

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 10, 2025:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, February 10, 2025, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District Office. Vice President, Scott Kellerman, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of Vice President Kellerman, Director Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Scott Kellerman, Vice President
Don Wilson, Treasurer
Vincent Dino, Secretary
Cynthia Sanchez, Assistant Secretary

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Paul Early, General Counsel
Angelica Garcia, Human Resources Director
Shadi Bader, Engineering Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Maureen Sabino, Accounting Supervisor
Jillian Benci-Woodward, Senior Engineer
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
4 members of the public

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, 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) Mandatory Board Training – Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. (General Counsel Early)

General Counsel Early provided the newly mandated Workplace Violence and Prevention Plan (WVPP) training per SB 533 including an overview of the District's WVPP approved on July 1, 2024 followed by a brief discussion of reporting and training requirements.

5) Break Until 6:00 p.m.

Vice President Kellerman called for a break at 5:31 p.m. He reconvened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

6) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

7) Presentations:

7.1) Legislative Updates. (Public Affairs Director Shay/Representatives for Antelope Valley State Legislators)

Public Affairs Director Shay introduced Mr. Jack Danielson, Representative for Senator Valladares, after which Mr. Danielson provided a brief update on SB 17 regarding the exemption of tips from personal income taxes, on SB 23 regarding property tax exemptions for disabled veteran homeowners, and on SB 252 regarding California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for the undergrounding of utility lines and stated that Senator Valladares continues to develop her legislative package.

Public Affairs Director Shay then introduced Ms. Anna Zarley, Representative for Assemblymember Lackey, after which Ms. Zarley stated that Assemblymember Lackey is currently working on his legislative package; that he is the Vice Chair for the Arts, Entertainment, Sports and Tourism Committee; that he is on the Budget Committee; that he is Vice Chair for the Public Employment and Retirement Committee; that he is the Vice Chair for the Rules Committee; that he is on Transportation Committee; and that he recently attended a meeting with Caltrans regarding the traffic impact of the State Route 14 improvements.

8) 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.)

8.1) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held January 27, 2025.

8.2) Payment of Bills for February 10, 2025.

8.3) Approval to Deny Leave to File Late Claim Received from Legal Needs APC on Behalf of Patricia Koibita and Claim Class and Refer any Further Action to Joint Powers Insurance Authority. (No Budget Impact – Finance Manager Hoffmeyer/Human Resources Director Garcia)

Vice President Kellerman announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Wilson, 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.

9) 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.)

9.1) Consideration and Possible Action to Reschedule or Cancel the May 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting due to Lack of a Quorum. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that there will not be an in-person Board quorum to hold the May 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting due to attendance of the annual Association of California Water Agencies and Joint Powers Insurance Authority Spring Conference in Monterey, and after a brief discussion of the second Regular Board Meeting in May, it was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Sanchez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve cancellation of the May 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

9.2) 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.

10) Information Items:

10.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Meeting – January 28. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on January 28, he attended the AVEK Board Meeting where they approved Change Order No. 1 to add two additional recovery wells to High Desert Water Bank Well and Drilling Package #3 in the amount of \$2,294,520.00 and extend the contract completion date to July 28, 2025.

2) Outreach Committee Meeting – January 30. (Director Dino, Chair/Director Sanchez/Director Wilson, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on January 30 he attended the Outreach Committee Meeting and that a written report will be distributed.

General Manager LaMoreaux then stated that the Committee discussed and approved District participation in the AV Chambers of Commerce 2025 Holiday Parade.

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

Director Wilson stated that he did not attend the February 1 Palmdale Fin & Feather Meeting and that he will be attending their meeting on February 15.

4) Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County (SDANLAC) Board Meeting – February 5. (Director Dino, CSDA Chapter President)

Director Dino reported that on February 5, he attended the SDANLAC Board Meeting where they discussed the membership luncheon to be held on February 19, 2025 at The Centre in Santa Clarita and stated that the topic will be grant writing and that the guest speakers include Assistant General Manager Rogers.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on January 29, he attended the AV Edge Luncheon; that on February 6, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on February 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Wilson reported that on January 23, he attended a Board Briefing; that on January 29, he attended the AV Edge Luncheon; that on January 30, he attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on February 6, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on February 7, he attended the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner.

Director Sanchez reported that on January 30, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on February 6, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on February 7, she attended the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner.

Director Dino reported that on January 28, he attended the AVEK Board Meeting; that on January 29, he attended the AV Edge Luncheon; that on January 30, he attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on February 5, he attended a SDANLAC Board Meeting; that on February 6, he attended a Board Briefing; that on February 7, he attended the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner; and that on February 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

10.2) Report of General Manager.

a) Department Activity Updates.

1) Public Affairs Department. (Public Affairs Director Shay)

Public Affairs Director Shay provided a detailed update of the Engineering Department's current and projected activities including press releases, print publications, customer outreach, social media highlights and participation at various events including the District's sponsorship ad for the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner, the write-up and photo submission for the AV EDGE 2025 Roundtable Report, and the two CAPIO awards received by the Public Affairs Department and then stated that General Manager LaMoreaux served as a panelist at the ACWA Conference to discuss Pure Water AV; that Assistant General Manager Rogers presented on Pure Water AV at AV Edge Fall Forum; that staff created a video for the 50th Anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act; that a local Starbucks donated coffee and pastries to the District for the SAVES Program; that she is serving her third term on the ACWA Communications Committee as well as the Outreach Task Force and the Scholarship Subcommittee; that the District is hosting a blood drive on February 13; that the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County (SDANLAC) membership luncheon is scheduled for February 19; that the next Let's Talk H2O event will focus on water supply and wildfires and will include participation by the local fire department; that the next Water Ambassadors Academy will be held in

April and the participation interest is already high; that the Water Use Efficiency team will be holding their annual Earth Day poster contest in April; that Coffee with Director events will begin in May; that PWD Customer Appreciation Day will be held on July 22; and that the District will be participating in this year's AV Chambers of Commerce Holiday Parade.

Director Kellerman then commended staff on the success of the 2024 Toy for Tots Drive.

General Manager LaMoreaux then stated that 13 inches have been added to the Northern Sierra precipitation this month and that staff anticipates an increase in the State Water Project allocation.

10.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Early stated that he has nothing further to report.

11) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

12) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Secretary