

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 12, 2024:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, February 12, 2024, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District Office. President, Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

At the request of President Mac Laren-Gomez, Director Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager
Pam Lee, General Counsel
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
Patricia Guerrero, Management Analyst
1 member of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Director Dino, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

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 January 22, 2024.

6.2) Payment of Bills for February 12, 2024.

6.3) Receive and File Semi-Annual Employee Reimbursement Report for the Period Covering July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. (No Budget Impact – Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

6.4) Approval of Corrected and Restated 2024 Budget. (Finance Manager Hoffmeyer)

6.5) Approval of Updated District Standard Specifications and List of Approved Materials for Water Distribution Construction. (No Budget Impact – Engineering Manager Rogers)

General Counsel Lee recommended that Agenda Item No. 6.1 be considered as a separate action item to allow newly appointed Director Sanchez to participate in the remaining Consent Calendar items.

President Mac Laren-Gomez then announced the remaining items included in the Consent Calendar after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve Agenda Items 6.2 through 6.5 in the Consent Calendar.

6.1) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held January 22, 2024.

It was moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Dino, and carried on a 4-0-1 vote, with Director Sanchez abstaining, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 12, 2024, as written.

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 Amend Approved Budget for the Littlerock Reservoir 100th Anniversary Celebration. (Additional \$70,000.00 – Non-Budgeted – General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the commemorative event planning for the anniversary of Littlerock Reservoir and the additional work needed to clean the former concessionaire's site, and after a brief discussion of the United States Forest Service and of potential future partnerships for the return of recreational activities at the Reservoir, 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 to amend the approved Budget for an additional \$70,000.00 for the Littlerock Reservoir 100th Anniversary celebration.

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Substandard Water Service Agreement between the Palmdale Water District and Thomas Miller. (No Budget Impact – Assistant General Manager Ly)

Assistant General Manager Ly provided an overview of the proposed Agreement for domestic water service, including the deteriorating water quality from the property owner's well and the requirement of utilizing the existing well and storage tank for fire suppression and irrigation use, after which it was moved by Director Kellerman, seconded by Director Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Directors present at the meeting to approve the Substandard Water Service Agreement between Palmdale Water District and Thomas Miller.

7.3) 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 2024 Budget:

a) **California Hydrogen Leadership Summit to be held June 16-17, 2024 in Sacramento.**

b) **CA-NV AWWA Virtual Water Education Seminar (WES) to be held August 19, 2024.**

General Manager LaMoreaux provided a brief overview of these conferences 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 to approve the following conferences, seminars, and training sessions for Board and staff

attendance within budget amounts previously approved in the 2024 Budget: California Hydrogen Leadership Summit to be held June 16-17, 2024 in Sacramento and CA-NV AWWA Virtual Water Education Seminar (WES) to be held August 19, 2024.

8) Information Items:

8.1) Reports of Directors:

a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:

**1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) – January 23.
(Director Dino, Board Liaison/President Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)**

Director Dino reported that on January 23, he attended the AVEK Board Meeting and that a written report will be distributed.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on February 2, he attended the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner; that on February 5, he attended a CSDA Webinar regarding The Ever-Evolving Landscape of Cybersecurity and that it included important updates and information regarding artificial intelligence; that on February 7, he attended a Board Briefing; that on February 8, he attended his Coffee with Director Event; and that on February 8, he also attended the AVSWCA Meeting.

Director Wilson reported that on February 2, he attended the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner; that on February 6, he attended a District-related private meeting; that on February 7, he attended a Board Briefing; that on February 8, he attended the AVSWCA Meeting and that a written report will be distributed; and that on February 12, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on January 11, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing, that on January 23, she attended a Public Water Suppliers Meeting; that on January 24, she attended a Watermaster Meeting; that on January 31, she attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on February 2, she attended the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner; that on February 8, she attended the Coffee with Director Kellerman Event; that on February 8, she also attended a Board Briefing; and that on February 8, she also attended the AVSWCA Meeting.

Director Dino reported that on January 23, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on January 30, he attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Best Practices for Board/Staff Roles; that on January 31, he attended a CSDA Webinar regarding Building Relationships with Your Lawmaker's District Office; that on February 2, he attended the Palmdale School District Foundation Dinner; that on February 7, he attended a Board Briefing; that on February 8, he attended the Coffee with Director Kellerman Event; and that on February 12, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

General Manager LaMoreaux provided a brief update on the recent water levels at Littlerock Reservoir and stated that State Water Project Table A allocations remain the same and that the District is in a positive position with water supply.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Lee provided a brief legislative update on ACA 1 being a proposed California Constitutional Amendment on current regulations regarding the lowering of supermajority requirements for the passing of special taxes and bond measures on affordable housing and public infrastructure.

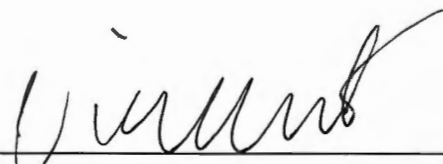
9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

President Mac Laren-Gomez distributed the draft 2024 Standing Committee List to the Board.

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 6:28 p.m.



Secretary