

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 27, 2023:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, February 27, 2023, via teleconference. President, Don Wilson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

No pledge of allegiance was held.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
G. Ross Trindle, General Counsel
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Scott Rogers, Engineering Manager
Chris Bligh, Facilities Manager
Wendell Wall, Facilities Manager
Tara Rosati, Customer Care Supervisor
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
1 member of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dizmang, 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 adopt the agenda, as written:

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

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

5) Presentations:

5.1) None at this time.

There were no presentations.

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 February 13, 2023.

6.2) Payment of Bills for February 27, 2023.

President Wilson announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve those items included in the Consent Calendar:

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

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) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 23-2 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Authorizing the District's Application for Funding from the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 for the Pure Water Antelope Valley Project. (\$1,000,000.00 – Potential Revenue – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers)

Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers provided an overview of the grant funding opportunity of \$1,000,000.00 from the Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Antelope Valley Project after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, 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 approve Resolution No. 23-2 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Authorizing the District's Application for Funding from the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 for the Pure Water Antelope Valley Project:

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

Resolution No. 23-2 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Update to the District's Standard Specifications and Drawings for Water Distribution Construction. (No Budget Impact – Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers)

Engineering/Grant Manager Rogers provided a brief overview of the updates to the District's Standard Specifications and Drawings for Water Distribution Construction, including the addition of the List of Approved Materials, after which it was moved by Director Dino, 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 approve the update to District's Standard Specifications and Drawings for Water Distribution Construction:

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

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action to Reschedule or Cancel the May 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Due to Lack of a Quorum. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that there will not be a Board quorum to hold the May 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting after which it was moved by Director

Dizmang, seconded by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve cancellation of the May 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting:

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

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 2023 Budget:

a) AWWA ACE23 Conference to be held June 11-14, 2023 in Toronto, Canada.

It was moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Kellerman, and after clarification that only one staff member will be attending and that the associated costs would be limited to hotel accommodations, the motion unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2023 Budget: AWWA ACE23 Conference to be held June 11-14, 2023 in Toronto, Canada:

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

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

**1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) – February 14.
(Director Dino, Board Liaison/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)**

Director Dino reported that on February 14, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting where they approved an award of contract for seven budgeted asset replacement capital projects and provided updates on their 25th Street West pipeline extension project and 60th Street West and Avenue L-12 turnout upsizing.

2) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club – February 18. (Director Dizmang, Board Liaison/President Wilson, Alternate)

Director Dizmang reported that on February 18, she attended the Palmdale Fin & Feather Club meeting and that it was cancelled due to equipment trouble.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on February 15, he attended his Coffee with a Director and that there were inquiries on District job openings; that on February 21, he completed the KnowB4 cyber security training; that on February 23, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on February 24, he attended the AV Edge Business Summit where they presented a positive outlook on the economy.

President Wilson reported that on February 15, he attended the Coffee with Director Kellerman; that on February 15, he also attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on February 23, he attended a Board Briefing; that on February 24, he attended the AV Edge Business Summit; and that on February 27, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Dizmang reported that on February 15, she attended the Coffee with Director Kellerman; that on February 16, she attended a CSDA SDANLAC Chapter Meeting; that on February 23, she attended a Board Briefing; that on February 24, she attended the AV Edge Business Summit; and that on February 27, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on February 21, she attended an Antelope Valley Watermaster Steering Committee Meeting; that on February 22, she attended the Antelope Valley Watermaster Meeting; that on February 23, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on February 24, she attended the AV Edge Business Summit.

Director Dino reported that on February 14, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on February 15, he attended the Coffee with Director Kellerman; that on February 16, he attended the CSDA SDANLAC Chapter Meeting; that on February 22,

he attended a CSDA Webinar regarding “Board Member and District Liabilities Issues 2022”; that on February 23, he attended a Board Briefing; that on February 24, he attended the AV Edge Business Summit; and that on February 27, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) February 2023 Written Report of Activities Through January 2023.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that he submitted a written report included in the agenda packets if there are any questions and then highlighted that the State Water Project allocation increased from 30 to 35 percent; that the spill level at Littlerock Dam rose above the emergency alarm notification level and that the Emergency Response Plan spill levels should be reviewed; that there were no mainline leaks in the month of January; and that the District’s bond rating of A+ was reaffirmed.

b) Department Activity Updates:

1) Customer Care Department. (Customer Care Supervisor Rosati)

Customer Care Supervisor Rosati provided a detailed update of the Customer Care Department’s current and projected activities, including staffing and Customer Care statistics, and then stated that the Rate Assistance Program is now closed with 692 completed and 8 pending applicants and that pledges are available through the Maravilla Foundation for customers needing financial assistance.

2) Facilities Department. (Facilities Manager Wall)

Assistant General Manager Ly stated that Facilities Manager Bligh is retiring after 21 years of service after which Facilities Manager Bligh expressed his sincere gratitude for his career with the District and for his dedicated staff.

The Board of Directors then congratulated and thanked Facilities Manager Bligh for his years of dedication to the District.

Facilities Manager Wall then provided a detailed update of the Facilities Department’s current and projected activities for the Construction Crew and Operation Technicians, including staffing, repairs, replacements, upgrades, installations, fleet and equipment purchases, and maintenance, and then stated that the entire eight miles of

the Palmdale Ditch was prepped and running within one week and that he is very proud of staff for this record-breaking accomplishment.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Trindle stated that he will provide a report at the next Regular Board Meeting.

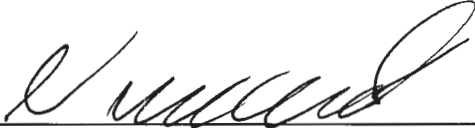
9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez requested an update on monthly meetings with United Water Conservation District (UWCD) after which General Manager LaMoreaux stated that staff is currently coordinating a dinner with UWCD Board and staff and that he will provide an update at the next Regular Board Meeting.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

10) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Secretary

RESOLUTION 23-2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART: WATER RECYCLING AND DESALINATION PLANNING GRANT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE PURE WATER ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECT

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District is a municipal water district established pursuant to Section 71000 et seq. of the California Water Code.

WHEREAS, water supply in the Palmdale area is facing a growing list of challenges associated with reductions in allowed groundwater pumping due to groundwater adjudication, regulatory cutbacks on State Water Project deliveries, Bay-Delta instability, climate change, aging infrastructure, and growing population; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation under the Water Energy Efficiency Grant makes funding available to qualifying applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District has identified a project that exemplifies the objectives of the WaterSMART Grant in the Pure Water Antelope Valley; and

WHEREAS, Palmdale Water District agrees to the administration and cost sharing requirements of the WaterSMART Grant criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District as follows:

SECTION 1. Palmdale Water District is hereby authorized to receive, if awarded, the WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Planning for 2023 grant funding in an amount up to \$1,000,000 and will make a good faith effort to enter into a cooperative agreement with Reclamation for the receipt and administration of said grant funds.

SECTION 2. The General Manager, Dennis LaMoreaux, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all action which may be necessary for the completion and execution of the project agreement and to take any and all other action which may be necessary for the receipt and administration of the grant funding in accordance with the requirements of the Bureau of Reclamation.

SECTION 3. This resolution officially becomes a component part of the Palmdale Water District's grant application.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors has reviewed and supports the application to be submitted.

SECTION 5. Palmdale Water District is capable of providing the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the grant application funding plan.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of adoption.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2023.



Don Wilson, President
Board of Directors
Palmdale Water District



Vincent Dino, Secretary
Board of Directors
Palmdale Water District

Approved as to form:



Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
General Counsel