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Palmdale Water District Board Meeting Actions April 8, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and April 13, 2009 Special Board Meeting and April 30, 2009 Special Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District considered the following matters at the April 8, 2009 regular Board meeting, April 13, 2009 special Board meeting, and April 30, 2009 special Board meeting:

- *Presentations* of sponsorship requests were made to the Palmdale High School Baseball Boosters, the Palmdale Pony Youth Baseball, and the Palmdale High School Health Careers Academy in the amount of \$500.00 each and staff presented the Palmdale Water District's winning Men's and Women's Hot Tapping Teams.
- *Consent calendar items* were unanimously approved as follows: minutes from March 11, 2009 regular meeting and March 19, 2009 special meeting; ratification of payment of bills for March 25, 2009; payment of bills for April 8, 2009; minutes from April 8, 2009 regular meeting and April 13, 2009 special meeting; and ratification of payment of bills for April 22, 2009.
- *Approval of State Water Project Contract extension notification to Department of Water Resources:* This item was unanimously approved. Issuing a letter to the Department of Water Resources documents the District's long standing desire to extend its State Water Project contract past 2035.

- *Approval of Resolution No. 09-05 Recognizing the High Desert Green Jobs Initiative and Endorsing Participation as a High Desert Region Green Jobs Initiative Stakeholder:* This item was unanimously approved. As a stakeholder, the District will provide a point of contact and participate in the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategic workforce development plan, policies and programs to advance the green economy in the high desert region.
- *Approval of District Membership in the Water Research Foundation in the amount of \$18,578.25:* This item was unanimously approved. The District receives valuable reports, updates, and research as a member of this organization.
- *Approval of District Membership in Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance in the amount of \$2,500.00:* This item was unanimously approved. **The District receives valuable information as a member of this organization.**
- *Approval of Amendment and Extension of Lease for lease of District-owned property between District, American Indian Little League, and the City of Palmdale:* This item was unanimously approved. Approval of the amendment and extension of this lease continues the lease among the agencies until 2020 and is for the property located at the southwest corner of Division Street and Avenue P-8.
- *Consideration and possible action on District membership in the California Groundwater Coalition and designation of District representative as a Board member for the Coalition:* Membership in this organization was approved on a 4 – 0 vote in the amount of \$9,500.00. The mission of the Coalition to educate policy makers about groundwater, represent groundwater interests in legislative and other policy arenas, and promote a fair share of funding for statewide groundwater programs including past and future water bonds and aligns with the District's efforts to ensure grant funding for future District projects as well as groundwater recharge projects.
- *Consideration and possible action on Amendment No. 1 to Flowers & Baum Professional Services Agreement regarding the Water Treatment Plant Improvements – Phase II:* This item was approved on a 4 – 0 vote in the not-to-exceed amount of \$63,500.00. Flowers & Baum provided construction management services for the construction of Water Treatment Plant Improvements-Phase II. The work associated with this amendment is beyond the original scope of work and required additional man-hours to properly inspect and control extra work and rework by the contractor.
- *Consideration and possible action on prevention of outside boat use at Littlerock Dam and Reservoir to prevent quagga/zebra mussel infestation:* This item was approved on a 4 – 0 vote. A letter has been sent to the U.S. Forest Service to take a more active role in the protection of the facilities at Littlerock Reservoir from invasive species by preventing the use of outside boats on the Reservoir until a more comprehensive program can be developed to address invasive species.
- *Consideration and possible action for the Board of Directors to redistrict division boundaries:* This item was approved on a 4 – 1 vote. Due to a change in population, this item approves the redistricting of PWD division boundaries prior to the November 2009 election.

- *Consideration and possible action to hire consulting services to redistrict PWD division boundaries:* This item was approved on a 4 – 1 vote. This action authorizes General Manager Hill to hire a consultant to redistrict PWD division boundaries in the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000.00.
- *Sale of surplus District property:* This item was approved on a 4 – 0 vote in closed session. An agreement for the sale of District property (APN 3022-001-901 and APN 3022-001-902) was authorized for execution.
- *Consideration and possible action on changing time of regular Board meetings:* To accommodate Director schedules, it was approved on a 4 – 1 vote to change District Board meeting times to begin at 7:00 p.m. with closed session agenda matters considered at the end of the meetings.
- *Consideration and possible action on redistricting Board of Director division boundaries:* This item was approved on a 4 – 1 vote. This item approves the redistricting of PWD division boundaries to option 3 (attached) prior to the November 2009 election as well as a Resolution adopting the new boundaries.
- *Consideration and possible action on a District hiring freeze:* This item was unanimously approved. Due to current budget constraints, a hiring freeze was implemented effective immediately until further Board action is taken.

The Palmdale Water District Board of Director meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held at the District's office at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, and the public is invited to attend.