

# PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

# A CENTURY OF SERVICE

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

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DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX

General Manager

ALESHIRE & WYNDER LLP

Attorneys





September 21, 2022

# AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT TO BE HELD AT 2029 EAST AVENUE Q, PALMDALE OR VIA TELECONFERENCE

FOR THE PUBLIC: VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY
DIAL-IN NUMBER: 571-748-4021 ATTENDEE PIN: 267-628-062#
Submit Public Comments at: https://www.gomeet.com/267-628-062

# **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

6:00 p.m.

<u>NOTES:</u> To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to participate in any Board meeting please contact Dawn Deans at 661-947-4111 x1003 at least 48 hours prior to a Board meeting to inform us of your needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

Additionally, an interpreter will be made available to assist the public in making <u>comments</u> under Agenda Item No. 4 and any action items where public input is offered during the meeting if requested at least 48 hours before the meeting. Please call Dawn Deans at 661-947-4111 x1003 with your request. (PWD Rules and Regulations Section 4.03.1 (c))

Adicionalmente, un intérprete estará disponible para ayudar al público a hacer <u>comentarios</u> bajo la sección No. 4 en la agenda y cualquier elemento de acción donde se ofrece comentarios al público durante la reunión, siempre y cuando se solicite con 48 horas de anticipación de la junta directiva. Por favor de llamar Dawn Deans al 661-947-4111 x1003 con su solicitud. (PWD reglas y reglamentos sección 4.03.1 (c))

Agenda item materials, as well as materials related to agenda items submitted after distribution of the agenda packets, are available for public review at the District's office located at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale (Government Code Section 54957.5). Please call Dawn Deans at 661-947-4111 x1003 for public review of materials.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:</u> The prescribed time limit per speaker is three-minutes. Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments, or cheering. Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the District to carry out its meeting will not be permitted, and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting. (PWD Rules and Regulations, Appendix DD, Sec. IV.A.)

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Adoption of Agenda.

- 4) Public comments for non-agenda items.
- 5) Presentations:
  - 5.1) None at this time.
- 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 September 12, 2022.
  - 6.2) Payment of bills for September 26, 2022.
  - 6.3) Approval of Resolution No. 22-25 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor Issued March 4, 2020, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Palmdale Water District for the Period Beginning October 1, 2022 and Ending October 30, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions. (No Budget Impact Assistant General Manager Ly)
- 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) Presentation, consideration and possible action on approval of Pure Water AV logo. (Engineering Manager Rogers/Public Affairs Director Shay)
  - 7.2) Consideration and possible action on changing the District's 2023 medical benefit coverage from the Advantage Lower Cost Family Plan to the Kaiser High Deductible Plan (CDHP). (Budget Impact Additional \$127,411.00 Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia/Personnel Committee)
  - 7.3) Consideration and possible action on authorization to enter into a Long-Term Water Transfer Agreement between Littlerock Creek Irrigation District and Palmdale Water District. (Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II)
  - 7.4) 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 2022 Budget:
    - a) United Water Conservation District 2022 Summit for Water Sustainability to be held October 19, 2022 in Oxnard.
    - b) AWWA Annual Fall Conference to be held October 23-26, 2022 in Sacramento.
- 8) Information Items:
  - 8.1) Reports of Directors:
    - a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

- 1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) September 13. (Director Dino/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)
- 2) Personnel Committee Meeting September 13. (Director Mac Laren, Chair/Director Kellerman)
- 3) Outreach Committee Meeting September 15. (Director Mac Laren, Chair/Director Wilson)
- 4) Finance Committee Meeting September 21. (Director Wilson, Chair/President Dizmang)
- b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.
- 8.2) Report of General Manager.
  - a) September 2022 written report of activities through August 2022.
- 8.3) Report of General Counsel.
- 9) Board members' requests for future agenda items.

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10) Adjournment.

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,

General Manager

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# 09/20/2022

# Palmdale Water District Accounts Payable Report Issuance Date: September 26, 2022

Vendor Name	Document Number	Document Description	Document Amount	
A.V.SIGNS & DESIGNS	20212539	FLAT CUT ALUMINUM LETTER	231.27	
ACWA/JPIA	0692230	HEALTH BENEFITS THRU OCTOBER	141,384.82	
AFFORDABLE TIRE	704626	TIRE	250.00	
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	705203	FLAT REPAIR	15.00	
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ALMA BONIFACIO	RC22-01126	WWLCP REBATE	3,000.00	
AMERICAN BUSINESS MACHINES	641731	CONTRACT CHARGE	408.00	
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AV GARDEN & TURF	4828-H	WELL SITE CLEANUP/PYMNT#8	3,577.50	
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	7927749	BATTERIES CB12-85/25TH ST BSTR	674.79	
	7927752	BATTERIES CB12-35/47TH TANK	285.82	
	7933707	BATTERIES CB12-35/WELL SITE 3	285.82	
	7933696	BATTERIES CB12-35/WELL SITE 25	285.82	
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CDW-GOVERNMENT	CH26295	CYBERPOWER 1000VA UPS LCD	172.76	
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CINTAS CORPORATION	8405875158	FIRST-AID SUPPLIES	245.76	
CIVILTEC ENGINEERING INC	46678	3M BOOSTER STATION PLAN	1,722.50	
CORE & MAIN LP	R569356	HYDRANT CAPS & WELD FLNG	3,911.84	
	R570148	FIRE HYDRANT ASSEMBLY	2,762.52	
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	R577232	6-8 CAD HEX BOLT&NUT KITS ETC	510.24	
CORELOGIC SOLUTIONS LLC	82143980	REALQUEST THRU AUGUST	825.00	
DAVID W. FARRELL	JN2228	TOP0GRAPHY MAPPING	1,960.00	
DEPT OF WATER RESOURCES	23-064-U	GROUNDWATER SUBSTITUTION	57,920.00	
	23-043-V	INV NO: 23-043-V/AUG DELIVERY	152,990.00	
DUTCH BROS COFFEE	09122022	CLOSE WO#21-909 & 21-1008	566.36	
EDISON COMPANY	V22-3910	ELECTRIC UTILITIES	28,760.67	
EMISSION COMPLIANT CONTROLS CO	PSO5495	CATALYST ELEMENT HOUSING	682.33	
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOCIA	019164	SOURCE WATER MICROBE	382.72	
ERNST & YOUNG US LLP	US01U001040171	AGENCY FEE DUE	1,450.00	
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GAFCON INC	44351	SERVICES THRU AUGUST PROJECTS	2,809.50
GRAINGER	9437007512	CHARGE CONTROLLER 40A PWM	125.07
	9439414849	LOUVER PLATE KITS	215.74
HACH COMPANY	13234532	LR HARDNESS QC STD 500ML	575.36
HAZEN AND SAWYER	20182-002-8	MAIN OFC-STUCCO REPAIR PROJECT	2,662.50
HDR ENGINEERING INC	1200459805	HAZARD MITIGATION PLN/JAN-AUG	7,350.43
HERCULES INDUSTRIES INC	117988	MASTER LOCKS 7/8" (100)	1,041.70
IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC	3113756014	EZ DPD DISPENSER CHLOR FREE	194.34
INDUSTRIAL RUBBER & SUPPLY LLC	55053	DJ FIRE HOSE, LUG WASHER ETC	287.44
INFOSEND INC	220430	BILLING STATEMENTS	2,593.64
	220274	MONTHLY SUPPORT FEE/AUG	2,515.70
	220872	ENVELOPE MANDATORY CONSERVE	703.40
	220723	BILLING STATEMENTS	5,558.13
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J.G.TUCKER & SON INC	18100	CYLINDER CALIBRATION TEST	332.43
KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS INC	9017766583	BULK FERRIC CHLORIDE	11,968.37
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	9017765542	BULK FERRIC CHLORIDE	11,439.32
KYOCERA	55B2182074	FREIGHT CHARGE	12.00
LAGERLOF, LLP	48388	RE: DIAMOND FARMING	800.00
LIFE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION	81899844	DIONEX IOPAC AS19, ETC	2,306.43
McCALL'S METER SALES & SERVICE	35190	FIELD METER TESTS	980.00
MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO.	84439181	ENCLOSURE THERMOSTAT	42.14
MICHAEL D. SOURSA	055	SEP 2022 BUZZ NEWSLETTERS	300.00
MINUTEMAN PRESS	62266	PIPELINE 2022 FALL NEWSLETTERS	345.93
NEFTALI A AQUINO	RC22-01128	WWLCP REBATE	1,656.00
ONLINE INFORMATION SERVICES	1148889	UTILITY EXCHANGE REPORTS/AUG	294.06
OPENGOV INC	INV00008626	OPENGOV PROCUREMENT/SEP	750.00
OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES	2743	TEMP HIRE/FIELD CUSTOMER CARE	1,551.06
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OPSEC	100954	WTP SECURITY 5-23 TO 5-29	2,100.00
PATTON SALES CORP	4475008	1-1/4" ROUND TUBE DOM 22'	526.13
	4475984	ALUM SHEET 4X4	135.50
PROTELESIS CORPORATION	29847255	WEBPRO MEETNGS THRU SEPT	131.01
PUBLIC WATER AGENCIES GROUP	798	EMERG PREP PROGRAM	1,927.42
PUENTE BASIN WATER AGENCY	1082	REEB-SEPTEMBER 2022	1,666.66
	1084	REEB-OCTOBER 2022	1,666.66
QCS BUILDING SERVICES INC	24081	WTP JANITORIAL SEVICES	714.00
	24080	MONTHLY JANITORIAL SVCS	2,588.00
	24118	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	421.54
RBC INC	647	ASPHALT REPAIR	3,585.00

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ROXANA L. KIRKPATRICK	RC22-1129	WWLCP REBATE	2,838.00
RYAN DEMPSEY	RC22-1110	WWLCP REBATE	2,810.00
SAGE STAFFING	69375	TEMP HIRE/FINANCE DEPT	1,635.20
	69407	TEMP HIRE/CUSTOMER CARE	873.60
SECTRAN SECURITY INC	22091281	SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER	364.51
SOCALGAS	V22-3909	GAS UTILITIES	23,462.34
SPECTRUM REACH	280008237	DIGITAL ADVERTISING	750.00
	520004126	DROUGHT-DIGITAL ADVERTISING	1,500.00
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL	V22-3912	T.DEYOUNG/GRADE 2 DIST CERT	80.00
SUPERIOR SIGNALS INC	CHQ 66060	CREDIT MEMO	(4.12)
	19267684	LAMP ASSEMBLY-AMBER LED	110.95
TIANA SANCHEZ INTERNATIONAL LLC	1276	LEADERSHIP COACHING	2,000.00
TREDENT DATA SYSTEMS	55732	ANNUAL RENEWAL DELL COMPELLENT	22,010.00
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	00000Y2736372	DELIVERY/PICKUP SERVICE	109.42
VWR INTERNATIONAL INC	8810694130	WATER HARDNESS INDICATOR 120ML	68.35
	8810673751	BDH HCL ACS 2.5L	153.95
WATER TALENT LLC	3379	TEMP HIRE @ WTP	5,259.94
WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	5021742641	LEASE KYOCERA COPIER/PRINTER	4,428.11
WM CORPORATE SERVICES INC	0015994-1093-1	TRASH REMOVAL	461.86
WOODARD & CURRAN INC	208472	STRATEGIC WTR RES PLN/JULY	20,620.00
		Total Payables:	622,385.15

### Palmdale Water District Accounts Payable Handcheck Report 9-5-22 TO 9-19-22

	Check			Check
Check Date	Number	Vendor Name	Document Description	Amount
9/13/2022	66871	CULLIGANN OF SYLMAR	AUGUST INVOICES DUE BY 9-20-22	2,657.45
9/15/2022	66873	U S BANK CORP PYMNT SYSTEMS	CAL-CARD CHARGES THRU 8-22-22	23,092.00

Total Handchecks:	
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# PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 20, 2022 **September 26, 2022** 

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Meeting

**FROM:** Mr. Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager

VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.3 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON

RESOLUTION NO. 22-25 BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 4, 2020, AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS. (NO BUDGET IMPACT —

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER LY)

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board approve Resolution No. 22-25 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor Issued March 4, 2020, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Palmdale Water District for the Period Beginning October 1, 2022 and Ending October 30, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

# **Alternative Options:**

The Board can choose not to approve Resolution No. 22-25.

# **Impact of Taking No Action:**

Teleconference options for the District's publicly noticed meetings will end.

### **Background:**

With the issuance of the Governor's State of Emergency Executive Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Brown Act was modified regarding agenda postings, Board member attendance from remote locations via teleconference, public attendance, and participation at publicly noticed meetings via teleconference. These modifications were rescinded by the Governor effective September 30, 2021; however, agencies and special districts have the option to continue remote teleconferencing options under the provisions of newly enacted AB 361. AB 361 provides agencies the ability to meet remotely during proclaimed state emergencies under modified Brown Act requirements beyond September 30, 2021.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

September 20, 2022

The criteria to rely on the provisions of AB 361 are as follows:

- 1) The local agency is holding a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
- 2) The local agency is holding a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
- 3) The local agency is holding a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Resolution No. 22-25 addresses these criteria and will remain in effect for a period of 30 days. If the District wishes to continue meeting under modified Brown Act requirements under AB 361 after 30 days, the resolution must be renewed.

### **Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:**

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership.

This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

### **Budget:**

There is no budget impact.

### **Supporting Documents:**

 Resolution No. 22-25 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor Issued March 4, 2020, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Palmdale Water District for the Period Beginning October 1, 2022 and Ending October 30, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-25**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 4, 2020, AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the Palmdale Water District is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of Palmdale Water District's ("District") legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020 in response to the global outbreak of the novel Coronavirus disease ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that a State of Emergency has been proclaimed as a result of the threat of COVID-19 and the contagious nature of COVID-19 have caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the Palmdale Water District shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the Palmdale Water District offers the option of teleconferencing to ensure access for the public to attend meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- Section 2. <u>Proclamation of Local Emergency</u>. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the District, and meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees due to the serious and contagious nature of COVID-19.
- Section 3. <u>Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency</u>. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.
- Section 4. <u>Remote Teleconference Meetings</u>. The staff, General Manager, and legislative bodies of the Palmdale Water District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- Section 5. <u>Effective Date of Resolution</u>. This Resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2022 and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) October 30, 2022, which is 30 days from the adoption of this Resolution, or (ii) such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the Palmdale Water District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
	President, Board of Directors
ATTEST:	
Secretary, Board of Directors	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, General Counsel	<u>—</u>

mwa architects





# New Project Name and Logo



- Staff held meetings with outreach consultant to development program name
- Selected name
- Outreach consultant prepared logo options to represent area and project
- Name recognition from other similar projects
- Recommended for approval by Outreach Committee and Staff











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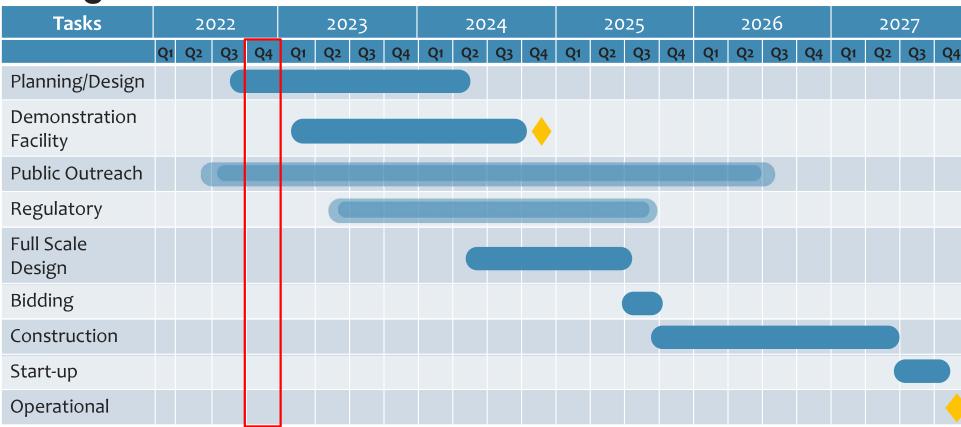
# Pure Water Antelope Valley (AV) Status

PLANNING AND DEMOSTRATION FACILITY

- Hired Consultant through RFP Process (February 2022)
- Program Kick off (April 2022)
- Planning (May 2022 December 2023)
- Outreach (Name and Logo, August 2022)
- Funding (Identification and Strategy, June 2022)
- Demonstration Facility Siting and Layout (Today)



# **Program Timeline**





# **Tertiary Water Use Options Costs & Evaluation**

Optimizing the use of tertiary water for Palmdale.

Options for Utilizing Tertiary Water	AWTF and Injection	Irrigation (purple pipe)	Recharge and Recovery
Volume (afy)	5,325	1,725	4,000
Cost (\$/afy)	\$1,710	\$2,600	\$3,160

# **Benefits of Advanced Treated Tertiary Water**

- Larger volume of recycle water used
- Improved aquifer water quality and help with aquifer health
- Less infrastructure (pipelines, booster stations, tanks) required
- Smaller environmental impact
- Less loss from evaporation
- No required imported water for blending
- No additional imported water purchase costs
- More drought resilient
- Local Control
- Usage not impacted by season (irrigation)

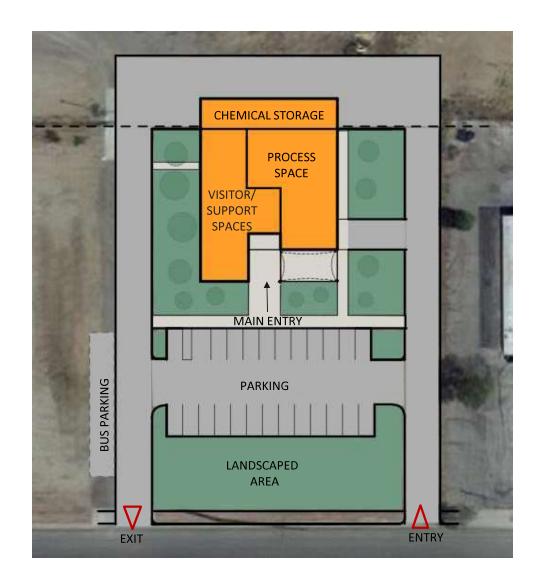


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# Site Plan



# Site Layout





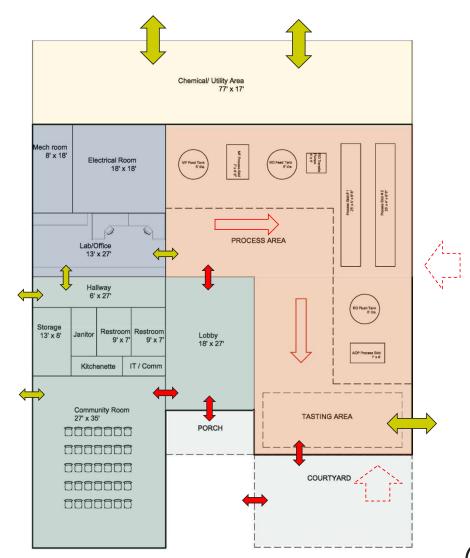


# **Layout Building**

7,450 SF \ 5,490 SF INDOOR

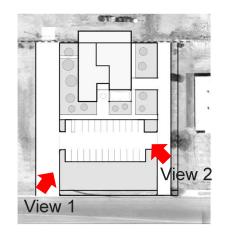
- Central Lobby Connects all Spaces
- L-shaped Process Space and Tour Path with Tasting Area
- Views Into Process Space from Lobby and Lab/Office
- Partial Views into Process Space from Exterior Windows
- Secure Chemical Storage behind Existing Fence
- Fenced Courtyard Connected to Tasting Area





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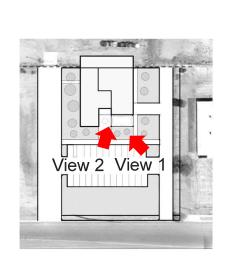
# **Building** Conceptual View







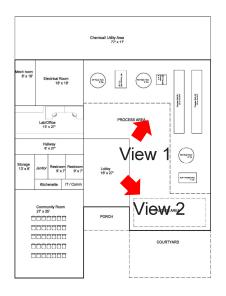
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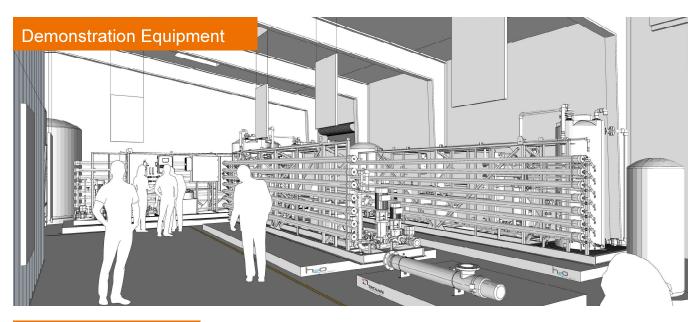




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# **Interior Views**

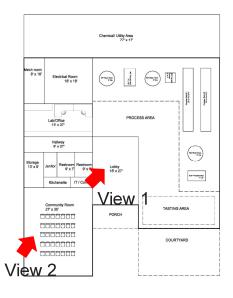






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# **Interior Views**









# **Questions?**



# PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2022 September 26, 2022

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Meeting

FROM: Mrs. Angelica Barragan-Garcia, Human Resources Dir.

VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.2 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON

CHANGING THE DISTRICT'S 2023 MEDICAL BENEFIT COVERAGE FROM THE ADVANTAGE LOWER COST FAMILY PLAN TO THE KAISER HIGH DEDUCTIBLE PLAN (CDHP). (BUDGET IMPACT – ADDITIONAL \$127,411.00 – HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR BARRAGAN-GARCIA)

### **Recommendation:**

Staff and the Personnel Committee recommend that the Board approve the Kaiser High Deductible Plan (CDHP) as the basis for calculating the 2023 benefit coverage amount Palmdale Water District will contribute for employees.

### **Alternative Options:**

The Board can choose to not approve this recommendation.

# **Impact of Taking No Action:**

The number of employees having an out-of-pocket cost for premiums will increase. 33 employees would have an employee contribution versus 47 if no action is taking.

### **Background:**

The District's approved policy for the amount that Palmdale Water District covers for employees is based on the lowest tier family plan for which all employees qualify for. If taking the current approved approach, the coverage amount for employees would be based off the PPO family plan which would cause a high increase in monthly premium for those employees under HMOs.

### **Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:**

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 2 – Organizational Excellence.

This item directly relates to the District's Mission Statement.

### **Budget:**

This proposal of utilizing Kaiser CDHP as the basis would have an approximate annual savings of \$76,131.00 based on year to year. This is due to the decrease of Anthem Plans. Kaiser CDHP would have an additional cost of \$127,411.00 over the lowest family plan-Anthem PPO.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager September 21, 2022

- Anthem Advantage PPO as the basis for allowance (\$1,773.23). Total estimated benefit expense: \$1,471,715.00

- Kaiser CDHP as the basis for allowance (\$1,980.63). Total estimated benefit expense: \$1,599,126.00

# **Supporting Documents:**

- Summary of 2023 Benefit Renewal
- Kaiser CDHP 2022/2023 Costs
- Lower Cost Family Plan 2022/2023 Costs

### Summary of Renewal for 2023 Benefits

- Anthem PPO: 10% decrease. The pandemic reduced claims costs significantly, and JPIA is providing a rate reduction in 2023 to return excess funds collected during the pandemic to members. However, Increases to the PPO is anticipated for the next several years after 2023.
- Anthem HMO's: Increase of 5.5%
- ➤ Kaiser Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP): Due to IRS changes to HSA-eligible high deductible plan requirements, the embedded deductible for an individual in a family will increase from \$2,800 to \$3,000. All other benefits, deductibles, and maximum out of pocket amounts remain the same.
- New programs for Anthem PPO members:
  - Progyny fertility and family building benefits: Fertility and family building coverage will be available to employees and spouses/registered domestic partners. This coverage will be available for members enrolled in Anthem: Classic, Advantage and CDHP.
  - O Hinge Health virtual physical therapy: Hinge Health will provide a virtual physical therapy program for acute or chronic conditions. Benefits include live video visits with a physical therapist, visits with a certified health coach to address underlying causes, and/or a tablet with sensors to provide feedback on movements during therapy. Benefits vary based on applicability, as determined by intake assessment. Hinge Health benefits are provided at no cost and are exempt from deductibles in all Anthem PPO plans, including the CDHP.
  - Oncology Guidance through Carrum Health: this benefit will connect participants newly diagnosed with cancer to comprehensive support through cancer treatment centers Memorial Sloan Kettering and City of Hope. The program includes assignment to a dedicated oncology nurse for 48 months and second opinion and treatment plan review. This benefit is available for all types of cancer, excluding non-melanoma skin cancer. Oncology Guidance is provided at no cost, unless a CDHP member has not yet met the IRS required minimum deductible for HSA eligibility. In that case, Carrum will work with Anthem to ensure the minimum required deductible has been met collectively before providing 100% coverage.
  - Breast cancer treatment bundles for first-time non-metastatic breast cancer will be available through City of Hope for participants in Southern California within 60 miles of a City of Hope location due to the need for repeat visits. Comprehensive treatment bundles include coordinated care, radiation, chemotherapy, and surgery. Breast cancer treatment bundles through Carrum are provided at no cost. For CDHP participants, the same process used for Oncology Guidance will be applied to maintain HSA eligibility.
- Modern Health virtual mental health and wellness: This benefit will remain available to active employees in all JPIA medical plans (Anthem PPO, Anthem HMO & Kaiser). In 2023, this benefit will also be available to non-Medicare retirees in the Anthem and Kaiser medical plans.
- Expanded Retail Mail Order Alternatives: Anthem PPO members will have more retail options for maintenance prescriptions. Maintenance medications are subject to a requirement to be obtained through mail order after two retail fills. In 2020, Walmart, Costco, and Sam's Club were added as

alternatives to mail order to obtain 90-day maintenance medication refills. Retail alternatives for 90-day maintenance refills will expand to include Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions, Safeway and Ralphs.

- UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage PPO will see an increase in hearing aid allowance, from \$500 to \$2,500.
- ➤ To assist individuals who are ineligible for retiree health coverage through their former employer, Kaiser Senior Advantage plans mirroring JPIA pricing and plan design will be available to Medicare-eligible individuals leaving a JPIA Kaiser plan. By leveraging association with the JPIA's group plans, individuals will have access to plans more robust than those available on the individual market at a very competitive rate.
- The vision plans will be enhanced to include coverage for premium and custom progressives with a \$25 copay, reducing participant out of pocket expense.
- ➤ Health Savings Account Contribution Limits: The IRS updates the maximum amount allowed to be contributed to a tax-advantaged Health Savings Account (HSA) each year. In 2023, the maximum contribution from all sources for a person enrolled in a high deductible plan as an individual will rise from \$3,650 to \$3,850. The maximum contribution for a person enrolled in a high deductible plan as a family (employee plus one or more) will rise from \$7,300 to \$7,750. Those who will be age 55 or older at any time in 2023 may contribute an additional \$1,000.

# ACWA JPIA 2023 Medical Plan Monthly Rates

# **LOS ANGELES AREA**

Los Angeles, San Bernardino & Ventura Counties

	Standard Rates		Incentive Rates (-4%)			Change to	
Anthem Blue Cross	Single	Two-Party	Family	Single	Two-Party	Family	Rates
Classic PPO	721.13	1,442.26	1,910.99	692.28	1,384.56	1,834.54	-10.0%
Advantage PPO	634.59	1,269.18	1,681.66	609.21	1,218.42	1,614.41	-10.0%
Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP)	576.90	1,153.80	1,528.79	553.82	1,107.64	1,467.62	-10.0%
CalCare HMO	941.48	1,882.96	2,494.92	903.82	1,807.64	2,395.12	5.4%
Value HMO	867.18	1,734.36	2,298.03	832.49	1,664.98	2,206.10	5.4%
Kaiser North	S	tandard Rate	S	New! Ir	ncentive Rate	s (-4%)	Std / Inc
Traditional HMO	701.24	1,402.48	1,949.45	673.19	1,346.38	1,871.47	+2.8% / -1.3%
HMO with Optical	714.15	1,428.30	1,985.34	685.58	1,371.16	1,905.91	+2.8% / -1.3%
Value HMO	640.97	1,281.94	1,781.90	615.33	1,230.66	1,710.62	+2.8% / -1.3%
Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP)	511.65	1,023.30	1,422.39	491.18	982.36	1,365.48	+2.8% / -1.3%
Medicare Advantage							
Kaiser Senior Advantage	160.97	321.94	894.29				-11.1%
United Healthcare PPO	404.70	809.40	1,214.10				3.1%
Mixed Medicare 1,2			3				4
Classic PPO		1,125.83	1,594.56		1,096.98	1,546.96	-5.7%
Advantage PPO		1,039.29	1,451.77		1,013.91	1,409.90	-5.3%
Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP)		981.60	1,356.59		958.52	1,318.50	-5.0%
CalCare HMO		1,346.18	1,958.14		1,308.52	1,896.00	4.7%
Value HMO		1,271.88	1,835.55		1,237.19	1,778.31	4.6%
Kaiser Traditional HMO + Senior Advantage <sup>5</sup>		862.21	1,409.18		834.16	1,359.25	1.9%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mixed Medicare rates are for enrollments that include one retiree with Medicare and one without Medicare.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kaiser enrollments cannot mix with UHC enrollments. It must be Anthem+UHC or Kaiser+Kaiser.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Kaiser Mixed Medicare rates vary based on a variety of combinations. Email benefits@acwajpia.com to request a scenario-specific rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Family Mixed Medicare rates are for one adult with Medicare, plus one adult and child without Medicare.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Change to Mixed Medicare rates shown is a compairson of Two-Party Standard rates.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please email benefits@acwajpia.com.

### **ACWA JPIA 2023 Medical Plans** Deductible Medical Max RX Max **Anthem Blue Cross** (Indiv./Family) X-ray, lab ER Out of Pocket Out of Pocket Dr. Hospital Prescription \$50 Ded/10%/20%<sup>1</sup> Classic PPO \$200/600 \$15 20% \$5/20/50 \$2,000/4,000 \$5,350/10,200 Advantage PPO \$500/1,000 \$20 \$50 Ded/20% 20% \$5/20/50 \$3,000/6,000 \$3,600/7,200 \$10 \$0 N/A CalCare HMO None \$50 \$5/20/50 \$500/1,500 \$6,100/11,700 None \$30 \$150 \$250 \$5/20/50<sup>2</sup> \$2,500/5,000 \$4,100/8,200 Value HMO N/A $$1,500/3,000^3$ Deductible, then 20% coinsurance Ded/\$5/20/50 \$2,500/4,000 Consumer Driven Health Plan Kaiser (Indiv./Family) X-ray, lab Hospital Prescription Dr. ER Combined Max OOP **Traditional HMO** None \$10 \$50 \$0 N/A \$5/15 \$1,500/3,000 **HMO** with Optical None \$10 \$50 \$0 N/A \$5/15 \$1,500/3,000 Value HMO None \$30 \$250 N/A \$10/20 \$3,000/6,000 \$150 Consumer Driven Health Plan \$1.500/3.000<sup>3</sup> \$20 \$3,000/5,600<sup>4</sup> \$100 \$250 Ded/\$10/20 copays **Medicare Advantage** Combined Max OOP Kaiser Senior Advantage N/A \$10/25 \$1,000/2,000 None \$20 \$50 \$0 UHC Medicare Advantage PPO<sup>5</sup> None \$0 \$50 \$0 \$0 \$5/20/50 \$500 per person

# **Important Notes**

This is a very brief plan comparison of **IN-NETWORK** benefits. Plan summaries are available at www.acwajpia.com.

The Evidence of Coverage prevails in the event of a discrepancy.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Facility charge is covered at 90%. Physician charge covered at 80%. Both are subject to deductible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An annual \$100 (individual)/\$300 (family) drug deductible applies to medications on this plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Member is responsible for 100% of medical & prescription costs (excluding Preventive Care and some maintenance medications) until deductible is met.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> An *individual* enrolled in *family* coverage will have a maximum liability of \$3,000 toward the family deductible and family maximum out of pocket.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Retiree's enrollment in Medicare Parts A and B is required.

# Your Fertility and Family Building Benefit

Provided by: ACWA JPIA



# Comprehensive Coverage

Fertility treatment coverage for every unique path to parenthood.



# Personalized Support

Unlimited clinical and emotional support from a dedicated Patient Care Advocate (PCA).



# High Quality Care

Convenient access to a premier network of fertility specialists across the US.

Your Progyny fertility benefit has been specifically designed to give you the best chance of fulfilling your dreams of family. The Progyny Smart Cycle covers all the individual services, tests, and treatments you may need. Progyny removes barriers to care so you and your doctor can create the customized treatment plan that is best for you.

# Your Progyny coverage includes:

2 Smart Cycles

Progyny Rx Integrated fertility medication coverage

Fertility Preservation Egg and sperm freezing coverage

\$20,000 Surrogacy financial assistance per lifetime

\$20,000 Adoption financial assistance per lifetime

Donor Tissue Purchase Egg and sperm tissue purchase coverage

\$1,000 Doula financial assistance per child

Note: To be eligible for Progyny benefits, you must be enrolled in an Anthem PPO plan through ACWA JPIA. You are subject to financial responsibility according to your plan. Please consult with your human resources department to confirm eligibility.

# Common ways to use a Smart Cycle:



IVF Fresh Cycle



IVF Freeze-All Cycle



Frozen Embryo Transfer (FET)



Intrauterine
Insemination (IUI)
or Timed
Intercourse (TIC)



Pre-Transfer Embryology Services

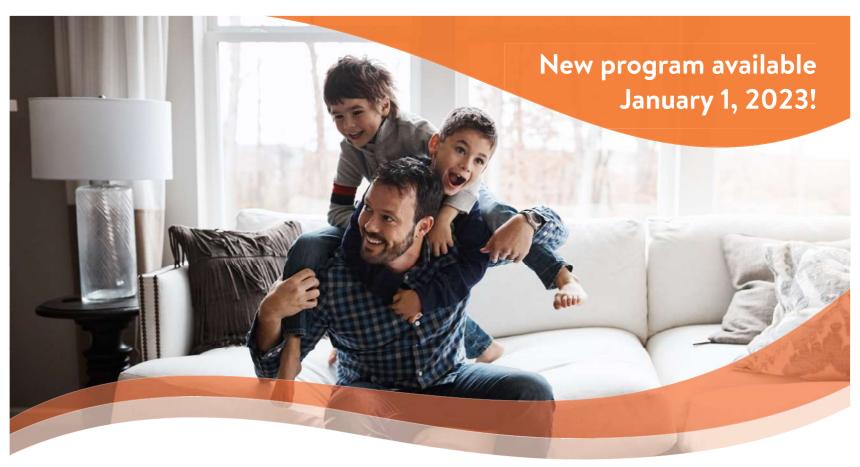


Egg Freezing



Sperm Freezing







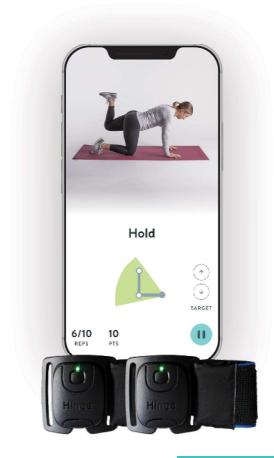
# Conquer back and joint pain without drugs or surgery

You and your eligible family members get access to Hinge Health's programs for back, knee, hip, shoulder, neck, or other joint pain at zero cost to you, which may include:

- · Wearable sensors for live feedback in the app
- Unlimited 1-on-1 health coaching
- Personalized exercise therapy

Over 300k members have joined our programs so far, and cut their pain by nearly 70%!

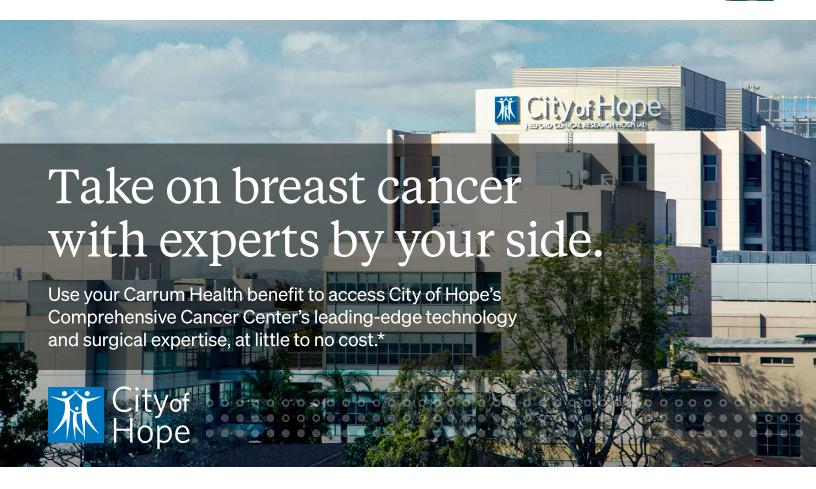
Eligibility: Employees, early retirees (pre-Medicare), and dependents 18+ enrolled in an ACWA JPIA PPO or CDHP medical plan through Anthem Blue Cross are eligible.











Your Carrum Health benefit provides an easier way to get exceptional surgical care for over 100 procedures, including knee, hip, and shoulder surgeries, spine, heart, weight loss, and many more.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, eligible employees and their dependents with first time nonmetastatic breast cancer may be able to access breast cancer treatment from one of the leading cancer centers in the country: City of Hope. With your Carrum Health benefit, you may be able to qualify for:

- Surgery
- Breast reconstruction
- Radiation therapy
- Chemotherapy

**City of Hope** has been ranked seventh among the nation's "Best Hospital" for cancer by U.S. News & World Report for 16 consecutive years and is one of only 52 comprehensive cancer centers in the nation, the highest designation possible from the National Cancer Institute.



\*Carrum Health is a special benefit for employees, sponsored by your employer's health plan through ACWA JPIA. Employees, early retirees (pre-Medicare) and dependents on the Anthem PPO or CDHP plan are eligible. For CDHP plan members, Carrum will work with Anthem to collectively ensure you pay the minimum deductible to maintain HSA eligibility. Per IRS rules, a portion of any covered travel expenses will be reported as taxable income to the covered member. Carrum Health members residing within 60 miles of one of these four locations may be eligible for treatment:

- City of Hope
  1500 E. Duarte Road
  Duarte, CA 91010
- City of Hope | Arcadia Radiation Oncology 301 W. Huntington Drive, Suite 120 Arcadia, CA 91007
- City of Hope | Corona 320 W. 6th St. Corona, CA 92882
- City of Hope Hope | Upland 1100 San Bernardino Road, Suite 1100 Upland, CA 91786

To find out if you're eligible, register for Carrum Health and connect with a Carrum care specialist today.

# Ready to get started?

Visit: info.carrumhealth.com/acwajpia



# PPO: Carrum Oncology Guidance



# All cancer types except non-melanoma skin cancer

- Treatment Plan Development
  - Consultation with world-class oncologists
  - Review of pathology & imaging
  - Written expert opinion and proposed treatment plan
  - Collaboration with local oncologist

# Remote Guidance

- Oncology-certified nurse
- Video consults with medical, surgical & radiation oncologists
- Recommendation of local oncology providers



# **Employee Insurance Costs 2022**

# **Employee Insurance Costs 2023** Monthly

### Decrease

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			Monthly
w/ I	PPO Dental		
EE	EE+1	EE+Fam	

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Classic	\$801.25	\$1,602.51	\$2,123.32
	\$861.82	\$1,694.56	\$2,256.29
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$266.27

w/ HMO Dental						
	EE EE+1		EE+Fam			
Classic	\$801.25	\$801.25 \$1,602.51				
	\$857.29	\$1,674.72	\$2,214.89			
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02			
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$224.87			

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EE+1	EE+Fam	
\$1,602.51	\$2,123.32	Cla
\$1,674.72	\$2,214.89	
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\$0.00	\$224.87	EE

	w/ PPO Dental			
	EE		EE+Fam	
Classic	\$721.13	\$1,442.26	\$1,910.99	
	\$781.70	\$1,534.31	\$2,043.96	
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63.33	
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w/ HMO Dental				
	EE	EE+Fam		
Classic	\$721.13	\$1,442.26	\$1,910.99	
	\$777.17	\$1,514.47	\$2,002.56	
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.93	

Difference				
EE	EE+1	EE+Fam		
\$721.13	\$1,442.26	\$1,910.99		
\$777.17	\$1,514.47	\$2,002.56		
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23		
\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$202.94		

w/ PPO Dental

w/ HMO Dental					
Difference					
EE EE+1		EE+Fam			
\$721.13	\$1,442.26	\$1,910.99			
\$777.17	\$1,514.47	\$2,002.56			
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23			
\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$202.94			

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Advantage	\$705.10	\$1,410.21	\$1,868.52
	\$765.67	\$1,502.26	\$2,001.49
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.47

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Advantage	\$705.10	\$1,410.21	\$1,868.52
	\$761.14	\$1,482.42	\$1,960.09
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Advantage	\$634.59	\$1,269.18	\$1,681.66
	\$695.16	\$1,361.23	\$1,814.63
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Advantage	\$634.59	\$1,269.18	\$1,681.66
	\$690.63	\$1,341.39	\$1,773.23
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

EE	EE+1	EE+Fam	
\$634.59	\$1,269.18	\$1,681.66	
\$690.63	\$1,341.39	\$1,773.23	
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\$634.59	\$1,269.18	\$1,681.6	
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НМО	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Cal Care	\$893.57	\$1,787.14	\$2,367.96
	\$954.14	\$1,879.19	\$2,500.93
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$510.91

		EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
	Cal Care	\$893.57	\$1,787.14	\$2,367.96
		\$949.61	\$1,859.35	\$2,459.53
ŀ	District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
	Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$469.51

нмо	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Cal Care	\$942.86	\$1,882.96	\$2,494.92
	\$1,003.43	\$1,975.01	\$2,627.89
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$647.26

нмо	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Cal Care	\$942.86	\$1,882.96	\$2,494.92
	\$998.90	\$1,955.17	\$2,586.49
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$605.86

EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
\$942.86	\$1,882.96	\$2,494.92
\$998.90	\$1,955.17	\$2,586.49
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136.35

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
2	\$942.86	\$1,882.96	\$2,494.92
Э	\$998.90	\$1,955.17	\$2,586.49
3	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136.35

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Anthem-HSA	\$641.00	\$1,282.00	\$1,698.66
Health Sav	\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
	\$909.90	\$1,707.38	\$2,164.96
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$174.94

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Anthem Hea	\$641.00	\$1,282.00	\$1,698.66
Health Sav	\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
	\$905.37	\$1,687.54	\$2,123.56
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133.54

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Anthem-HSA	\$576.90	\$1,153.80	\$1,528.79
Health Sav	\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
	\$845.80	\$1,579.18	\$1,995.09
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14.46

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Anthem-HSA	\$576.90	\$1,153.80	\$1,528.79
Health Sav	\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
	\$841.27	\$1,559.34	\$1,953.69
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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\$576.90	\$1,153.80	\$1,528.79
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)	\$841.27	\$1,559.34	\$1,953.69
3	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
3	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$133.54

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Kaiser HMO	\$681.82	\$1,346.64	\$1,898.45
	\$742.39	\$1,438.69	\$2,031.42
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.40

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser	\$681.82	\$1,346.64	\$1,898.45
	\$737.86	\$1,418.85	\$1,990.02
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser HMO	\$701.24	\$1,402.48	\$1,949.45
	\$761.81	\$1,494.53	\$2,082.42
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$101.79

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser HMO	\$701.24	\$1,402.48	\$1,949.45
	\$757.28	\$1,474.69	\$2,041.02
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.39

EE	EE+1	EE+Fam	
\$701.24	\$1,402.48	\$1,949.45	
\$757.28	\$1,474.69	\$2,041.02	
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.39	

EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
\$701.24	\$1,402.48	\$1,949.45
\$757.28	\$1,474.69	\$2,041.02
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.39

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser-HSA	\$497.48	\$977.96	\$1,376.76
Health Sav	\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
	\$791.38	\$1,536.68	\$1,976.40
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser Healt	\$497.48	\$977.96	\$1,376.76
Health Sav	\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
	\$786.85	\$1,516.84	\$1,935.00
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser-HSA	\$511.65	\$1,023.30	\$1,422.39
Health Sav	\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
	\$805.55	\$1,582.02	\$2,022.03
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.40

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser-HSA	\$511.65	\$1,023.30	\$1,422.3
Health Sav	\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.6
	\$801.02	\$1,562.18	\$1,980.6
District	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.63	\$1,980.6
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
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EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
\$511.65	\$1,023.30	\$1,422.39
\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
\$801.02	\$1,562.18	\$1,980.63
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.40

EE		EE+1	EE+Fam
\$5	11.65	\$1,023.30	\$1,422.39
\$2	233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
\$8	301.02	\$1,562.18	\$1,980.63
\$1,7	73.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

#### LOWER COST FAMILY PLAN-ADVANTAGE

### **Employee Insurance Costs 2022**

#### **Employee Insurance Costs 2023** Monthly

Decrease

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			M	Ionthl	ly		
	w/ PPO Dental						
	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam				
Classic	\$801.25	\$1,602.51	\$2,123.32		Cla		
	\$861.82	\$1,694.56	\$2,256.29				
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	[	Dis		
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$266.27	[	Em		

w/ HMO Dental					
EE	EE+1	EE+Fam			
\$801.25	\$1,602.51	\$2,123.32			
\$857.29	\$1,674.72	\$2,214.89			
\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02			
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$224.87			
	\$801.25 \$857.29 \$1,990.02	EE EE+1 \$801.25 \$1,602.51			

w/ PPO Dental						
	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam			
Classic	\$721.13	\$1,442.26	\$1,910.99			
	\$781.70	\$1,534.31	\$2,043.96			
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23			
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$270.73			
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	w/ HMO Dental					
Г		EE	EE+1	EE+Fam		
С	lassic	\$721.13	\$1,442.26	\$1,910.99		
		\$777.17	\$1,514.47	\$2,002.56		
D	istrict	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23		
Ε	E	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$229.33		
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w/ PPO Dental			w,	/ HMO Dent	al
Difference			Difference		
	EE+1	EE+Fam	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
\$721.13	\$1,442.26	\$1,910.99	\$721.13	\$1,442.26	\$1,910
\$777.17	\$1,514.47	\$2,002.56	\$777.17	\$1,514.47	\$2,002
1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Advantage	\$705.10	\$1,410.21	\$1,868.52
	\$765.67	\$1,502.26	\$2,001.49
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.47

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Advantage	\$705.10	\$1,410.21	\$1,868.52
	\$761.14	\$1,482.42	\$1,960.09
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Advantage	\$634.59	\$1,269.18	\$1,681.66
	\$695.16	\$1,361.23	\$1,814.63
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.40

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Advantage	\$634.59	\$1,269.18	\$1,681.66
	\$690.63	\$1,341.39	\$1,773.23
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	EE+1	EE+Fam	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
\$634.59	\$1,269.18	\$1,681.66	\$634.59	\$1,269.18	\$1,681.6
\$690.63	\$1,341.39	\$1,773.23	\$690.63	\$1,341.39	\$1,773.2
1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.2
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0

нмо	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Cal Care	\$893.57	\$1,787.14	\$2,367.96
	\$954.14	\$1,879.19	\$2,500.93
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$510.91

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Cal Care	\$893.57	\$1,787.14	\$2,367.96
	\$949.61	\$1,859.35	\$2,459.53
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$469.51

НМО	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Cal Care	\$942.86	\$1,882.96	\$2,494.92
	\$1,003.43	\$1,975.01	\$2,627.89
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
EE	\$0.00	\$201.78	\$854.66

НМО	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Cal Care	\$942.86	\$1,882.96	\$2,494.92
	\$998.90	\$1,955.17	\$2,586.49
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
EE	\$0.00	\$181.94	\$813.26

	EE+1	EE+Fam	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
942.86	\$1,882.96	\$2,494.92	\$942.86	\$1,882.96	\$2,494.9
\$998.90	\$1,955.17	\$2,586.49	\$998.90	\$1,955.17	\$2,586.4
,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.2
\$0.00	\$201.78	\$343.75	\$0.00	\$181.94	\$343.7

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Anthem-HSA	\$641.00	\$1,282.00	\$1,698.66
Health Sav	\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
	\$909.90	\$1,707.38	\$2,164.96
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$174.94

EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
\$641.00	\$1,282.00	\$1,698.66
\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
\$905.37	\$1,687.54	\$2,123.56
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\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133.54
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	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Anthem-HSA	\$576.90	\$1,153.80	\$1,528.79
Health Sav	\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
	\$845.80	\$1,579.18	\$1,995.09
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$221.86

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Anthem-HSA	\$576.90	\$1,153.80	\$1,528.79
Health Sav	\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
	\$841.27	\$1,559.34	\$1,953.69
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.46

	EE+1	EE+Fam	EE	EE+1
\$576.90	\$1,153.80	\$1,528.79	\$576.90	\$1,1
\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33	\$208.33	\$3
\$841.27	\$1,559.34	\$1,953.69	\$841.27	\$1,5
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,7
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46.92	\$0.00	

E	E	EE+1	EE+Fam
	\$576.90	\$1,153.80	\$1,528.79
	\$208.33	\$333.33	\$333.33
	\$841.27	\$1,559.34	\$1,953.69
	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
Г	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46.92

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser HMO	\$681.82	\$1,346.64	\$1,898.45
	\$742.39	\$1,438.69	\$2,031.42
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.40

	EE EE+1		EE+Fam
Kaiser	\$681.82	\$1,346.64	\$1,898.45
	\$737.86	\$1,418.85	\$1,990.02
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser HMO	\$701.24	\$1,402.48	\$1,949.45
	\$761.81	\$1,494.53	\$2,082.42
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$309.19

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam	
Kaiser HMO	\$701.24	\$1,402.48	\$1,949.45	
	\$757.28	\$1,474.69	\$2,041.02	
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$267.79	

	EE+1	EE+Fam	EE		EE+1	EE+Fam
5701.24	\$1,402.48	\$1,949.45		\$701.24	\$1,402.48	\$1,949.45
5757.28	\$1,474.69	\$2,041.02		\$757.28	\$1,474.69	\$2,041.02
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	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser-HSA	\$497.48	\$977.96	\$1,376.76
Health Sav	\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
	\$791.38	\$1,536.68	\$1,976.40
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Kaiser Healt	\$497.48	\$977.96	\$1,376.76	
Health Sav	\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67	
	\$786.85	\$1,516.84	\$1,935.00	
District	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	\$1,990.02	
Employee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
Kaiser-HSA	\$511.65	\$1,023.30	\$1,422.39
Health Sav	\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
	\$805.55	\$1,582.02	\$2,022.03
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$248.80

	EE	EE+1	EE+Fam	
Kaiser-HSA	\$511.65	\$1,023.30	\$1,422.39	
Health Sav	\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67	
	\$801.02	\$1,562.18	\$1,980.63	
District	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	
EE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$207.40	

EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
\$511.65	\$1,023.30	\$1,422.39
\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
\$801.02	\$1,562.18	\$1,980.63
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
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EE	EE+1	EE+Fam
\$511.65	\$1,023.30	\$1,422.39
\$233.33	\$466.67	\$466.67
\$801.02	\$1,562.18	\$1,980.63
\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23	\$1,773.23
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$207.40

# PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 20, 2022 September 26, 2022

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Meeting

**FROM:** Mr. Peter Thompson II, Resource and Analytics Dir.

VIA: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

**RE:** AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.3 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ON AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT.

(RESOURCE AND ANALYTICS DIRECTOR THOMPSON II)

#### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board authorize staff to enter into a long-term water transfer agreement (Agreement) between Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (Littlerock) and Palmdale Water District (District).

#### **Background:**

The approval of the Water Management Tools Amendment to the District's State Water Project (SWP) Contract enables the District to enter into long-term transfer agreements with other State Water Contractors.

Staff has developed a long-term water transfer agreement with Littlerock that would enable Littlerock to transfer excess SWP water to the District. Staff also developed, and the General Manager has signed, a term sheet to further the development of this proposed Agreement. Concurrently, staff worked with Littlerock staff and an environmental consultant to ensure the Agreement complies with the California Environmental Quality Act.

This Agreement will provide greater water resiliency for both agencies. The funds that Littlerock receives through this agreement will help with water infrastructure maintenance and upgrades, while the water supply PWD receives will increase SWP reliability.

#### **Strategic Plan Element:**

This work is part of Strategic Initiative 1 – Water Resource Reliability.

#### **Budget:**

No budget impact.

#### **Supporting Documents:**

• LCID-PWD Water Transfer Agreement

#### WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT

THIS WATER TR	ANSFER AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this
day of	, 2022, by and between LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a
California Irrigatio	n District ("LCID") and PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, a California Irrigation
District ("PWD").	LCID and PWD are sometimes individually referred to as "Party" or collectively
as "Parties."	

#### **RECITALS**

- **A.** LCID is an irrigation district organized under the Irrigation District Law, codified at Sections 20500 et seq. of the California Water Code.
- **B.** PWD is also an irrigation district organized under the Irrigation District Law, codified at Sections 20500 et seq. of the California Water Code.
- C. LCID and PWD seek to enter into a mutually beneficial transfer of a portion of LCID's State Water Project ("SWP") annual Table A water ("Entitlement Water"), to which LCID is entitled pursuant to its water supply contract with the California Department of Water resources ("DWR").
- **D.** The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth financial and other arrangements between LCID and PWD for LCID's transfer of a portion of its annual Entitlement Water to PWD, and to define the roles, obligations, and responsibilities of the Parties with regard to such transfer.

#### **AGREEMENT**

Now therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the Parties do contract and agree as follows:

#### 1. Recitals Incorporated.

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

#### 2. Transfer of LCID Entitlement Water.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Agreement, and for the term of this Agreement, LCID hereby transfers its right to receive a portion of its State Water Project ("SWP") annual Table A water ("Entitlement Water") to PWD. Subject to Section 3 of this Agreement, PWD shall be entitled to receive an amount not less than 75% of LCID's annual Entitlement Water and not more than 100% of LCID's annual Entitlement Water.
- (b) No later than thirty (30) days from the date of DWR's final annual allocation of SWP Table A water, LCID shall notify PWD in writing of the estimated annual amount of LCID's Entitlement Water that is available to PWD for such year. PWD shall, within twenty (20) days,

confirm to LCID its receipt of the notice and the amount of Entitlement Water that PWD will accept that year.

(c) The Parties shall advise DWR of any transfer of annual LCID Entitlement Water from LCID to PWD, and shall satisfy all conditions and guidelines mandated by DWR for the transfer thereof. The delivery of water pursuant to this Agreement shall be contingent on and subject to any necessary DWR approvals and shall be governed by the terms and conditions of such approval(s) and any other applicable federal, state, and local statutes and regulations. PWD shall, at its sole cost and expense, apply for and obtain all necessary approvals, permits, licenses and/or entitlements, if any, from all governmental agencies, including without limitation, DWR, necessary for the transfer of Entitlement Water by LCID to PWD under this Agreement.

### 3. <u>LCID Retention Option.</u>

- (a) LCID shall have an annual option each calendar year during the term of this Agreement to retain up to 25% of its Entitlement Water.
- (b) Should LCID exercise its option to retain its Entitlement Water pursuant to Section 3(a) for its own use, LCID shall notify PWD in writing of the same no later than thirty (30) days from the date of DWR's final annual allocation of SWP Table A water. The notice to be provided pursuant to this Section 3(b) shall specify the percentage of the Entitlement Water LCID will retain for the calendar year the option is exercised.
- (c) In the event LCID exercises its option pursuant to section 3(a) above, LCID shall have no obligation to deliver to PWD the amount of Entitlement Water it retains for the calendar year in which the option was exercised. PWD shall have no obligation to pay LCID for any Entitlement Water LCID retains for its own use.
- (d) Should the Parties agree to revise this Agreement to change the amount of Entitlement Water LCID may retain annually, any such revision may be made pursuant to mutual written agreement of the Parties in the years 2025 and/or 2030.

#### 4. <u>Delivery of Entitlement Water.</u>

- (a) LCID, in coordination with PWD shall submit monthly water delivery schedules to DWR for delivery of the water for transfer to PWD.
  - (b) LCID's point of delivery to PWD shall be San Luis Reservoir.
- (c) PWD shall be responsible for paying the DWR Variable charges from the San Luis Reservoir to PWD's chosen point of final delivery.
- (d) Deliveries shall be verified using DWR's Monthly Water Delivery Status Reports.
- (e) LCID and its officers, agents, and employees shall not be liable to PWD or its officers, agents, employees, or any other interested parties for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential costs, losses, or damages arising from any failure of DWR to deliver SWP Table A water to LCID. In addition, LCID and its officers, agents, and employees shall not be liable to PWD or its officers, agents, employees, or any other interested parties for any direct,

indirect, special, incidental, or consequential costs, losses, or damages including, but not limited to, any lost profit or revenue, resulting from any water shortage or interruption, any reduction in the amount of LCID's Entitlement Water, and/or other events beyond LCID's reasonable control. PWD shall defend and indemnify LCID, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from any acts or omissions to act of LCID, its officers, agents, or employees relating to the receipt and distribution of the Entitlement Water under this Agreement.

#### 5. Payment.

- (a) The payment amount owed by PWD to LCID each calendar year shall be a proportional rate calculated by multiplying \$400,000 by the total percentage of Entitlement Water transferred by LCID to PWD that year, except as provided in Section 5(c) of this Agreement. By way of example, if PWD were to receive 75% of LCID's Entitlement Water in a calendar year, the payment amount owed to LCID would be \$300,000 for that year.
- (b) LCID shall prepare monthly billings to PWD for deliveries of LCID Entitlement Water made pursuant to this Agreement. Such billings shall be paid by PWD within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of LCID's invoice, and shall be submitted to the address specified in Section 17 of this Agreement. The cost for water billed by LCID shall be calculated by LCID.
- Table A water allocation, PWD may choose to make payment to LCID for Entitlement Water transferred to PWD that year by a groundwater transfer to LCID. The payment by groundwater transfer would be in lieu of any financial payment. The amount of groundwater transfer payment for receiving 100% of the LCID's Entitlement Water in that year shall be 250 acre feet (AF), subject to the approval of the Antelope Valley Watermaster. If any such groundwater transfer is approved by the Antelope Valley Watermaster, the groundwater shall be transferred by PWD to LCID no later than August 1st of the year in which payment is to be made by PWD pursuant to this Section 5(c). The Antelope Valley Watermaster's approval of any such groundwater transfer is a condition precedent to the payment arrangement authorized by this Section 5(c). If any such groundwater transfer is not approved by the Antelope Valley Watermaster, payments for Entitlement Water transferred by LCID to PWD shall be calculated pursuant to Section 5(a).
- 6. <u>Term.</u> This Agreement shall be effective upon the date it is fully executed by the Parties hereto and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2035, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. This Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties through written amendment only if the Parties' SWP water supply contracts with DWR are extended past 2035.
- 7. <u>Headings.</u> The Section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect in any way, and shall not be considered in, the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

- **8.** <u>Integration.</u> This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the Parties. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered by this Agreement.
- **9.** Assignment. Neither Party may assign either this Agreement or any of its rights, interests, or obligations hereunder without the prior written approval of the other Party.
- 10. <u>Third Parties</u>. This Agreement shall not be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, or confer rights upon any person or entity that is not a party to this Agreement.
- 11. <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may be amended or modified only in writing signed by the Parties.
- 12. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated with the mutual written consent of both Parties, or in the event of a breach, this Agreement may be terminated at the election of the non-defaulting party.
- 13. <u>Force Majeure</u>. Any prevention, delay, nonperformance, or stoppage due to any of the following causes shall excuse nonperformance for a period equal to the duration of the force majeure event. The causes referred to above are strikes, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, walkouts, labor disputes, failure of power, irresistible superhuman cause, acts of public enemies of the State or United States, riots, insurrections, civil commotion, governmental restrictions or regulations or controls (except those reasonably foreseeable in connection with the uses contemplated by this Agreement), or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the Party obligated to perform.
- 14. <u>Partial Invalidity</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated.
- **15. Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of California.
- 16. <u>Attorney's Fees.</u> If any action is instituted to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be reimbursed all reasonable attorneys' fees, costs of collection, as well as any other costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement effort.
- 17. <u>Notices.</u> Any notice required by this Agreement to be given or delivered to any Party shall be deemed to have been received when personally delivered or mailed in the United States mail addressed as follows:

<u>Littlerock</u>: Littlerock Creek Irrigation District

35141 87th St E Littlerock, CA 93543 Attn: General Manager <u>Palmdale:</u> Palmdale Water District

2029 E Ave Q

Palmdale, CA 93550 Attn: General Manager

- 18. Execution and Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, and all the counterparts shall constitute but one and the same agreement, notwithstanding that all Parties hereto are not signatories to the same or original counterpart. The counterparts of this Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature by any or all of the Parties and the Parties may rely on the electronic signature as if it were an original signature.
- 19. <u>Limitation of Waiver</u>. Except as may be expressly provided in a writing signed by the Parties, the failure or delay of either Party to insist in any instance on strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provision or the relinquishment of any rights under that provision in the future, but the same shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date of the latest signature below.

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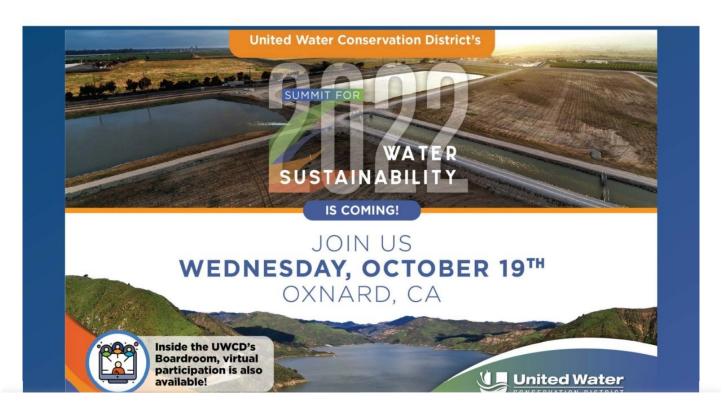
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# MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021:

An annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Public Facilities Corporation was held Monday, September 13, 2021, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. President, Gloria Dizmang, called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

#### 1) Roll Call.

#### Attendance:

Gloria Dizmang, President
Vincent Dino, Vice President
Don Wilson, Treasurer
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Secretary
Amberrose Merino, Assistant Secretary

#### Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
Pam Lee, Assistant General Counsel
Mike Williams, Finance Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Scott Rogers, Engineering/Grant Manager
Peter Thompson II, Resource & Analytics Director
Claudia Bolanos, Resource & Analytics Supervisor
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Accounting Supervisor
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
1 member of the public

# 2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Merino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as written:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – aye

# 3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Public Facilities Corporation Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda Public Facilities Corporation items.

- 4) Action Items: (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.)
- 4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting Held September 14, 2020.

It was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Merino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held September 14, 2020, as written:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – aye

### 4.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Officers.

It was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Merino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote that the officers for the Public Facilities Corporation remain the same slate of officers as the Palmdale Water District as follows:

Gloria Dizmang, President
Vincent Dino, Vice President
Don Wilson, Treasurer
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Secretary
Amberrose Merino, Assistant Secretary

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Merino – aye

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#### 5) Information Items.

There were no information items.

### 6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

# 7) Adjourn to Palmdale Water District Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors of the Public Facilities Corporation, this meeting was adjourned to the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting at 6:53 p.m.

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JULY 28, 2022:

A meeting of the Outreach Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. Chair Mac Laren-Gomez called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### 1) Roll Call.

#### Attendance:

Committee:

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair Don Wilson, Committee Member

#### **Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director Claudia Bolanos, Resource & Analytics Spvsr. Danielle Henry, Management Analyst 0 members of the public

## 2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Wilson, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

- 4) Action Items: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Committee Prior to Action Being Taken.)
- 4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held June 22, 2022.

It was moved by Committee Member Wilson, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the Outreach Committee meeting held June 22, 2022, as written.

# 4.2) Discussion of the District's Response to the Drought. (Public Affairs Director Shay/Resource & Analytics Supervisor Bolanos)

Public Affairs Director Shay stated that digital drought messaging ads sent within the District's zip code customer base, social media posts, envelope snipes, and messages to customers in The Pipeline are continuing.

Resource & Analytics Supervisor Bolanos then stated that Water Use Efficiency staff have issued 650 water waste warning door-tags, seven \$50 fines have been issued, the on-line water class is available for waiver of the fines, and lawn signs have been ordered for display by the Palmdale School District, the City of Palmdale, and the Antelope Valley Union High School District followed by discussion of the District's participation in the recent National Night Out event and Aquadog participating in public events and at the schools.

### 4.3) Discussion of 2022 Outreach Activities. (Public Affairs Director Shay)

### a) Outreach Report.

Public Affairs Director Shay stated that a written Outreach Report of current events through July 28, 2022 was included with the agenda packets if there are any questions and then updated the Report with additional press releases and articles in various print publications, participation in the recent National Night Out and with other organizations, social media posts, and digital advertising interactions.

# b) Upcoming Events/2022 Plans.

She then stated that upcoming events include the joint Water-Wise Workshop with the City of Palmdale and County of Los Angeles regarding composting on August 2 followed by discussion of digital advertising.

# 5) Reports.

# 5.1) Lobbying Activities. (Assistant General Manager Ly)

Assistant General Manager Ly stated that the District's Lobbyist is working on revisions to SB1157 regarding lowering per capita water use from 50 to 42 gallons of

water per person per day by 2030 and that ACWA is providing assistance on revisions to SB222 regarding low income assistance.

### 6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

### 7) Date of Next Committee Meeting.

It was stated that the next Outreach Committee meeting will be held September 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

### 8) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Outreach Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 17, 2022:

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### 1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Committee:

Don Wilson, Chair

Gloria Dizmang, Committee Member

#### Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager

Angelica Barragan-Garcia, Human Resources Dir.

Diana Gunn, Accounting Supervisor

Bob Egan, Financial Advisor Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant

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## 2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Dizmang, seconded by Chair Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

- 4) Action Items: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Committee Prior to Action Being Taken.)
- 4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held July 19, 2022.

It was moved by Committee Member Dizmang, seconded by Chair Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held July 19, 2022, as written.

# 4.2) Discussion and Overview of Cash Flow Statement and Current Cash Balances as of July 2022. (Financial Advisor Egan)

Financial Advisor Egan provided an overview of the monthly Major Account Activity Report, Investment Funds Report, and Cash Flow Statement through July 2022, including assessments received, the Butte payment, and the projected year-end balance, followed by discussion of the long-term lease with Butte County.

# 4.3) Discussion and Overview of Financial Statements, Revenue, and Expense and Departmental Budget Reports for July 2022. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer reviewed in detail the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, quarterly comparison report, departmental budgets versus actual, and individual departmental budgets for the period ending July 2022 and stated that most departments are operating at or near the historical trend average of 55.4% for revenues, the historical trend average of 56.4% for expenses, and the traditional budgetary percentage of 58.3% followed by discussion of the District's increased costs.

# 4.4) Discussion and Overview of Committed Contracts Issued. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

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 2018A Series and 2021A Series Water Revenue Bonds through July 2022.

4.5) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation for Setting Palmdale Water District's Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and Adoption of Resolution No. 22-24 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Establishing Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer/Financial Advisor Egan)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer and Financial Advisor Egan provided an overview of annual assessment rates and the calculations for the District's rates, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Committee Member Dizmang, seconded by Chair Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting that

the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation that the full Board consider setting Palmdale Water District's assessment rates for fiscal year 2022-2023 and adopt Resolution No. 22-24 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Establishing Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

# 4.6) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation for a Five-Year Capital Lease for Equipment and Smaller Non-Bondable Capital Projects. (\$1 Million – Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer provided an overview of a proposed five-year capital lease program, and after a brief discussion of proposed equipment included in the program, it was moved by Committee Member Dizmang, seconded by Chair Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation that the full Board consider a Five-Year Capital Lease for Equipment and Smaller Non-Bondable Capital Projects in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2.4 million.

### 5) Reports.

# 5.1) Finance Manager Hoffmeyer:

#### a) The Effect of COVID-19 Event.

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer stated that due to COVID-19 events, as of July 2022, there were 905 single family accounts with a balance of \$50 or more and over sixty days past due with a total past due amount of \$317,292, which is an increase of 2.62% from prior months; that one year ago, there were 1,607 accounts meeting this criteria with an amount owing of \$986,421; and that staff continues to offer payment arrangements encouraging the payment of outstanding balances.

### b) Revenue Projections.

He then stated that based on selling 17,000 AF of water, 2022 revenue is behind projections by approximately \$395,200 as of July 2022.

# c) 2023 Budget Kick-off.

He then provided a detailed overview of staff's recommendations for the basis of the 2023 Budget, including projected water usage and employee expenses.

#### 5.2) Financial Advisor Egan:

#### a) Debt Service Coverage Status.

Financial Advisor Egan stated that the Debt Service Coverage for August 2021 to July 2022 is 2.35.

#### 5.3) Other.

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer informed the Committee that the District is in compliance with all requirements of its bond issuances.

There were no other items to report.

### 6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

# 7) Date of Next Committee Meeting.

It was determined that the next Finance Committee meeting will be held September 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

# 8) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_Chair

# MINUTES OF STRATEGIC PLAN SPECIAL MEETING WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 29, 2022:

A Strategic Plan Special Meeting Workshop of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, August 29, 2022, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. President, Gloria Dizmang, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

#### 1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of President Dizmang, Resource and Analytics Director Thompson II led the pledge of allegiance.

#### 2) Roll Call.

#### Attendance:

Gloria Dizmang, President Vincent Dino, Vice President Don Wilson, Treasurer Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Secretary Scott Kellerman, Director

#### **Others Present:**

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
G. Ross Trindle, General Counsel
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Angelica Barragan-Garcia, Human Resources Dir.
Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager
Scott Rogers, Engineering Manager
Peter Thompson II, Resource & Analytics Dir.
Mynor Masaya, Operations Manager
Tara Rosati, Customer Care Supervisor
Dr. Bill Mathis, The Mathis Consulting Group
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
0 members of the public

# Adoption of Agenda.

President Dizmang stated that an item arose after the posting of today's agenda and requires action prior to the time of the next Board meeting after which it was moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to add "Agenda Item No. 4.2 - Consideration and possible action on authorizing staff to enter into a contract with ICS for removal of sediment from the Littlerock Reservoir. (\$2.8 million – Budgeted – Engineering Manager Rogers)" to today's agenda as pursuant to

Government Code Section 54954.2(b), this item came to the attention of the District after the agenda was posted, and there is a need to take immediate action on this item:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye

It was then moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Kellerman, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as amended, adding Agenda Item No. 4.2:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye

- 4) 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.)
- 4.1) Workshop, Consideration, and Possible Action on Palmdale Water District's 2022 Strategic Plan. (General Manager LaMoreaux/Dr. Bill Mathis, The Mathis Group)

Dr. Bill Mathis, The Mathis Group, reviewed the effect of COVID-19 on agencies, the contract for General Manager LaMoreaux being extended to 2024, the need to complete the evaluation for General Manager LaMoreaux at a special meeting in September to establish specific goals, coordination of projects, if possible, with United Water Conservation District, and staffing levels followed by discussion of internal leadership development, ongoing communication with the Board and more participation from department managers, better defining job descriptions, conducting a job analysis, completing the 2022 salary survey, and a future Workshop to review the District's participation with various JPA's.

At 10:25 a.m., President Dizmang called for a 15-minute recess. She reconvened the Strategic Plan Special Meeting Workshop at 10:40 a.m.

General Manager LaMoreaux then stated that top projects for the District include repair and maintenance of the 6MG clearwell involving the new booster station, addressing needed repairs for all storage tanks as recommended by a recent assessment, water supply strategies including the removal of sediment from Littlerock Reservoir, development of more options for storing water during wet years for use in dry years and maximizing the use of water from the State Water Project, and the development of the Pure Water AV project for the use of recycled water. Additional projects include reopening the Littlerock Dam area for recreation possibly in 2024 in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the Dam, creating maintenance/replacement programs for the District's infrastructure, the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant and related facilities, and meters similar to the water main replacement program, and offsetting power costs with renewable energy.

Draft updates to the Strategic Plan Initiatives were then discussed for future Board action as follows:

# <u>Strategic Initiation No. 1 – Water Resource Reliability:</u>

- Support and participate with local agencies in the development of projects and policies that improve water resources, storage, and reliability
- Continue the Pure Water AV project to maximize state and federal funding opportunities
- Support projects and initiatives that increase the resilience of the State Water Project
- Develop water storage projects for the storage of State Water Project supplies and improve groundwater capture access
- Strengthen stakeholder relationships and implement Littlerock Dam and Reservoir sediment removal

# Strategic Initiative No. 2 – Organizational Excellence:

- Offer competitive compensation and benefits package for employee retention
- Focus Succession Planning Program on ensuring an overlap of training for key positions
- Continue providing transparency to our ratepayers through training for the continued achievement of the Districts of Distinction certification

- Encourage cohesiveness, transparency, and integrity within the staff through Codes of Conduct and increased accountability
- Ensure employees are trained on the Strategic Plan and Core Values of Diversity, Integrity, Teamwork, and Passion
- Improve safety for Directors, employees, and customers
- Develop career paths at the District for interns and pursue state and federal funding for intern programs
- Cultivate a positive culture and increase employee engagement

### Strategic Initiative No. 3 – Systems Efficiency:

- Explore energy independence and evaluate the feasibility of energy options, including wind and solar
- Incorporate more energy efficient technologies into the District's infrastructure
- Research state-of-the-art treatment techniques to enhance systems efficiency
- Re-evaluate Lake Palmdale by-pass pipeline and pursue funding options
- Improve Palmdale Ditch to reduce water loss

It was then stated that Strategic Initiative No.'s 4, 5, and 6 will be reviewed and refined at the next Strategic Plan Special Meeting Workshop.

4.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Enter Into a Contract with ICS for Removal of Sediment From the Littlerock Reservoir. (\$2.8 Million – Budgeted – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided an overview of this work and the proposals received after which it was moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to authorize staff to enter into a Professional Services Contract with ICS for removal of sediment from the Littlerock Reservoir:

President Dizmang – aye
Director Dino – aye
Director Wilson – aye
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Director Kellerman – aye

# 5) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, AUGUST 31, 2022:

A meeting of the Personnel Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. Chair Mac Laren-Gomez called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

#### 1) Roll Call.

Attendance: Others Present:

Committee: Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager

Scott Kellerman, Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager

Committee Member Angelica Barragan-Garcia, Human Resources Director

Scott Rogers, Engineering Manager Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant

0 members of the public

### 2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Kellerman, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

- 4) Action Items: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Committee Prior to Action Being Taken.)
- 4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held May 25, 2022.

It was moved by Committee Member Kellerman, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held May 25, 2022, as written.

# 4.2) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Update the Executive Assistant Job Description. (No Budget Impact – Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia)

Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia provided an overview of the updates to the Executive Assistant job description, and after a brief discussion of the duties and requirements for the position, it was moved by Committee Member Kellerman, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation to update the Executive Assistant job description and that this item be presented to the full Board for consideration at the September 12 Regular Board Meeting.

# 4.3) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Update the Engineering Analyst Job Description. (No Budget Impact – Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia)

Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia provided an overview of the updates to the Engineering Analyst job description, and after a brief discussion of the duties and requirements for the position, it was moved by Committee Member Kellerman, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation to update the Engineering Analyst job description and that this item be presented to the full Board for consideration at the September 12 Regular Board Meeting.

# 4.4) Consideration and Possible Action on a Recommendation to Update the Customer Care Representative Job Description. (No Budget Impact – Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia)

Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia provided an overview of the updates to the Customer Care Representative job description, and after a brief discussion of the duties and requirements for the position, it was moved by Committee Member Kellerman, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting that the Committee concurs with staff's recommendation to update the Customer Care Representative job description and that this item be presented to the full Board for consideration at the September 12 Regular Board Meeting.

### 4.5) Discussion of Employee Events. (Director Mac Laren-Gomez)

Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia stated that a summer event was cancelled due to COVID-19; that the District's Events Committee reviewed options for a holiday event; that the options of a dinner/DJ at the Antelope Valley Country Club or Cascades, a more extensive all-hands luncheon with catering and gifts for all employees, a dinner/DJ at the Embassy Suites Hotel, or a dinner at a restaurant with gifts for all employees will be presented to staff through a survey to help determine the best event; and that updates will be provided to the Committee.

#### 5) Reports:

### 5.1) Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia:

### a) Update on 2023 Benefits Premium.

Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia stated that District policy for health benefits is for the District to pay the full amount of the lowest cost family plan with employees paying the balance for other plans they may choose and that the lowest cost family plan for 2023 is a PPO plan with HMO plan costs increasing.

She then reviewed the high number of staff on HMO plans, the employee 2023 out-of-pocket increase on top of current out-of-pocket health costs, and several scenarios for reducing these costs and stated that these scenarios are presented for the Committee's information.

After a brief discussion of these costs, costs to employees, balancing a cost-of-living adjustment with the increased costs, remaining competitive, the budget, and the timeline for open enrollment, it was recommended that the Committee meet in September to consider a recommendation on this matter for the Board's consideration at the September 26 Regular Board Meeting.

# b) Update on Salary Survey.

Human Resources Director Barragan-Garcia stated that during her preparation of the salary survey, she is ensuring each position is analyzed for each range; that the initial analysis indicates the District is competitive with its salaries; and that the focus of the salary survey is for the District to remain competitive with a concentration on

recruitment followed by discussion of the District's service area, cost of living for the area, and comparing the District to like-size agencies for the salary survey.

## 6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

### 7) Date of Next Committee Meeting.

It was stated that the next Personnel Committee meeting will be held September 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

#### 8) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Personnel Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

# PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 20, 2022 September 26, 2022

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Meeting

**FROM:** Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.2.a – SEPTEMBER 2022 GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The following is the September 2022 report to the Board of activities through August 2022. It is organized to follow the District's 2020 Strategic Plan approved in August 2020 and composed of six strategic initiatives. The initiatives follow for reference. It is intended to provide a general update on the month's activities.

# **PWD 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY**



**Water Resource Reliability:** Resilience, Development, Partnership

Support and participate with local agencies in the development of projects and policies that improve water reliability

Expand the recycled water distribution system for both public access and construction water

Continue the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project to maximize state and federal funding opportunities

Support projects and initiatives that increase the resilience of the State Water Project

Expand access to available water supplies to increase drought resiliency, develop water storage projects, and improve the ability to capture groundwater, local surface water, and recycled water

Update the 2010 Strategic Water Resources Plan and Water Supply Fee to ensure funding for needed projects

Strengthen stakeholder relationships and implement Littlerock Dam and Reservoir sediment removal



<u>Organizational Excellence:</u> Train, Perform, Reward

Offer competitive compensation and benefits package for employee recruitment and retention

Focus Succession Planning Program on ensuring an overlap of training for key positions

Continue providing transparency to our ratepayers

Promote and support leadership training and professional development programs to enhance the District's customers' experience

Ensure employees are trained on the Strategic Plan and the District's Values of Diversity, Integrity, Teamwork, and Passion

Improve safety for Directors, employees, and customers

Develop career paths at the District for interns and pursue state and federal funding for intern programs

Involve employees in community engagement and professional platforms



#### **Systems Efficiency:** Independence, Technology, Research

Explore energy independence and evaluate the feasibility of energy options, including wind and solar

Incorporate more energy efficient technologies into the District's infrastructure

Advance new technologies to increase treatment efficiencies, including the use of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)

Research state-of-the-art treatment techniques to help with systems efficiency and flexibility in using recycled water and surface water

Enhance technologies to increase efficiencies

Re-evaluate Lake Palmdale by-pass pipeline and pursue funding options

Improve Palmdale Ditch to reduce water loss



#### **Financial Health and Stability:** Strength, Consistency, Balance

Pursue grant funding for District projects and operations

Maintain the five-year financial plan adopted as part of the 2019 Water Rate Study, including the five-year Capital Improvement Plan

Build adequate reserve levels and achieve high-level bond rating

Seek potential revenue sources from vacant District properties

Monitor finances, operations, and projects affected by emergencies

Digitize and document departmental workflows



### **Regional Leadership:** Engage, Lead, Progress

Increase involvement with water, business, and community partnerships

Provide opportunities for local businesses to contract with the District

Expand the Greater Antelope Valley Water Emergency Coalition by continuing to collaborate with neighboring water agencies and moving to include more agencies outside of the Antelope Valley

Develop working relationships and mutually beneficial projects with other water agencies in the District's state and federal representatives' districts

Develop events or activities with lessees of District properties

Host a  $100^{th}$  anniversary celebration for a fully re-opened Littlerock Dam and Reservoir recreation area in 2024



#### <u>Customer Care, Advocacy and Outreach:</u> Promote, Educate, Support

Enhance customers' experience through communication and feedback

Evaluate, develop, and market additional payment options

Develop the District's Public Outreach Plan and increase public awareness of current programs and services

Develop partnerships with various agencies to distribute information about resources available to the public

Engage elected officials and the public on the importance of local, state, federal, and global water reliability issues

Expand the District's social media platforms and find new avenues to share information and news

Plan and convert to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) to increase customers' knowledge of water use

Continue to promote and expand school water education programs

#### **Overview**

This report also includes charts that show the effects of the District's efforts in several areas. They are organized within each strategic initiative and include status of the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) former long-term conservation orders (20 x 2020), the District's total per capita water use trends, 2022 actual water production and customer use graph, mainline leaks, and the water loss trends for both 12- and 24-month running averages.



#### Water Resource Reliability Resilience, Development, Partnership

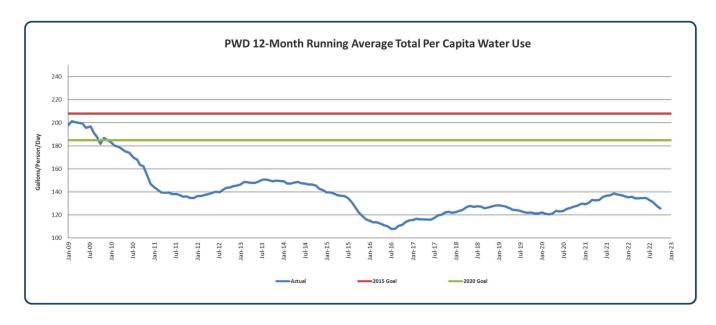
This initiative includes conservation efforts, water supply projects, and water planning. Recent highlights are as follows:

#### Overall Water Use Goals and Compliance

The 20 x 2020 per capita reduction goals passed by the legislature in 2009 with new long-term water budgeting requirements were replaced with new requirements and water agency water budgets. These follow through on the "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" plan. The District expects to easily comply with the new requirements as they are based on the same philosophy as the District's water budget rate structure.

The 2020 Urban Water Management Plan was adopted by the District in June 2021. It does not relate the District's water use to the upcoming agency water budget. Until these criteria are finalized, the customers' performance is shown in this report using the 20 x 2020 requirements.

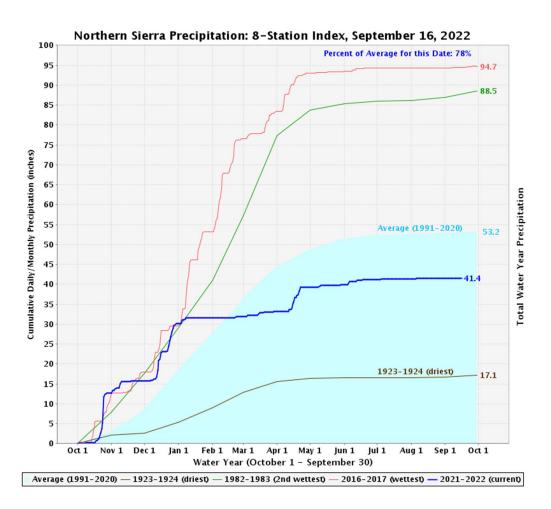
The District's compliance with the former 20 x 2020 law is evident from the chart titled "PWD 12-Month Running Average Total Per Capita Water Use:"

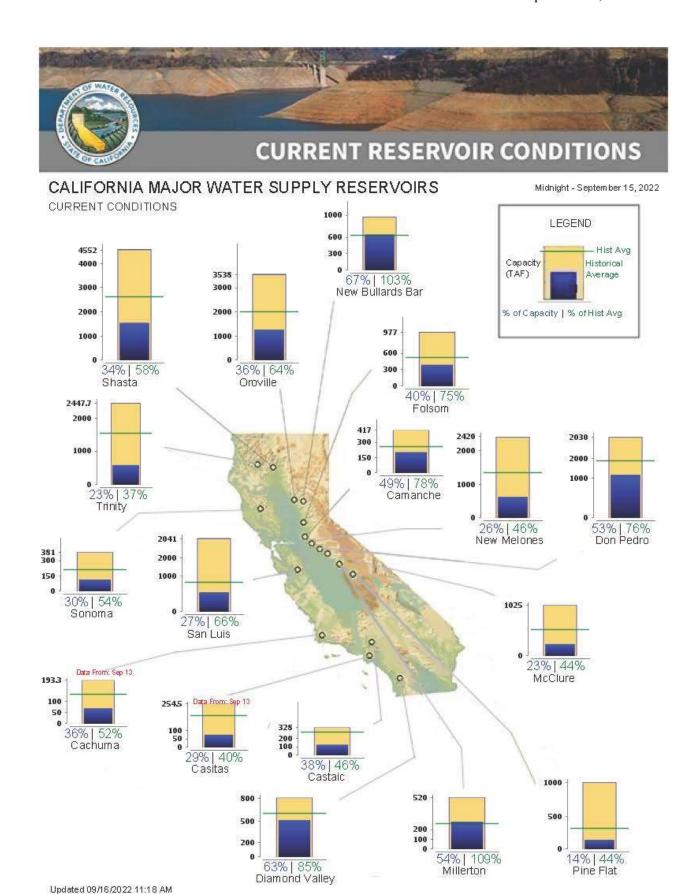


The District's customers have cut their water use by **45.5%** from the baseline number of 231 re-established in the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and met the 2020 Goal in early 2010. The current Metered-GPCD is 126 showing our customers' reduced usage.

### 2022 Water Supply Information – Extremely Dry Year

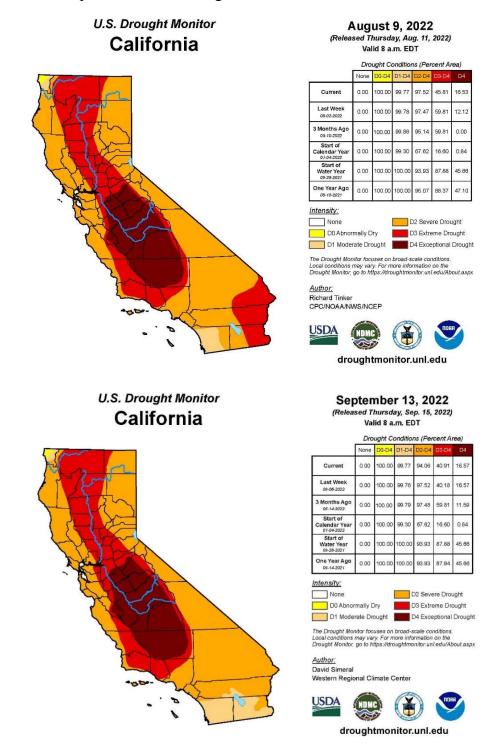
- The AV Adjudication is now entering its seventh year, and the reduction to the native safe yield is in its fifth year. The District's native groundwater right is 2,769.63 AF. The District's 2022 groundwater rights are 8,097.26 AF with 8,775.65 AF of Carryover production rights from prior years for a total of 16,872.91 AF. This is more than the District's existing wellfields can pump.
- The 2022 Water Resources Plan is set at this point. Precipitation in the area that contributes to the State Water Project is at 78% of average for the 2021-2022 Water Year (October through September). The SWP allocation was reduced from 15% to 5% in March. This is the first time the SWP has had two consecutive years of a 5% allocation. The District secured other water sources as needed for 2022 including the SWC Dry Year Program, Yuba Accord Water, third-party water, and exchanges. The current precipitation and state reservoir storage as of Friday, September 16, 2022, are as follows:





### 2021-2022 Drought and District Response

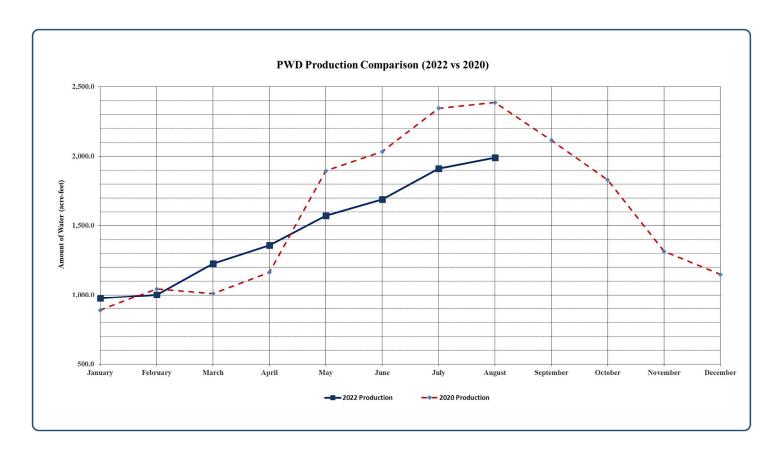
It is easy to see this year's conditions are getting worse. The following map of California shows the levels of drought in the state as of August 9 and September 13, 2022. Most of Kern County, Sacramento Valley, and San Joaquin Valley are now in "Extreme Drought." This map is updated on a weekly basis and provides information that can help the District take needed steps to address the drought in the weeks and months ahead.



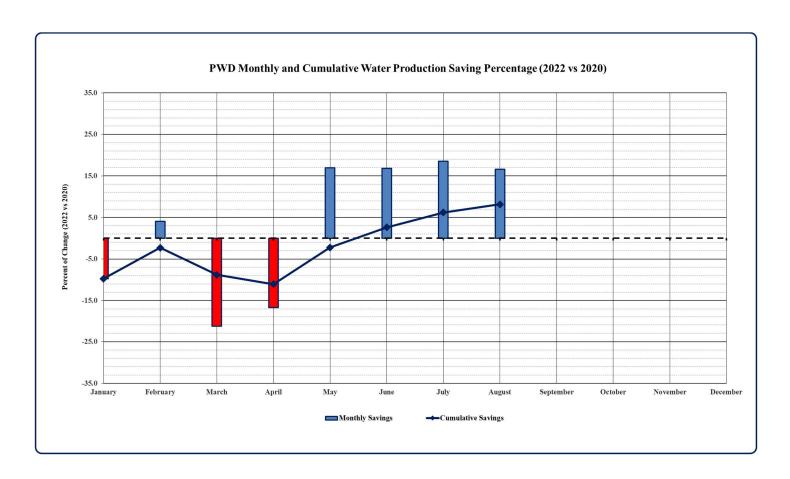
The Board approved moving into mandatory conservation on April 11, 2022 by enacting Stage 2 at 20% reduction compared to 2020 water use. The goal of these actions is to reduce water use by 3,000 AF from May to the end of the year. This is needed to match the available water supplies. The following table summarizes water use through August 31, 2022 as compared to the same period in 2020. 2022 water production is currently 8.2% below the same time in 2020.

Year to Date Comparisons								
Year to Date	Total Prod.	Total Billed	Water Loss			Aver. Active	Aver. Gallons	Aver. Per Cap. Use
Through:	(acft.)	(acft.)	(acft.)	(%)	(12 mo %)	Connections	per Conn./month	( gal/day/per.)
August 31, '20	12,770.4	10,852.6	1,917.8	15.0	9.9	26,769	16,508	123.3
August 31, '22	11,728.8	10,503.7	1,225.1	10.4	7.4	26,986	15,851	118.9
Increase	-1,041.6	-348.9	-692.7	-4.6	-2.5	217	-657	-4.4
% Increase	-8.2	-3.2	-36.1	-30.4	-25.2	0.8	-4.0	-3.6
5 yr. Average ('17-'21)	12,528.3	10,732.3	1,796.0	14.3	8.9	26,734	16,347	122

One thing the "Year to Date Comparison" table does not do is show a comparison of individual months in 2022 versus 2020. The following graphs help to show that comparison. The first graph, "PWD Production Comparison (2022 vs 2020)", shows the monthly water production in both 2022 and 2020. It should be noted that rain in early 2020 reduced water production in March and April. Water production in 2022 followed a more typical pattern.



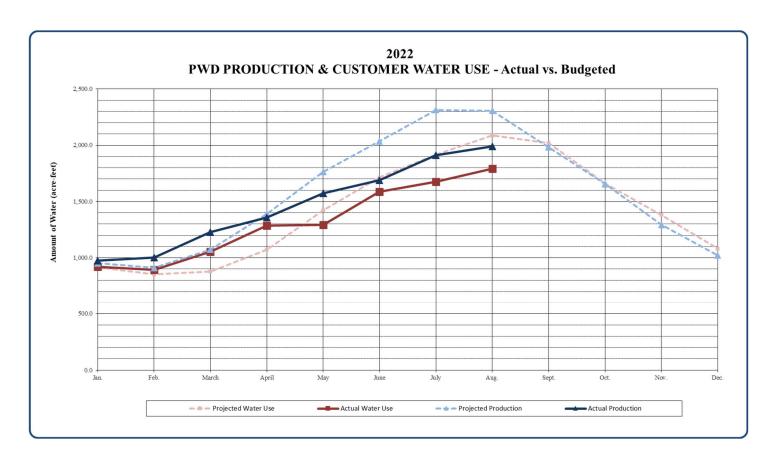
The second graph, "PWD Monthly and Cumulative Water Production Saving Percentage (2022 vs. 2020), illustrates the difference between each month in 2022 and 2020. Less production, or savings, in 2022 is shown in blue and more production is shown in red. This shows that customers are responding to the drought in May and June. It also shows the cumulative savings from January 1 through July 31. It is moving in the right direction at 8.2% less water production in 2022 than in 2020.

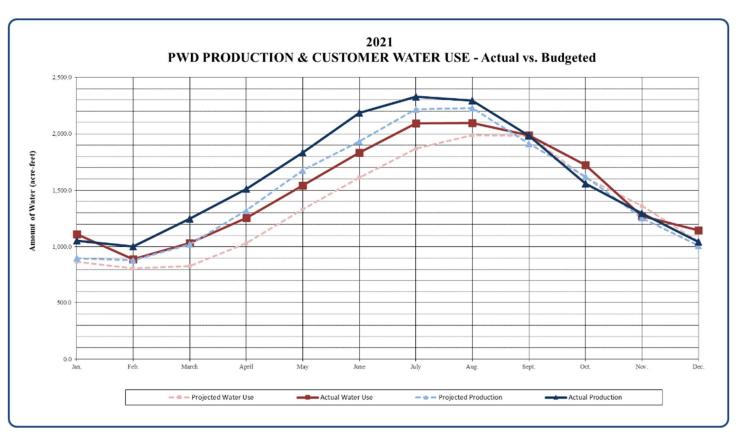


#### 2022 Water Use Information

The following graph is the projected monthly water consumption and production for 2022 based on the prior five years of actual monthly information. The projected total consumption is based on the 2022 Budget amount of 17,000 AF, a 5.5% reduction from 2021 actual water use. The new estimated consumption amount due to the drought conservation measures is 14,343 AF or 2,657 AF less. This is a projected reduction of 20.2% from 2021.

Actual amounts are shown through August. The 2021 graph shows the projected and actual water use last year. Customer water use was 17,983.6 AF in 2021. This is the most water used by customers since 18,127 AF in 2014, before the 2015-2017 drought.





#### Other Items

The Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project (Project) Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) was fully approved in 2017. The Project consists of three phases. The Grade Control Structure is Phase 1 and was completed in January 2020.

Phase II is the removal of 1.2 million cubic yards (CY) of sediment from the reservoir. Staff worked with Aspen Environmental to secure all the necessary permits for this year from Labor Day through December. The project was advertised, and bids were opened for the full first year of sediment removal. However, the bids were rejected due to the high costs. Staff negotiated with interested contractors on a smaller project for 2022 and the Board approved a contract with ICS. Work is expected to begin the week of September 12, 2022 with mobilization and site preparation. The first sediment is expected to be removed the following week.

- The focus of using recycled water for a stable potable water supply has shifted to advanced water treatment and groundwater augmentation. The program management firm assisting the District with the project is Stantec. Current activities include evaluating delivery methods, branding, developing a funding strategy, and the preliminary demonstration facility design.
- The Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge Project construction is complete. The project partners, City of Palmdale, LA County Waterworks, and AVEK, are now finalizing the operation and maintenance agreement.

The City of Palmdale recently notified the project partners about the mitigation requirements and costs. The two stages, 11.28 acres and 38.72 acres, of mitigation are being finalized with the regulatory agencies. The estimated construction costs are \$1,715,662 and \$3,567,595, respectively, and will be built several years apart. The City is also seeking grant funding for these costs. The District's anticipated share for the first phase is approximately \$75,000.

Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA): This joint power authority is responsible for the environmental, design, and engineering of the project and works with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on the project. The Board is now reorganized with more representation from smaller agencies. This includes adding two seats for the East Branch, Class 8, of the California Aqueduct. The agencies are AVEK, PWD, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID), Mojave Water Agency (MWA), Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD), San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, Desert Water Agency, and Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD).

The Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) is moving to the next step of a Draft EIR/EIS (Draft) for the public's review. The Department of Water Resources released the Draft on July 27, 2022. The public review period is 90-days.



## <u>Organizational Excellence</u> Train, Perform, Reward

This initiative includes efforts to restructure staff duties and activities to provide service more efficiently to our customers. Recent highlights are as follows:

- Nearly 80 percent of the District's staff is required to have certifications or licenses issued by the State of California. Many of these have continuing education requirements which must be met by technical training. The District provides for this in several ways including hosting classes given by the California Rural Water Association, having a training budget for staff to attend conferences, and providing an education tuition allowance for each employee.
- COVID-19 Pandemic Response: District staff initiated a draft Pandemic Response Plan on March 4, 2020 as the State of California and County of Los Angeles issued declarations of emergency. The other options to conduct business with the District, including using the website, calling Customer Care, using the automated phone system, and using remote payment sites, were promoted on social media, the website, and radio spots.

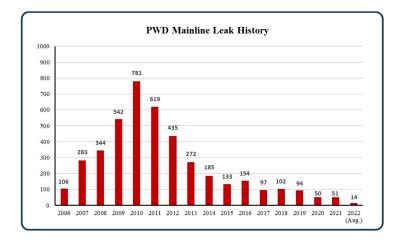
The District also continued to comply with social distancing regulations by updating the Pandemic Response Plan, rotating staff to work from home, staggering work hours, and providing face coverings for staff. The lobby was reopened Monday, July 12, 2021. Customer Care representatives continue to alternate between working from the office and home.

- Despite the pandemic, the District has continued to find ways for internships and training opportunities for college and high school students who are interested in the water industry.
   The Board also recently authorized paid internships for the remainder of this year.
- Job descriptions have been updated and will be used as the basis of a salary survey with comparable water agencies.
- The Employee Handbook was reviewed and recommended for Board approval by the Ad-Hoc Committee. The Board adopted the updated handbook at a regular meeting on August 8, 2022. Staff training was then held for the updated Handbook.

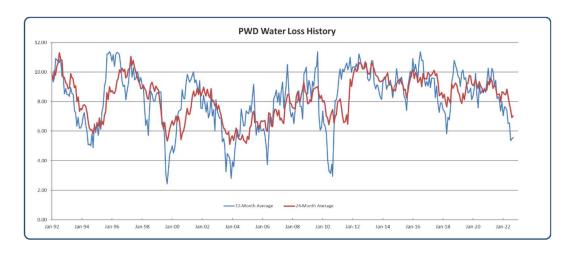
## **Systems Efficiency** Independence, Technology, Research

This initiative largely focuses on the state of the District's infrastructure. Recent highlights are as follows:

• The effects of the District's past efforts in replacing failing water mains and meters can be seen in the reduced number of mainline leaks. This is illustrated in the chart titled "Mainline Leak History." The mainline leaks through August 2022 total 14 with 54 service line leaks.



- Additional water main replacement projects are being designed for construction as planned in the 2019 Water Rate Plan. Completed 2022 projects include the neighborhood replacement project bounded by Desert Sands Park, Avenue Q, Division Street, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East and in 10<sup>th</sup> Street East north of Avenue P. Several smaller projects off of 5<sup>th</sup> Street East and Avenue Q-10 are in process.
- The positive effect of both water main and water meter replacement programs is also shown on the chart titled "PWD Water Loss History." The running average for water losses is lowering and running less than 8%.



District staff is working on two energy technologies that will benefit our customers. One
is the use of batteries for backup power at four booster facilities. The other is a
demonstration project for the generation and storage of hydrogen from wind energy.

These programs are grant funded and managed by the California Public Utilities Commission and California Energy Commission, respectfully. The grant funds go directly to the technology providers, Tesla and DasH2Energy. Both projects involve the installation of pre-designed and assembled equipment at District facilities with minimal construction work at the sites.

The wind turbine has been inoperable due to a bad anemometer and related parts. Staff is working on a couple fronts to resolve this. It has been in operation for eighteen years as of August 2022, and parts are difficult to find. The main considerations moving forward are maximizing the generation, the availability of repair parts, and adequate competition for maintenance contracts. Staff is also looking at the potential replacement or refurbishment of the turbine.



#### **Financial Health and Stability** Strength, Consistency, Balance

- PWD and City of Palmdale staffs have worked together to obtain funding for the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) Phase II Project. Last year, PRWA decided to suspend the Phase II purple pipe project while the advanced treatment project is studied. PRWA is ten years old. The Board will consider how to mark that anniversary once input is received from the City staff.
- The Littlerock Sediment Removal Project was awarded over \$1,000,000 through the AVIRWMP Grant Program in the current round of funding due to Phase II being suspended. This grant is part of \$2.8M the District is using for the sediment removal this year.
- The 2019 Water Rate Study and Proposition 218 was completed when the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 19-15. This set the water rate structure and water rates for 2020-2024 and includes criteria to evaluate the District's financial condition each year. It gives the Board the ability to reduce the water rates if the District's financial position meets four (4) of the criteria in an annual review while preparing the following year's budget.
- Fitch Ratings reviewed the District's bond rating in December 2021. The review affirmed the District's rating with them of "A+" with a stable outlook. This is a good result considering the uncertainty of operating in the COVID-19 pandemic.

The District is seeking State and/or Federal assistance to provide water service to the Alpine Springs Mobile Home Park on Sierra Highway. It has poor water quality from its well, has several health violations, and now relies on hauled water. Maria Kennedy, Kennedy Communications, is experienced with these programs and is contracted with the District to accomplish it.

The first step will be the State completing an agreement and issuing a check to fund water hauling until the connection to the District is designed, constructed, and operational.

The COVID-19 shutoff moratorium ended in January 2022. Staff has started providing dated notices to delinquent customers. However, the District will only focus on customers who were behind in February 2020 and current amounts over \$600. Shutoffs begin in March. They have moved forward with lower amounts of outstanding bills. Shutoffs are now nearly back to pre-pandemic levels.

Staff is working with customers by setting up Special Payment Arrangements (SPA's) and assisting with any available State or Federal programs to help customers address unpaid balances.



## **Regional Leadership** Engage, Lead, Progress

This initiative includes efforts to involve the community, be involved in regional activities, and be a resource for other agencies in the area. Recent highlights are as follows:

- Activities of the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA), AV Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), and Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association have continued. The District has leadership positions in these organizations. District staff is active in the local chambers, AV EDGE, regional human resources, and public information organizations.
- The PWRA Board consists of two Palmdale City Councilmembers, two PWD Board members, and a public director Zakeya Anson.
- The District staff continues to share the administration of the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board (AVWB) with AVEK and related meetings. The AVWB has decided to hire Hallmark as the new Watermaster administrator and the District will transition the work to Hallmark over the next year.
- The "PWD Water Ambassador Academy" (WAA) was completed in April 2022. A one-day Junior WAA is tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2022. This is specifically designed for interested high school students.

- The District and other members of the Public Water Agencies Group (PWAG) share the services of an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. This approach also helped the District successfully comply with the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018 and respond to the current COVID-19 event.
- Staff has taken a lead role in developing and implementing a valley-wide mutual aid agreement for agencies and mutual water companies.

#### United Water Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding

The District and United Water Conservation District (United) approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to work cooperatively on projects where our interests overlap. These include internships and cooperation with community colleges, combined recreational funding for Piru and Littlerock Reservoir recreational improvements, and assistance and funding of advanced treatment of recycled or brackish water for potable use projects.

This MOU and our joint activities were the subject of a presentation given at the 2022 CSDA Annual Conference by United General Manager and me. The presentation and associated article were well received and generated positive interest and a number of questions.

There have been several meetings between District staff and United Human Resources staff to discuss apprenticeship programs, intern programs, and work with three community college districts to support water-related curriculum. The first action item from these meetings was the funding of PWD interns for 2022. Participation in interview panels and the development of a mutual aid agreement are also being done.

Recreation staff from United met with District staff and visited the Littlerock Recreation Area in March. They provided good advice and input on a rough plan for helping the Area open in 2024. Staff worked with the Angeles National Forest (ANF) as the first step in clearing the prior recreational concessionaire's property in the recreational area. All the property now belongs to the ANF. A hazardous material survey is being funded to begin the process of clearing the site.

Several other meetings have been held regarding the use of available State Water Project (SWP) supplies. District and United staffs are working with other East Branch SWP contractors on ways to recategorize water and avoid having water go unused. This is expected to make additional water available for United and the District.

Additional coordination will also be focused on both agency's advanced water treatment projects. The United project will treat brackish groundwater for a potable use

by the military. The PWD project, Pure Water AV, will treat tertiary water for potable of our customers. Once Pure Water AV is more established, joint meetings with state and federal representatives will be held to get funding assistance.

Lastly, I have proposed regular meetings of both Boards' liaisons and general managers. These will help us stay coordinated and make sure our efforts are productive.



### <u>Customer Care, Advocacy, and Outreach</u> Promote, Educate, Support

This initiative includes efforts to better serve our customers. Recent highlights are as follows:

- The Board approved moving forward with a new supplier, meter brand, and reading system to replace the failed systems approved in September 2020. This transition will begin this fall.
- The ability to make payments at 7-Eleven and Family Dollar Store as well as all electronic forms of payment critical for customers during the COVID-19 event.
- The Rate Assistance Program reached capacity by February. Staff continually monitors it for openings and will begin taking applications for 2023 in November 2022.
- Staff successfully conducted virtual coffee meetings with Directors and their constituents, online "Let's Talk H2O" meetings, issued regular internal and public newsletters, coordinated drive-through giveaways for customers, an in-person customer appreciation day, monitored and maintained the District's social media, and assisted with information for the current drought.
- Staff has finished updating the public website and is working on a contract to complete the intranet for staff.