

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

*A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, July 10, 2023, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District Office and 247 Ash Street, Chadron, NE in the Meeting Room of the Holiday Inn & Suites. 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, General Counsel Trindle 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  
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director  
Scott Rogers, Engineering Manager  
Mynor Masaya, Operations Manager  
Claudia Bolanos, Resource & Analytics Supervisor  
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant  
4 members of the public

**3) Adoption of Agenda.**

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 adopt the agenda, as written:

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

**4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.**

There were no public comments.

**5) Presentations:**

**5.1) Bi-Monthly Legislative Updates by Elected Officials. (Public Affairs Director Shay/Mr. Jack Danielson, Representative for Senator Wilk, Ms. Pamela Balch, Representative for Assemblymember Lackey, Mr. Kimble Goodman, Representative for Assemblymember Carrillo)**

Public Affairs Director Shay stated that there was interest from the Outreach Committee to invite local elected officials to provide regular legislative updates and then introduced Mr. Jack Danielson, Representative for Senator Wilk, after which Mr. Danielson provided legislative updates on SB829, SB718, SB868, SB446, SB149 and SB122 and then stated that Senator Wilk's office has an internship program and applications are now being accepted for fall interns.

Public Affairs Director Shay then introduced Ms. Pamela Balch, Representative for Assemblymember Lackey, after which Ms. Balch provided legislative updates on two public safety related bills that Assemblymember Lackey successfully stopped on the Assembly Floor and then stated that he currently has seven bills in committee review and that the 34<sup>th</sup> Assembly District spans 18,000 miles, keeping Assemblymember Lackey very busy.

Public Affairs Director Shay then introduced Mr. Kimble Goodman, Representative for Assemblymember Carrillo, after which Mr. Goodman provided legislative updates on AB448, AB555, AB843, and AB1536 and then stated that Assemblymember Carrillo has recently been named Chair of the Committee on Local Government which has jurisdiction over the General Plan, land use, housing elements, Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCO), city and county organizations, special district governance, special taxes, subdivisions, infrastructure financing districts, and local government finances.

He then stated that an urban farms and water savings plan he created for South Los Angeles was recently awarded \$7.2 million in grant funding by the State of California; that he hopes to share this plan in the Antelope Valley; and that he appreciates the hospitality received at the Coffee with Director Dizmang event after

which Director Mac Laren-Gomez stated that she looks forward to the water saving ideas that Mr. Kimball will be presenting at a future District workshop.

**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 June 26, 2023.**

**6.2) Payment of Bills for July 10, 2023.**

President Wilson announced the items included in the Consent Calendar 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 approve those items included in the Consent Calendar:

President Wilson – aye  
Director Kellerman – aye  
Director Dizmang – aye  
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Director Dino – 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 to Review and Receive the Draft 2022 Strategic Water Resources Plan. (No Budget Impact - Assistant General Manager Ly/Woodard & Curran)**

Assistant General Manager Ly provided an overview of the Strategic Water Resources Plan update and staff's recommendation to review and receive the Draft 2022 Strategic Water Resources Plan to initiate the Program Environmental Impact Report process and public review period, and after clarification that public comments and revisions will be addressed in the Final Plan and presented to the Board for consideration, 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 review and receive the Draft 2022 Strategic Water Resources Plan:

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

**7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Award of Contract to Miller Equipment Company, Inc. for the Construction of the Well 15 Discharge Basin. (\$210,000.00 – Budgeted – W.O. No. 22-622 – Engineering Manager Rogers)**

Engineering Manager Rogers provided an overview of the Well 15 discharge basin project, including the competitive bids received by two local contractors, 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 approve award of contract to Miller Equipment Company, Inc. for the construction of the Well 15 Discharge Basin in the not-to-exceed amount of \$210,000.00:

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

**7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Prepay 2024 Watermaster Fixed Administrative Assessments Fees. (\$13,848.15 – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-5070-014 – Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos)**

Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos provided an overview of staff's recommendation to authorize prepayment of the 2024 Watermaster Fixed Assessment Fees for the District's share of the native safe yield at the current rate of \$5.00 per acre foot due to the Watermaster Administrator's anticipated operating deficit by mid-August, and after a brief discussion of the Watermaster Board, of the current Administrator, and of future administration plans, 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 prepay 2024 Watermaster Fixed Administrative Fees in the amount of \$13,848.15:

President Wilson – aye  
Director Kellerman – aye

Director Dizmang – aye  
Director Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Director Dino – aye

**7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Pay Up to \$5.00 per Acre Foot for 2023 Watermaster Supplemental Administrative Assessment Fees. (\$13,848.15 – Not-to-Exceed – Budgeted – Budget Item No. 1-02-5070-014 – Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos)**

Resource and Analytics Supervisor Bolanos stated that staff recommends an additional payment to the Watermaster of up to \$5.00 per acre foot for the District's native safe yield share to assist with operating funds needed to avoid a deficit and provide more time for the determination of the 2024 Fixed Administrative Assessment Fees, and after a brief discussion of the factors driving the necessary fee increase, it was moved by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Dizmang, 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 pay up to \$5.00 per acre foot for 2023 Watermaster Supplemental Administrative Assessment Fees in the not-to-exceed amount of \$13,848.15:

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

**7.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 23-7 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Regarding Its Intention to Seek Reimbursement in Connection with the Issuance of Tax-Exempt Water Revenue Bonds by the Palmdale Water District Public Financing Authority. (Potential Revenue through Reimbursement of Loans – Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)**

Finance Manager Hoffmeyer provided an overview of Resolution No. 23-7 after which it was move by Director Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Director Dizmang, 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. 23-7 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Regarding Its Intention to Seek Reimbursement in Connection with the Issuance of Tax-Exempt Water Revenue Bonds by the Palmdale Water District Public Financing Authority:

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

Resolution No. 23-7 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

**7.6) 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) None at This Time.**

There were no conferences, seminars, or training sessions to consider.

**8) Information Items:**

**8.1) Reports of Directors:**

**a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:**

**1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) – June 27.  
(Director Dino, Board Liaison/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)**

Director Dino reported that on June 27, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting where Mr. George Runner administered the oath of office to appointed Division 1 Director Drew Mercy and where the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project Agreement was approved.

**2) Outreach Committee Meeting – June 27. (Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair/Director Dizmang)**

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on June 27, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting where they discussed outreach activities, monthly legislative updates, and the recommendation for legislative updates by elected officials that were provided this evening.

**b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.**

Director Kellerman reported that on June 28, he attended the All-Hands Employee Luncheon and that on July 6, he attended a Board Briefing.

President Wilson reported that on June 28, he attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on June 29, he attended the Coffee with Director Dizmang event; that on July 10, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on July 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Dizmang reported that on June 27, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on June 28, she attended the All-Hands Employee Luncheon; that on June 29, she attended her Coffee with Director Dizmang event and that it was well attended with many interested and registered Water Ambassador Academy attendees; and that on July 6, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Dino reported that on June 27, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on June 29, he attended the Coffee with Director Dizmang event; that on July 6, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on July 10, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on June 26, she attended a Public Water Suppliers Meeting; that on June 27, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on June 27, she also attended the AVEK Board Meeting to witness the installation of Drew Mercy to the AVEK Board of Directors; that on June 28, she attended the Watermaster Board Meeting where there continues to be difficulty in meeting the required voting majority; and that on July 6, she attended a Board Briefing.

**8.2) Report of General Manager.**

**a) Department Activity Updates:**

**1) Engineering Department. (Engineering Manager Rogers)**

Engineering Manager Rogers provided a detailed update of the Engineering Department's current and projected activities, including completed, open and upcoming projects, the fully grant-funded Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project; the evaluation of Littlerock Dam requested by the Division of Safety of Dams, the Pure Water AV design with Capture6, staffing, and grant applications.



**2) Operations Department. (Operations Manager Masaya)**

Operations Manager Masaya provided a detailed update of the Operations Department's current and projected activities, including completed projects, water flow goals, the reactivation of contactors at the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant, the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) media exchange at the Underground Vessel, the Consumer Confidence Report, the completion of required annual state reporting, the improved State Water Project water quality resulting in chemical reduction, staffing, and then stated that water began flowing today from the Littlerock Dam in the repaired Palmdale Ditch.

General Manager LaMoreaux then stated that Engineering staff secured an emergency permit for work at the base of Littlerock Dam to reinstall the road and allow additional time for brush clearance, to coordinate the restoration of power to the valve house with Facilities staff, and to continue the removal of seepage water from the Dam until a permanent solution is in place.

He then stated that Customer Appreciation Day will be held on July 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the front lobby.

**8.3) Report of General Counsel.**

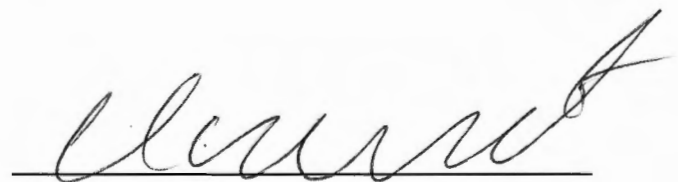
General Counsel Trindle provided an update on SB790 regarding the addition of a confidential information provision to the California Public Records Act and on Kuciemba vs. Victory Woodworks, Inc. regarding COVID-19 secondhand exposure.

**9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

**10) Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

  
Secretary



**RESOLUTION NO. 23-7**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE  
WATER DISTRICT REGARDING ITS INTENTION TO SEEK  
REIMBURSEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF  
TAX-EXEMPT WATER REVENUE BONDS BY THE  
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District (the "Issuer") desires to finance the costs of acquiring certain public facilities and improvements, as provided in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Issuer intends to finance the acquisition of the Project or portions of the Project with the proceeds of the sale of obligations by the Palmdale Water District Public Financing Authority the interest upon which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes (the "Obligations"); and

WHEREAS, prior to the issuance of the Obligations the Issuer desires to incur certain expenditures with respect to the Project from available monies of the Issuer which expenditures are desired to be reimbursed by the Issuer from a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Obligations;

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

SECTION 1. The Issuer hereby states its intention and reasonably expects to reimburse Project costs incurred prior to the issuance of the Obligations with proceeds of the Obligations. Exhibit A describes either the general character, type, purpose, and function of the Project, or the fund or account from which Project costs are to be paid and the general functional purpose of the fund or account.

SECTION 2. The reasonably expected maximum principal amount of the Obligations is \$33,000,000.

SECTION 3. This resolution is being adopted on or prior to the date (the "Expenditures Date or Dates") that the Issuer will expend monies for the portion of the Project costs to be reimbursed from proceeds of the Obligations.

SECTION 4. Except as described below, the expected date of issue of the Obligations will be within eighteen months of the later of the Expenditure Date or Dates and the date the Project is placed in service; provided, the reimbursement may not be made more than three years after the original expenditure is paid. For Obligations subject to the small issuer exception of Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code, the "eighteen-month limit" of the previous sentence is changed to "three years" and the limitation of the previous sentence beginning with "; provided, . . ." is not applicable.

SECTION 5. Proceeds of the Obligations to be used to reimburse for Project costs are not expected to be used, within one year of reimbursement, directly or indirectly to pay debt service with respect to any obligation (other than to pay current debt service coming due within the next succeeding one year period on any tax-exempt obligation of the Issuer (other than the Obligations)) or to be held as a reasonably required reserve or replacement fund with respect to an

obligation of the Issuer or any entity related in any manner to the Issuer, or to reimburse any expenditure that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation, or to replace funds that are or will be used in such manner.

SECTION 6. This resolution is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the Issuer, as of the date hereof. No monies from sources other than the Obligation issue are, or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside by the Issuer (or any related party) pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to the Project costs. To the best of our knowledge, this Board of Directors is not aware of the previous adoption of official intents by the Issuer that have been made as a matter of course for the purpose of reimbursing expenditures and for which tax-exempt obligations have not been issued.

SECTION 7. The limitations described in Section 3 and Section 4 do not apply to (a) costs of issuance of the Obligations, (b) an amount not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the Obligations, or (c) any preliminary expenditures, such as architectural, engineering, surveying, soil testing, and similar costs other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction, not in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate issue price of the Obligations that finances the Project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred.

SECTION 8. This resolution is adopted as official action of the Issuer in order to comply with Treasury Regulation § 1.150-2 and any other regulations of the Internal Revenue Service relating to the qualification for reimbursement of Issuer expenditures incurred prior to the date of issue of the Obligations, is part of the Issuer's official proceedings, and will be available for inspection by the general public at the main administrative office of the Issuer.

SECTION 9. All the recitals in this Resolution are true and correct and this Board of Directors so finds, determines, and represents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, by the following vote:


AYES: President Wilson, Directors Kellerman, Dizmang, Mac Laren-Gomez, Dino

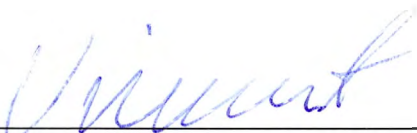
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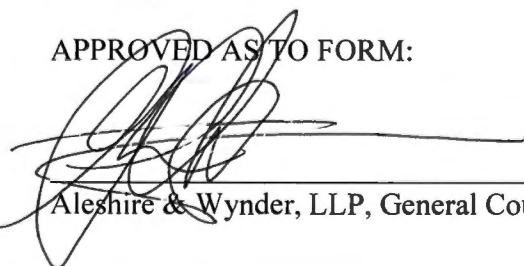
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President

  
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Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, General Counsel

**EXHIBIT A**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

1. Well 36 Equipping
2. 3M Booster Station Rehabilitation
3. Demonstration Facility
4. Recycled Waterline
5. 6M Clearwell (beam and structure)
6. 6M Clearwell Coating
7. Sedimentation Basin