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THREE PWD BOARD INCUMBENTS BEGIN FOUR-YEAR TERMS AFTER BEING SWORN IN

Palmdale, CA – Palmdale Water District (PWD) Board Directors Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Scott Kellerman and Cynthia Sanchez started new four-year terms after taking their oaths of office Monday night.

They were individually sworn in by attorney Pam Lee of Aleshire & Wynder, PWD's legal counsel. In the November elections, President Mac Laren-Gomez won her seat with 4,388 votes, or nearly 78%, against challenger Brian Uribe, while Director Sanchez received 4,838 votes, or 76%, against opponent Linda Godin. Director Kellerman was unopposed in the election.

"I am honored to be re-elected and will continue to advocate for all PWD ratepayers," said President Mac Laren- Gomez, who represents Division 4. "I am committed to ensuring that we have the resources to

(more)

provide clean water for our community, now and in the future."

President Mac Laren-Gomez is serving her fourth term. Elected to the Board in 2011, she works in business development for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers/National Electrical Contractors Association/LMCC.

Appointed by the PWD Board to fill a vacant position in April 2022, Director Kellerman was not on the November ballot due to running unopposed. He is co-owner of Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson.

"It was a relief to not have an opponent," he said. "It gave me more time to do my job as a Director. I'm grateful to retain my seat and continue representing Division 1."

Director Sanchez was appointed to the Board this past February to fill a vacant seat in Division 3. A healthcare provider for most of her career, she has been a nurse at Kaiser Permanente for the past four years.

"I am very pleased to have been elected to continue representing Division 3," Director Sanchez said. "It's a wonderful feeling to have the support of my constituents. I look forward to serving my first full term on the Board."

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit <u>www.palmdalewater.org</u>.