MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 25, 2024:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, November 25, 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 Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of former Director Gomez and former long-time employee Loel Haviland.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:	Others Present:
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, President	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Don Wilson, Treasurer	Pam Lee, General Counsel
Vincent Dino, Secretary	Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Cynthia Sanchez, Assistant Secretary	Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
	Wendell Wall, Facilities Manager
	Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
	2 members of the public
Scott Kellerman, Vice President	

--Absent

3) Adoption of Agenda.

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 adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) **Presentations:**

5.1) State Legislative Summary. (Mr. Robert Reeb, Reeb Government Relations)

Mr. Robert Reeb, of Reeb Government Relations, stated that the 2024 Annual Report was provided this evening and highlighted the challenges of the State Budget deficit and future projections, the Proposition 4 bond measure in regards to water-related infrastructure and the financial impacts imposed by Making Conservation a Way of Life regulations, Proposition 218 litigations and new regulations, AB 1827 regarding tiered water rates, passed and failed bills concerning the California water rights system, SB 366 regarding the California Water Plan, proposed legislation regarding regionalization of electrical transmission, and changes in the California State Assembly, Senate and Committees after which the Board thanked him for the detailed 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 November 12, 2024.
- 6.2) Payment of Bills for November 25, 2024.

6.3) Approval to Cancel Second Regular Board Meeting in December, December 23, 2024, due to District's Scheduled Office Closure. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

President Mac Laren-Gomez announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Sanchez, 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 Approval of Resolution No. 24-14 Authorizing Staff to Use Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) as an Alternative Project Delivery Method for Soliciting Proposals for Certain Construction Projects and Amending Appendix M – Bid Procurement and Purchasing Policy of the Palmdale Water District's Rules and Regulations to Include the Same. (No Budget Impact – Assistant General Manager Rogers)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of staff's recommendation to authorize the use of Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) as an alternative project delivery method for certain construction projects, and after a brief discussion of CMAR risks and benefits, of the various project delivery methods, and the District's Community Workforce Agreement, it was moved by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Resolution No. 24-14 Authorizing Staff to Use Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) as an Alternative Project Delivery Method for Soliciting Proposals for Certain Construction Projects and Amending Appendix M – Bid Procurement and Purchasing Policy of the Palmdale Water District's Rules and Regulations to Include the Same.

Resolution No. 24-14 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Purchase of FP&A Reporting Software. (\$52,000.00 – Not-to-Exceed – Non-Budgeted – Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer provided an overview of the current reporting processes and the benefits and features of the proposed FP&A reporting software, and after a brief discussion of the lack of support for the outdated software currently used by staff, of the vendor proposals received, of the associated costs, and of the compatibility and reporting features offered through the recommended Vena Professional platform, 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 purchase of FP&A reporting software in the non-to-exceed amount of \$52,000.00.

7.3) 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) Finance Reports.

a) Status Report on Financial Statements, Revenue, and Expense and Departmental Budget Reports for September 2024. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer/Finance Committee)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer reviewed in detail the Balance Sheet Report, the Balance Sheet Annual Quarterly Comparison Report, the Profit and Loss Statement, the Profit and Loss Quarterly Comparisons, the departmental budgets versus actual, the projected year-end interest earnings, and individual departmental reports for the period ending September 2024, including bond payments, construction progress payments, adjustments for increased property taxes and assessments, Table A water sales, and continued increased water use and stated that operating revenues are above the historical trend average at 77.7%, that expenses are below the historical trend average at 66.9%, and that most departments are at or below the traditional budgetary percentage of 75% followed by a brief discussion of increased chemical and electricity costs and Customer Care staff time and of the debt collection process.

b) Status Report on Committed Contracts Issued. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer/Finance Committee)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer provided an overview of the Contractual Commitments and Needs Report for new and replacement capital projects, consulting and engineering support projects, new and replacement equipment, water quality fee funded projects, committed and projected capital expenditures, and projects paid out through the 2023A and 2024A Series Water Revenue Bonds in September 2024 followed by a brief discussion of the completion of the 2023 Meter Exchange Project, of the advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) capabilities and efficiency, of grant funding reimbursements, of the Littlerock Dam access road, and of Water Revenue Bond interest earnings.

c) Other Financial Reports. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer/Finance Committee)

1) Accounts Receivable Overview.

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer provided a brief update on outstanding balances for accounts 60 days delinquent and stated that as of September 30, there are fourteen payment arrangements totaling \$6,399.44 with \$2,135.42 collected to date and that many of the arrangements are related to leak applications.

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2) Revenue Projections.

He then stated that based on selling 14,500 AF of water, 2024 revenue is ahead of projections by approximately \$330,972.91 as of September 30 followed by a brief discussion of anticipated year-end projection.

He then stated that the Payment Transactions By Types and Monthly Billing Statistics reports have been included for informational purposes and highlighted the increase in electronic payments over the years.

8.2) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

1) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – November 16. (Director Wilson/Director Kellerman, Alt.)

Director Wilson reported that on November 16, he attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting which became an informational meeting due to a lack of a quorum and that duck hunting season has begun.

2) Finance Committee Meeting – November 19. (Director Wilson, Chair/Director Kellerman/Director Sanchez, Alt.)

Director Wilson reported that on November 19, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and that a written report has been distributed.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Wilson reported that on November 12, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on November 16, he attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting; that on November 19, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on November 21, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on November 25, he attended a dinner meeting with the District's lobbyist, Mr. Bob Reeb.

Director Sanchez reported that on November 13, she attended the Environmental Restoration Advisory Board (ERAB) Meeting and that it was very informative on matters related to the Site 29 extraction well and PFAS investigations for regulatory approvals; that on November 19, she attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on November 21, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on November 25, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on November 12, she attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on November 14, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on November 21, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on November 25, she attended a dinner meeting with District lobbyist, Mr. Bob Reeb.

Director Dino reported that on November 12, he attended the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on November 18, he attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Financing with Flexibility; that on November 19, he attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Water Infrastructure Funding; that on November 21, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on November 25, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

- 8.3) Report of General Manager.
- a) Department Activity Updates:
 - 1) Facilities Department. (Facilities Manager Wall)

Facilities Manager Wall provided a detailed update of the Facilities Department's current and projected activities including the sales of several items that were declared as surplus property, staff trainings, new hires, the District's fleet lease program, the maintenance and log removal at Littlerock Dam, the Palmdale Ditch water flow, various installations, replacements and repairs including 13 main line and 61 service line leaks, the exercise and maintenance of 1,380 valves, the maintenance and repairs of 436 fire hydrants, and the flushing of approximately 2.7 million gallons of water for pipe maintenance and water quality improvement and stated that Facilities staff participated in the Water Ambassador and Junior Water Ambassador Academies and the preparation and cooking for the September All-Hands meeting; that the 2023 Meter Exchange Program has been completed; the 2024 Meter Exchange Program is now underway; and that staff secured three new ChargePoint charging stations at no cost to the District followed by a brief discussion of the endangered species at Littlerock Dam.

b) November 2024 Written Report of Activities through October 2024.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that a written report that was included in the agenda packet and an updated graph was provided this evening reflecting the positive increase in the Northern Sierra Precipitation in the last week and then highlighted the minimal number of leaks and the progress made with the State to provide a future permanent water service to Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park.

8.4) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Lee provided a brief update on a new Stanford study regarding land subsidence and flooding in the San Joaquin Valley from groundwater pumping and on competing legal interests concerning potential conflicts between water rights and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

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 7:49 p.m.

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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 24-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING STAFF TO USE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) AS AN ALTERNATIVE PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD FOR SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND AMENDING APPENDIX M – BID PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING POLICY OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT'S RULES AND REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE THE SAME

WHEREAS, the Palmdale Water District (the "District") is authorized to retain designers and contractors for various public works projects, and follows the Public Contracting Code for its bid procurement process for such projects; and

WHEREAS, recent laws such as the passage of SB 991 authorize public agencies such as the District to use progressive design-build delivery for its water and wastewater projects; and

WHEREAS, similar to the progressive design-build delivery method, construction Manager At Risk ("CMAR") has become a more widely used alternative project delivery method as public agencies look to complete projects on schedule and budget and reduce the risk to the agency; and

WHEREAS, many public agencies successfully utilize the procurement method and find the early involvement of the CMAR entity during the design phase especially beneficial for projects that require multiple phases of construction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District desire to specifically authorize the use of the CMAR delivery method when District staff determines that it is in the best interest of the District to select a CMAR entity early in the process to provide constructability input during design and ultimately procure and manage the construction trade contractors.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the District does hereby authorize the District to designate the construction management at risk ("CMAR") project delivery method as an alternative method for capital improvement project delivery and directs staff to modify Appendix M - Bid Procurement and Purchasing Policy of the Palmdale Water District's Rules and Regulations (attached hereto as Exhibit A).

Section 2. If any provision in this Resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Resolution, or the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each provision thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of adoption as set forth herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of November, 2024 by the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Palmdale Water District.

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

AREN-GOMEZ, President CL

ATTEST:

By:

VINCENT DINO, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PAM K. LEE, General Counsel

EXHIBIT "A"

APPENDIX M

BID PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING POLICY

BID PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING POLICY

I. Statement of Policy

This statement of policy establishes the guideline for purchasing approval and letting contracts for the performance of work for the District or the acquisition of materials or equipment. It is the policy of the District to ensure the maximum use of fair and open competition to obtain goods and services for operation at the lowest possible overall cost. However, notwithstanding this statement, all contracts for work and for acquisition of materials and equipment, may be made or entered into upon such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Board may determine is in the best interest of the District.

II. Principles

A. The following apply to all purchases made by the District, unless otherwise exempted as set forth herein:

1. No purchase will be approved or undertaken unless it has been budgeted for, either through the adopted annual budget or Board approval of additional appropriations. It is the responsibility of the Department Manager to maintain control of their departmental budgets.

2. Emergency: The determination of the existence of an emergency condition shall be at the direction of the General Manager or his designated representative. In the event of an emergency, the General Manager or his designated representative may negotiate and award contracts for construction of work to prevent damage or repair damaged works without advertising for bids and expend any sum reasonably required in the emergency as outlined in Section 4.03.3(b) of the District's Rules and Regulations. The General Manager shall report to the Board of Directors at its next meeting, the reasons justifying why the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids and why the action is necessary to respond to the emergency.

3. All purchases shall be of the quality deemed necessary to meet District standards.

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4. Competitive offer requirements are set out in subsequent sections of this policy and are established based on type of purchase and/or established dollar limits.

5. A purchase, including capital projects, shall not be split to avoid required procedures or established dollar limits.

6. No purchase shall be made without authorized requisition, Purchase Order (PO), contract or agreement unless exempted in these guidelines. The following purchases are exempt from these procedures:

i. Utilities

ii. Insurance premiums

iii. Membership renewals and subscriptions

iv. Postage and mailing services

v. Certain employee expense reimbursements

vi. Tuition reimbursements

vii. Conferences, seminars, and training expenses

viii. Travel expenses

ix. In emergency situations where time is of the essence

7. Authorized requisition process and approval rules are detailed in the District's Requisition/PO procedures. Any changes or modifications to the procedures must be approved by the General Manager.

8. No District employee or Board member shall have a direct or indirect financial interest in any contract or purchase of goods or services entered into by the District, or shall derive any personal benefit that violates California law as a result of the District's purchase of goods and services.

9. Any District employee or Board member failing to follow the procurement policy and procedures may incur personal liability or financial obligation to the vendor.

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B. Exceptions to Competitive Offer Requirements

As applicable in Section III through V, the informal offers and the formal bidding process may be bypassed with General Manager approval in the following instances:

 In emergency situations where time is of the essence, pursuant to the principles in Section II(A)(2).

2. Where a single source of sole source purchase is justified.

3. When there exist other governmental contracts that were competitively bid within the last year that the District is eligible to use and would result in a lower price to the District.

4. When an item has been previously bid and the price has not changed by more than three percent (3%).

5. When it is not possible, practical, or cost effective to continue soliciting offers to meet minimum of three (3) bids provided that staff will use its best efforts to obtain competitive offers.

III. General Supplies, Materials and Equipment

General supplies, materials and equipment shall consist of any and all tangible items necessary for day-to-day operations, excluding goods purchased as part of a Construction Contract or Professional Agreement (Section IV). These purchases are included in the annual budget. All purchases must be approved through the District's Requisition/PO process unless otherwise specified.

- A. General Purchase ≤ \$10,000 Purchases of \$10,000 or less do not require competitive offers. Use of a Request for Quote (RFQ) or Request for Proposal (RFP) is encouraged when appropriate but not required.
- B. General Purchase > \$10,000 to \$50,000 Purchases between \$10,000 and \$50,000 must be approved by the Finance Manager or Assistant General Manager. The Department Manager should make a reasonable attempt to obtain at least two written quotes. The use of RFQ or RFP is strongly encouraged but not required.

- C. General Purchase between \$50,001 and \$100,000 Purchases between \$50,001 and \$100,000 must be approved by the General Manager. Where practical, formal bidding should be used to assure that the District is getting the best value. The Department Manager shall evaluate the quotes/proposals (formal or informal) received and determine the best value.
- D. General Purchase over \$100,001 Purchases above \$100,001 shall be formally bid when practical.
 The formal process generally takes more time and expense than informal quotes. In some instances, it may not be the most cost-effective approach. Exceptions to the formal bid process are considered on a case by case basis.

IV. Construction Contract and Professional Agreement

A. Work Cost More Than \$50,000

- Except as otherwise provided in this statement of policy, all contracts for any improvement, job, construction project or unit of work (herein referred to as work), and all acquisitions of material or equipment, estimated to cost or to have a value when completed in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) shall be competitively bid and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder in the manner hereinafter provided.
- 2. The Contract documents shall be prepared utilizing the District's standard forms with such modification as may be appropriate for the particular work or unit of work, or the acquisition of materials or equipment. The documents to be prepared shall ordinarily include the Notice Inviting Bids, Instructions to Bidders, the Proposal for submission by the bidder, the Information Required of Bidder, setting forth the equipment and material source and other required information, Contractor's Licensing Statement, List of Subcontractors, Bid Security Form, Agreement, Faithful Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Notice to Proceed, General Provisions, Special Provisions, and Plans and Specifications.
- 3. Unless otherwise required by the provisions of the Public Contract Code, the District may advertise either electronically via a web base bidding service or in printed publications,

for inviting proposals for furnishing labor for or materials or supplies for use or incorporation in, the proposed work or unit of work, or for providing materials or equipment. To the extent applicable to a specific work or acquisition, the notice calling for bids shall contain the information specified in Section 20564 of the Public Contract Code. In the event that the construction of works is to be paid for with the proceeds of the sale of bonds or a limited assessment, the District shall give said notice by publication once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District as specified in Section 20563 of the Public Contracts Code.

- 4. All bids shall be presented on forms furnished by the District either electronically or sealed bid, and it shall be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: (1) cash, (2) a cashier's check made payable to the District, (3) a certified check made payable to the District, or (4) a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer made payable to the District.
- 5. At the time, place appointed, and set forth in the Notice Inviting Bids, the bids shall be available either on the bidding service website or opened in public.
- The District shall assign a five (5) percent contract bid reduction to a bidder which is a "Local Contractor or Vendor" as defined in (13)(i).
- 7. The Board may reject any and all proposals or bids should it deem it to be for the public good, or may award the contract for the work or unit of work, or materials or equipment, to the lowest responsible bidder at the prices named or specified in the bid or proposal subject however to Paragraph 8.
- 8. Once all bids have been opened or received electronically through a web-based bidding service, the bids of those bidders which are "Local Contractors or Vendor" shall be reduced by five percent (5%) for purposes of determining the lowest responsible bidder. If the bid of a Local Contractor or Vendor, after applying the contract bid reduction provided for in Paragraph 6, is then the lowest responsible bid, that Local Contractor or Vendor shall be

awarded the contract at the amount of its bid without regard to any contract bid reduction, subject to the remaining provisions of this policy.

- 9. The District or its agents may refuse to award a contract under Paragraph 8 to a Local Contractor or Vendor if it makes a determination that the products purchased or work provided by a bidder cannot be provided within a timely manner for the performance of the contract or a determination the Local Contractor or Vendor cannot meet specified quality performance standards or experience requirements.
- 10. If any federal or state statute or regulation precludes the granting of federal or state assistance or reduces the amount of that assistance for a particular public works project because of a preference awarded according to the terms of this policy, this policy shall not apply insofar as its application would preclude or reduce federal or state assistance for that work.
- 11. In the case of work to be performed for the District, the District shall require the successful bidder or bidders to file with the Board good and sufficient bonds, to be approved by the Board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all claims for labor and materials in connection therewith.
- 12. In the case of work to be performed from the District, the District shall require the successful bidder or bidders to carry public liability and property damage insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and other insurance, in the amounts and under the terms stipulated in the Contract documents.
- 13. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

 i) "Local Contractor or Vendor" means a contractor or vendor whose principal place of business as reflected in official records is located in the area shown on the Local Contractor and Vendor Boundary Map attached hereto. Those claiming to be Local Contractors and Vendors shall submit proof of their principal place of business with their bid. ii) "Lowest Responsible Bidder" shall mean a person who submits the lowest monetary bid, taking into account the contract bid reduction provided for in paragraph g, and which responds to the terms upon which bids were requested, and who has the capacity, integrity, and ability to perform the particular requirements of the contract. Factors which may be considered in determining the "lowest responsible bidder" include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- a) The contractor's prior record of performance on other public works projects, if any.
 including timely completion of performance, quality of work, and completion of
 projects within project budget or bid amount submitted.
- b) The contractor's involvement in any ongoing litigation or contract disputes with the awarding authority which could impair satisfactory performance on the contract to be awarded.
- c) The contractor's history of noncompliance with occupational safety and health requirements, labor statutes and regulations, and other local, state, and federal laws.

B. Work or Acquisitions Costing More Than \$10,000, But Not More than \$50,000

All contracts for any work or unit of work, and all acquisitions of materials or equipment, having been submitted either by informal or formal bids in accordance with this statement of policy and having a value in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), but not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), shall be reviewed and recommended by a Committee of the Board, and the Board shall concur by majority vote. In the event no formal competitive bids are solicited, the Board may also give local contractors and vendors a preference.

C. Work or Acquisitions Costing Less Than \$10,000

All contracts for any work or unit of work, and all acquisitions of materials or equipment, estimated to cost or to have a value when completed that is less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), may be authorized by the District's General Manager without compliance with any formal competitive

bidding procedure or prior Board approval, and in any such case he may authorize the work or unit of work or acquire the materials or equipment, by informal bidding or quotations or by purchase on the open market without advertising. The District's General Manager may give local contractors and vendors a preference.

D. Change Order Policy

All change orders occurring during the performance of a contract shall be reported to the Board. Change order amounts which are less than ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount up to a maximum amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) may be authorized by the District's General Manager; however, change order amounts greater than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) or greater than ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount shall be approved by the appropriate committee or full Board of Directors.

V. <u>Electronic Bidding</u>

- A. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in Appendix M, the use of electronic media is authorized for any formal and informal bidding process pursuant to Appendix M, including without limitation submission, identification, opening and reporting of bids electronically ("electronic bidding"; "E-Bid"), provided that it be in accordance with state law. Electronic bidding shall include measures as the District deems appropriate for security of the bidding, approval and award processes and accurate retrieval or conversion of electronic information into a medium which permits inspection and copying. All electronic bids shall be submitted in a manner set forth in the Notice Inviting Bids and/or the bid instructions.
- B. The District may, in its sole discretion, require electronic bidding for any informal and formal bids authorized under Appendix M. If the District elects to use electronic bidding, then all bids must be submitted electronically consistent with the Notice Inviting Bids and/or bid instructions. If electronic bidding is not selected, then no bids may be submitted electronically and will be submitted sealed bid at a date, time and place.

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VI. Exceptions to Statement of Policy

The policy specified in this statement shall not apply in the following cases or circumstances:

- (1) A contract for the acquisition or disposal of any real property.
- (2) A contract for the leasing of any personal property or the acquisition of personal property other than materials and equipment for use in construction activities.
- (3) A contract for the purchase of water or water rights.
- (4) A contract for the repair of District equipment.
- (5) A contract for legal, engineering and other professional services.
- (6) The repair, alteration, addition, or the making of improvements, by force account.
- (7) Work related to and in furtherance of the purposes of the District, or materials or equipment acquired for such purposes, where such work is to be performed or such materials or equipment are to be acquired, for the account of other persons or entities. , An example of such work is construction of a water pipeline for a developer and done at the developer's expense.
- (8) A contract for the performance of work or acquisition of materials in instances where work and materials are regularly and periodically required and work and materials for the repair or replacement of prior works or materials relating to the following:

a)	Asphalt and concrete	i)	Online analyzers
	patching;	j)	Treatment chemicals
b)	Janitorial supplies;	k)	Laboratory supplies and
c)	Office supplies;		testing equipment
d)	Aggregate (sand, base and	1)	Landscape services
	similar materials);	m)	Janitorial services
e)	Cold mix asphalt;	n)	Printing services
f)	Data mailers;	0)	Answering services
g)	Water meters;	p)	Pest control services
h)	Pumps and Motors		

(9) A contract for the performance of work deemed by the Board to best be utilized under the construction management at risk (CMAR) alternative project delivery method. CMAR delivery method may be used when staff recommends to the Board that it is in the best interest of the District to select a CMAR entity early in the process to provide constructability input during design and ultimately procure and manage the construction trade contractors.

BID PROCUREMENT POLICY APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD APRIL 19, 1990

Revised 1-14-92 Revised 9-15-92 Revised 4-25-94 Revised 11-10-97 Revised 2-24-20 Revised 10-12-20 Revised 11-25-24