

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, DECEMBER 16, 2024:

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, December 16, 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.

At the request of President Mac Laren-Gomez, Director Dino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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
Scott Rogers, Assistant General Manager
Paul Early, General Counsel
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
Patricia Guerrero, Management Analyst
1 member of the public

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 for non-agenda items.

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 Resolution No. 24-15 being a Resolution (Certification) of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse 2023080290), Adopting Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations as Required

by Public Resources Code Section 21081(A) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15091, Adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as Required by Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097, and Adopting the 2023 Strategic Water Resources Plan. (No Budget Impact – Assistant General Manager Rogers)

Assistant General Manager Rogers provided a detailed presentation of the 2023 Strategic Water Resources Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), including the purpose and need, the water supply options, the location and project description, the timeline of events and public outreach, and the comments and mitigation measures including photo documentation and engineering survey to capture the historic significance of the Palmdale Ditch prior to enclosing, and a brief discussion of future water supply needs, of the District's existing easements, of the project alignment, of the reduced water loss and increased capacity anticipated from the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project, and of the District's diversion right from Littlerock Dam, 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 Resolution No. 24-15 being a Resolution (Certification) of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse 2023080290), Adopting Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations as Required by Public Resources Code Section 21081(A) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15091, Adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as Required by Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097, and Adopting the 2023 Strategic Water Resources Plan.

Resolution No. 24-15 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Dino requested that "Consideration and Possible Action on Participation in the Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce 2025 Christmas Parade" be added to a future meeting agenda followed by a brief discussion of past parade participation.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

7) **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Secretary