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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUCCESSFUL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES AT PWD WITH OPENING OF FOUR POSITIONS

Palmdale, CA – California Community College students enrolled in this Fall semester and interested in the water industry are invited to apply for four internship positions at the Palmdale Water District (PWD).

The open positions are Plant Operator Intern, Service Worker Intern, Laboratory Analyst Intern, and Field/Customer Care Intern. Through the efforts of Holly Nolan Chavez, regional director for Agriculture, Water, and Environmental Technology, California's Strong Workforce Program is funding the positions through the Foundation for California Community Colleges.

“We are excited to have received this funding for our internship program, which has had significant success,” said PWD Human Resources Director Jennifer Emery. “Many of our interns have become full-time employees. I encourage students interested in the four fields to apply.”

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The interns must be full-time students at a community college and able to work 320 hours during the semester at PWD. They will be paid \$12 per hour by the Strong Workforce Program. PWD will cover the cost of incidentals, including uniforms and training.

“We are pleased to be able to support the Palmdale Water District through the Career Catalyst program,” said Tim Aldinger, director of workforce development services at the Foundation for California Community Colleges. “Internships provide students a foothold into the 21st century economy. The Foundation is proud to help make more of those opportunities occur by simplifying the process to hire and offer paid work experience.”

The PWD positions were created to expose interns to a variety of departments and job skills at the District. The Plant Operator Intern will get experience in the maintenance and operations of the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant, and the Laboratory Analyst Intern will work with the testing and analysis of the water at the plant. In the Service Worker position, the intern will learn construction, installation, maintenance and repair of a water service distribution system. This intern also will perform some field customer service duties. The Field/Customer Care Intern will provide customer care activities in the field, including repairing water meters and recording water consumption from meters.

Interested applicants can find the job descriptions and applications at www.palmdalewater.org. The closing date for the four positions is Sunday, Oct. 1.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer service; advocating for local water issues

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that help our residents; educating the community on water conservation; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about the PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.

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