

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, APRIL 10, 2023:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, April 10, 2023, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District Office. President, Don Wilson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Wilson, Director Mac Laren-Gomez led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

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
Angelica Barragan-Garcia, Human Resources Director
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Patricia Guerrero, Management Analyst
Evelyn Cazares, Human Resources & Safety Coordinator
2 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

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 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.

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 March 27, 2023.

6.2) Payment of Bills for April 10, 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 Purchase of Replacement Water Meters. (\$750,000.00 – Budgeted – Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer provided an overview of the replacement water meters needed due to the continued failure of Zenner meter registers after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, 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 the purchase of 3,354 replacement water meters in the amount of \$750,000.00:

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

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing the General Manager to Finalize Negotiations and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Capture6 for Pure Water AV. (No Budget Impact – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided a presentation on the proposed Capture6 process for the Pure Water Antelope Valley (AV) Project, including the current brine disposal baseline scenario, the alternative brine disposal scenario with Capture6, the potential capital cost savings, the environmental benefits, the Capture6 professional portfolio, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and the Master Service Agreement between Capture6 and Stantec and then stated that this would be the first advanced water treatment plant in California to use this new technology to remove carbon and eliminate brine waste.

After discussion of the Capture6 process and benefits, of the Pure Water AV Demonstration Facility treatment results and future MOU options, and of surface water and tertiary water treatment processes, it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, and after further discussion of the additional treatment step through the Capture6 process and of the brine disposal, the motion carried by the members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve authorization of the General Manager to finalize negotiations and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Capture6 for the Pure Water AV Project:

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

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Professional Service Agreement to Civiltec Engineering, Inc. to Evaluate and Prepare Construction Plans and Specifications for Rehabilitation of 6M Clearwell. (\$170,000.00 – Non-Budgeted – Assistant General Manager Ly)

Assistant General Manager Ly provided an overview of the proposed Professional Services Agreement for rehabilitation of the 6M Clearwell including the structural issues discovered during the inspection of the 6M Clearwell, and after a brief discussion of the inspection schedule and of the rehabilitation cost factors, it was 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 approve award of a Professional Services Agreement to Civiltec Engineering, Inc. to Evaluate and Prepare Construction Plans and Specifications for Rehabilitation of 6M Clearwell in the amount of \$170,000.00:

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

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Agreement with Barrel Springs Farms for the Protection of Palmdale Ditch. (General Manager Lamoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided a brief overview of the final version of the proposed Agreement with Barrel Springs Farms for the Protection of Palmdale Ditch, and after a brief discussion of the history between Barrel Springs Farms and Palmdale Water District and of the construction timeline, 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 approve the Agreement with Barrel Springs Farms for the Protection of Palmdale Ditch:

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

7.5) 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) **2023 WateReuse Symposium On-Demand Webinar.**

b) TruePoint Connect 2023 to be Held October 23-25, 2023 in Reno, NV.

After a brief discussion, it was 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 approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2023 Budget: 2023 Water Reuse Symposium On-Demand Webinar and TruePoint Connect 2023 to be Held October 23-25, 2023 in Reno, NV:

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) – March 28.
(Director Dino, Board Liaison/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)**

Director Dino reported that on March 28, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting where they ratified an agreement for exchange of State Water Project water between Santa Clara Valley Water and AVEK.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on March 29, he attended the Let's Talk H2O event; that on April 5, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on April 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

President Wilson reported that on March 29, he attended the All-Hands Meeting; that on March 29, he also attended an Agenda Review Briefing; and that on April 6, he attended a Board Briefing.

Director Dizmang reported that on March 28, she completed a CSDA Ethics AB 1234 Webinar Training; that on April 1, she attended a Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting where they discussed ownership of docks, unwanted abundance of catfish, budget and scholarship funds, and total memberships; that on April 5, she attended a Board Briefing; that on April 6, she attended a dinner with United Water Conservation District where they discussed their continued alliance established through Dr. Mathis; and that on April 10, she is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on April 6, she attended a Board Briefing; that on April 6, she also attended a dinner with United Water Conservation District where they discussed the absence of Dr. Mathis and potential ways to honor him.

Director Dino reported that on March 28, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on March 29, he attended the Let's Talk H2O event; that on April 6, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on April 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that training will be scheduled for the new Board Room equipment; that the spill level at Littlerock Reservoir increased several inches due to warm weather; and that the water going over the spillway is not being wasted but is soaking into the ground and recharging the aquifer followed by a brief discussion of sediment removal from Littlerock Reservoir.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Trindle stated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed a national drinking water standard for PFAS and PFOS, also called "forever chemicals," and that the proposed regulation will add six forever chemicals to the national primary drinking water regulations.

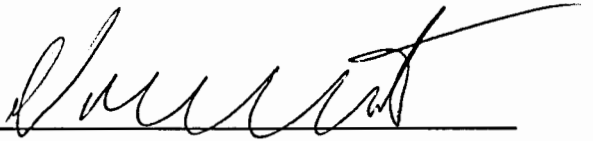
9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez inquired about adding the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) application as a future agenda item.

Director Dino then stated that he would like to discuss a memorial proposal in honor of Dr. Bill Mathis at the next Regular Board Meeting.

10) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Secretary