Counsel
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Scott Rogers, Engineering Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Supervisor
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
2 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Kellerman, 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 Board Meeting held May 13, 2024.

6.2) Payment of Bills for May 28, 2024.

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, 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 Award of Contract to Bill's Landscaping for the Construction of the Conservation and Education Garden Phase II. (\$205,000.00 – Budgeted – Project No. 20-703 – Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos)

Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos provided an overview of the Conservation and Education Garden Phase II, including the conversion of existing turf to drought tolerant landscaping and the grant funding received from the Department of Water Resources to cover this project, after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the award of contract to Bill's Landscaping for the Construction of the Conservation and Education Garden Phase II in the amount of \$205,000.00.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Agreement with Capture6 for the Brine Management Demonstration Area (Phase 1) and the Full-Scale Capture6 Facility (Phase 2). (No Budget Impact – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided an overview of the proposed Agreement with Capture6, including Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the brine management for the Pure Water Antelope Valley project, and after clarification of the 25-year Agreement term, it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried

by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the Agreement with Capture6 for the Brine Management Demonstration Area (Phase 1) and the Full-Scale Capture6 Facility (Phase 2).

Engineering Manager Rogers then thanked General Counsel Lee for her assistance with the details of this Agreement.

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Contract Amendment No. 1 with Wigen Water Technologies to Finalize the Cost of Microfiltration Equipment for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility. (\$177,522.27 – Not-to-Exceed – Budgeted – Project No. 22-656 – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided a brief overview of the proposed Amendment, including the change in equipment and the California Construction Cost pricing index adjustment, after which it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Kellerman, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Contract Amendment No. 1 with Wigen Water Technologies to Finalize the Cost of Microfiltration Equipment for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility in the not-to-exceed amount of \$177,522.27.

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Enter into a Contract with W.M. Lyles Company for the Construction of the Pure Water AV Demonstration Facility. (\$24,750,983.00 – Budgeted – Project No. 22-656 – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided an overview of the bids received for the Pure Water AV Demonstration Facility after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve authorization of staff to enter into a contract with W.M. Lyles Company for the construction of the Pure Water AV Demonstration Facility in the amount of \$24,750,983.00.

7.5) 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 2024 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) – May 14.
(Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)**

Director Dino reported that on May 14, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting where they approved an award of contract for Drilling Package #3 to Bakersfield Well & Pump for Project HDWD 24-01 in the amount of \$9,457,460.00 budgeted and funded by Metropolitan Water District.

2) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) – May 20. (Director Kellerman/Director Wilson/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Wilson reported that on May 20, he attended the PRWA Meeting where the oath of office was administered for Director Kellerman and a report on the status of Littlerock Dam and Una Lake was provided.

3) Finance Committee Meeting – May 21. (Director Wilson, Chair/Director Kellerman/Director Sanchez, Alt.)

Director Kellerman reported that on May 21, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and stated that the District's returns on investments are very positive.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on May 20, he attended the PRWA Meeting; that on May 21, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; and that on May 23, he attended a Board Briefing.

Director Wilson reported that on May 6-9, he attended the 2024 ACWA Spring Conference and JPIA Membership Summit; that on May 9, he attended a Board Briefing; that on May 9, he also attended a legislative meeting with District lobbyist, Mr. Bob Reeb; that on May 13, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on May 20, he attended the PRWA Meeting; that on May 21, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; and that on May 23, he attended a Board Briefing.

Director Sanchez reported that on May 21, she attended the Finance Committee Meeting and that on May 23, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on May 16, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on May 20, she attended a Public Water Suppliers Meeting; that on May 20, she also attended the PRWA Meeting; that on May 22, she attended the Watermaster Meeting; that on May 22, she also attended a staff meeting regarding the Littlerock Dam Anniversary Celebration; and that on May 23, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Dino reported that on May 2, he attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on May 3, he attended the East Valley Water District Ribbon Cutting Event for Sterling Natural Resources Center; that on May 9, he attended a Board Briefing; that on May 13, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on May 14, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on May 20, he attended a CSDA Webinar; that on May 23, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on May 28, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) May 2024 Written Report of Activities through April 2024.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a written report was provided with the agenda packet and highlighted the Oroville and San Luis Reservoir levels and the updated costs of the Delta Conveyance Project and stated that representatives from the Department of Water Resources and Delta Conveyance Authority will be providing a presentation on the cost estimate and the benefit cost ration at the June 24 Regular Board Meeting.

He then stated that the Environmental Impact Report for the Burbank to Palmdale section of the High-Speed Rail (HSR) has been finalized and that the alignment has been moved away from Palmdale Dam but may impact the 3M tank site followed by a brief discussion of the final alignment.

Public Affairs Director Shay then stated that Littlerock Dam Anniversary shirts and promotional items will be provided after the meeting followed by a brief discussion of the attendance for the Littlerock Dam Anniversary Event on June 1, 2024.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Lee provided a brief legislative update on AB 1827 regarding Proposition 218 and water usage fees and on Cal/OSHA proposed regulations regarding heat illness prevention.

9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Wilson requested that "Public Employee Performance Evaluation: General Manager" be added to the next meeting agenda under Closed Session.

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 6:34 p.m.



Secretary