

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JULY 8, 2024:**

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, July 8, 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.**

President Mac Laren-Gomez led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of fallen Los Angeles County firefighter Andrew Pontious.

**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  
Yecenia Vargas, Assistant General Counsel  
Joe Marcinko, Operations Manager  
Amanda Thompson, Water Quality and Regulatory Affairs Supervisor  
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant  
1 member of the public

**3) Adoption of Agenda.**

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 adopt the agenda, as written.

**4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.**

There were no public comments.

**5) Presentations:**

**5.1) Water Quality Regulatory Overview. (Operations Manager Marcinko/Water Quality and Regulatory Affairs Supervisor Thompson)**

Operations Manager Marcinko provided a detailed presentation on water quality including the Environmental Protection Agency and State of California Division of Drinking Water Regulations, the water quality categories, the monitoring schedules, the

content and frequency of reporting, and proactive planning for future regulation changes.

Water Quality and Regulatory Affairs Supervisor Thompson then provided a detailed overview of the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant Laboratory including the staff and their respective roles, the sample collection locations and testing, and the laboratory certification requirements and Field of Accreditations followed by a brief discussion of the sampling and reporting processes, of the interties with Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID) and Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), of water quality monitoring of private wells, of distribution system designs, and of the District's flushing program.

Operations Manager Marcinko then stated that he is thoroughly impressed with the water quality, staffing, and operations of the District and he is proud to be part of this organization followed by further discussion of emergency events and response efforts and of the annual Consumer Confidence Report.

**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 June 24, 2024.**

**6.2) Payment of Bills for July 8, 2024.**

**6.3) Approval of Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with the Antelope Valley Regional Water Management Group (IRWMP) Cost Sharing. (\$20,308.00 – Non-Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux)**

**6.4) Approval of Resolution No. 24-7 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Approving the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association General Program Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. (\$10,000.00 – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-5070-011 – Finance Manager/AVSWCA Controller Hoffmeyer)**

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar 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 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 to Reschedule or Cancel the September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)**

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Annual Conference begins on the same day as the September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and may result in the lack of a quorum needed to hold the meeting, and after a brief discussion of the interest in the Conference attendance, 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 cancel the September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

**7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Ad Hoc Committee Members for the General Manager Recruitment Process. (No Budget Impact – President Mac Laren-Gomez)**

President Mac Laren-Gomez inquired if the Board would like to move forward with an Ad Hoc Committee or as a whole Board for the General Manager recruitment process, and after a brief discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee's role in this process, of the previous Committee's accomplishments, of the local election filing period, and of the next steps in the recruitment process, it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the full Board's participation in the General Manager recruitment process.

**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 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) Meeting – June 25. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt)**

Director Dino reported that on June 25, he attended the AVEK Board Meeting where they approved Resolution No. R-24-08 authorizing a grant application, acceptance, and execution for their West Feeder Rehabilitation Project after which President Mac Laren-Gomez stated that she also attended this meeting.

**b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.**

Director Kellerman reported that on June 27, he attended the PWD All-Hands Employee Luncheon; that on July 1, he completed his Know Be4 cyber security awareness training; and that on July 3, he attended a Board Briefing.

Director Wilson reported that on June 27, he attended the Coffee with President Mac Laren-Gomez event; that on July 3, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on July 8, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Sanchez reported that on June 27, she attended the Coffee with President Mac Laren-Gomez event and that on July 3, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on June 26, she attended the Watermaster Board Meeting; that on June 27, she attended her Coffee with President Mac Laren-Gomez event; that on June 27, she also attended the PWD All-Hands Employee Luncheon; and that on July 3, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Dino reported that on June 25, he attended the AVEK Board Meeting; that on June 27, he attended the Coffee with President Mac Laren-Gomez event; that on July 3, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on July 8, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

**8.2) Report of General Manager.**

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that staff was proactive in planning for the extreme temperatures and holiday last week; that on July 4, there was a large water

main leak at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East and Palmdale Blvd. resulting in loss of water to In and Out and that staff made repairs as quickly as possible; and that there has been a series of break-ins and stolen copper parts at District sites and that reports have been filed with the Palmdale Sheriff's Station followed by discussion of water theft and security measures.

**8.3) Report of General Counsel.**

Assistant General Counsel Vargas provided a brief legal update on the California Supreme Court's ruling to reverse the Public Utilities Commission's order from 2020 on water surcharges for failure to properly notify water utilities on the elimination of the surcharge mechanism.

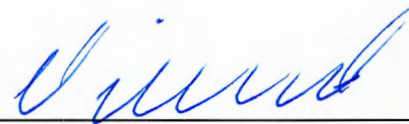
**9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

After a brief discussion, it was determined that a discussion item be added to the next meeting agenda regarding the agenda for the next Antelope Valley Watermaster Meeting.

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 7:07 p.m.



Secretary