



PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 22, 2023

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General Manager

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AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT TO BE HELD AT 2029 EAST AVENUE Q, PALMDALE

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

6:00 p.m.

<u>NOTES:</u> To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to participate in any Board meeting please contact Danielle Henry at 661-947-4111 x1059 at least 48 hours prior to a Board meeting to inform us of your needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

Additionally, an interpreter will be made available to assist the public in making <u>comments</u> under Agenda Item No. 4 and any action items where public input is offered during the meeting if requested at least 48 hours before the meeting. Please call Danielle Henry at 661-947-4111 x1059 with your request. (PWD Rules and Regulations Section 4.03.1 (c))

Adicionalmente, un intérprete estará disponible para ayudar al público a hacer **comentarios** bajo la sección No. 4 en la agenda y cualquier elemento de acción donde se ofrece comentarios al público durante la reunión, siempre y cuando se solicite con 48 horas de anticipación de la junta directiva. Por favor de llamar Danielle Henry al 661-947-4111 x1059 con su solicitud. (PWD reglas y reglamentos sección 4.03.1 (c))

Agenda item materials, as well as materials related to agenda items submitted after distribution of the agenda packets, are available for public review at the District's office located at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale (Government Code Section 54957.5). Please call Danielle Henry at 661-947-4111 x1059 for public review of materials.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:</u> The prescribed time limit per speaker is three-minutes. Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments, or cheering. Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the District to carry out its meeting will not be permitted, and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting. (PWD Rules and Regulations, Appendix DD, Sec. IV.A.)

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Adoption of Agenda.
- 4) Public comments for non-agenda items.

- 5) Presentations:
 - 5.1) None at this time.
- 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 13, 2023.
 - 6.2) Payment of Bills for March 27, 2023.
 - 6.3) Approval to Declare District Equipment and Furniture as Surplus Property. (Potential Revenue Assistant General Manager Ly/Resource and Facilities Committee)
- 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 Agreement with Reeb Government Relations for State Lobbying Activities. (Assistant General Manager Ly/Outreach Committee)
 - 7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Revised Contract Services Agreement for General Counsel Services between the District and Aleshire & Wynder, LLP. (General Counsel Trindle/Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee)
 - 7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Rejecting Bids Received for the Well 36 Equipping Project. (No Budget Impact Engineering Manager Rogers)
 - 7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Resolution No. 23-4 Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Approving Waiver of District Procurement and Purchasing Policy. (No Budget Impact Engineering Manager Rogers)
 - 7.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Letter of Intent with Barrel Springs Farms for the Protection of Palmdale Ditch. (General Manager LaMoreaux)
 - 7.6) Consideration and Possible Action on Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Development of the General Manager Recruitment Process. (Director Dizmang)
 - 7.7) 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.
- 8) Information Items:
 - 8.1) Reports of Directors:
 - a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:
 - 1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) March 14. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

- 2) Outreach Committee Meeting March 15. (Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair/Director Dizmang)
- 3) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club March 18. (Director Dizmang, Board Liaison/President Wilson, Alternate)
- 4) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) March 20. (Director Dino/President Wilson/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)
- 5) Finance Committee Meeting March 21. (President Wilson, Chair/Director Mac Laren-Gomez)
- 6) Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting March 22. (Director Dino, Chair/Director Kellerman)
- 7) Special District Association North Los Angeles County (SDANLAC) Board Meeting March 16. (Director Dino, CSDA Chapter Chair/Director Dizmang)
- b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.
- 8.2) Report of General Manager.
 - a) March 2023 Written Report of Activities through February 2023.
 - b) Department Activity Updates:
 - 1) Engineering Department. (Engineering Manager Rogers)
 - 2) Operations Department. (Operations Manager Masaya)
- 8.3) Report of General Counsel.

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- 9) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.
- 10) Adjournment.

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,

General Manager

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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2023 March 27, 2023

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Meeting

FROM: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.5 - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON

LETTER OF INTENT WITH BARREL SPRINGS FARMS FOR THE PROTECTION

OF PALMDALE DITCH. (GENERAL MANAGER LaMOREAUX)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board authorize General Counsel to sign the Letter of Intent dated March 21, 2023, outlining a future agreement that will protect the use of Palmdale Ditch adjacent to the Barrel Springs Farms Development.

Alternative Options:

There are no alternative options. These are the only negotiated and tentatively agreed terms.

Impact of Taking No Action:

The District will be obligated to perform work described in the May 2006 Settlement Agreement with the current property owner if Barrel Springs Farms Development is fully approved by Los Angeles County Regional Planning. The Settlement Agreement requires the District to complete the enclosure of Palmdale Ditch adjacent to the property within nine months. The terms of the Letter of Intent allow for a more reasonable timeframe, twelve to twenty-four months, for the District to perform the necessary work to enclose the section of Palmdale Ditch adjacent to the Barrel Springs Farms Development along with other clarifications.

Background:

The May 2006 Settlement Agreement was the result of the District and the current property owner agreeing on how to protect Palmdale Ditch from contamination due to the property's development by enclosing the Ditch adjacent to the property. It contains two conditions that will require the District to perform the enclosure project:

- 1. Payment of \$175,000.00 by the developer (paid in January 2008)
- 2. Filing of a final map

Strategic Plan Initiative:

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 3 – Systems Efficiency.

Budget:

This potential project is not currently budgeted. The cost of enclosing this section of Palmdale Ditch, approximately 2,300 feet, is unknown at this time. The \$175,000.00 deposited with the District in 2008 will be used to offset the cost. The District also has a pending grant application with the Bureau of Reclamation to support enclosing the entire length of Palmdale Ditch.

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March 21, 2023

VIA EMAIL gtrindle@awattorneys.com

G. Ross Trindle General Counsel, Palmdale Water District Aleshire & Wynder, LLP 3880 Lemon St., Suite 520 Riverside, CA 92501

Re: Letter of Intent re Undergrounding Palmdale Ditch at Barrel Springs Farms Development

Dear Mr. Trindle:

Pursuant to our recent discussions regarding the above-described matter, I write on behalf of my client, The People Concern, to submit the following proposal to your client, the Palmdale Water District. This letter will not create any legal rights or obligations between either party. It is intended only to propose basic terms and conditions upon which both parties would consider entering into a formal written agreement with respect to undergrounding a segment of the Palmdale Ditch at the site of my client's project, as follows:

<u>Parties</u>: The People Concern, a California non-profit public benefit corporation ("**TPC**") and Palmdale Water District, a California irrigation district ("**PWD**") (together, the "**Parties**")

<u>Subject Property</u>: ~125 acres of undeveloped land north of Barrel Springs Road and East and West of 40th Street, unincorporated Palmdale ("**Subject Property**").

Project: Develop a working farm (row crops and orchards), a farmstand, and farmworker housing.

Background:

- A. Acquisition: TPC is under option to acquire the Subject Property from the Sevilla family.
- B. <u>Entitlements:</u> A **Site Plan Approval**, which is a ministerial approval, for Barrel Springs Farms will be issued by the LA County Planning Director. The Site Plan Approval is the definitive land use entitlement approval. It will be issued under a CEQA Statutory Exemption.
- C. <u>Sevilla Agreement</u>: A May 2006 Agreement ("**Agreement**") between PWD and the Sevilla Family requires PWD to enclose and underground the segment of the open Palmdale Ditch on the Subject Property within 9 months after recordation of a final map, which is the definitive land use entitlement approval for a residential subdivision.
- D. <u>Change in Conditions</u>: Three significant changes to conditions have arisen since the Sevilla Agreement was reached:
 - (A) The Barrel Springs Farms project does not require a final map to be recorded, but instead requires a County of Los Angeles Site Plan Approval for the right to proceed with construction:
 - (B) PWD has determined that it may take 12-24 months to design, advertise and award a contract for and construct the Palmdale Ditch undergrounding at the Subject Property; and (C) PWD has applied for grants from the State of California and the Federal Bureau of

G. Ross Trindle March 21, 2023 Page 2

Reclamation to fund the undergrounding of the full length (~7 miles) of the open Palmdale Ditch, which grants may be awarded as early as spring 2023.

Based on the facts above, TPC proposes that the Parties execute an agreement containing the following core terms:

Deal Points:

cc: client

- 1. If TPC purchases the Subject Property, then upon TPC receiving the Site Plan Approval from the County of Los Angeles, PWD will honor the Sevilla Agreement and underground the pipeline.
- 2. PWD will complete construction of the underground pipeline at the Subject Property within 24 months after receiving notice of TPC's Site Plan Approval by the County of Los Angeles.
- 3. PWD and TPC will work in good faith to coordinate both Parties' construction activities on the site to avoid interference with the other Party's activities. For any construction work undertaken by TPC during the 24-month period following the notice of the Site Plan Approval, TPC will consult with PWD to identify and implement reasonable temporary measures to protect the Palmdale Ditch from contamination resulting from sheet flow off of portions of the Property upgradient from the Palmdale Ditch.
- 4. If PWD receives state or federal funding for the undergrounding of the entirety of the Palmdale Ditch, then PWD will prioritize undergrounding the segment of pipe on the Subject Property to be constructed first.
- 5. Upon the full execution of an agreement containing these terms, TPC will prepare a letter of support for PWD's grant funding applications.
- 6. PWD is not agreeing to serve water to the Property; PWD does not have facilities immediately available to serve TPC's Project. On December 12, 2022, PWD provided a letter of serviceability regarding the Property to the Antelope Valley Watermaster, attached as Exhibit 1, advising that the owner should seek approval for construction of a private well to serve the parcel.

Upon your counter-signature below, within 3 business days we will use these terms to draft a formal agreement for your client to review and consider. TPC requests that PWD present this letter of intent to its Board of Directors at its March 27, 2023 Board Meeting for approval and to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with TPC consistent with these terms.

General Manager to execute an agreement with TPC consistent with these terms.
Sincerely,
Claire Hervey Collins

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of PWD, I approve these terms and request the preparation of definitive agreement for presentation to and consideration by the PWD Board of Directors.

By:		
	G Ross Trindle General Counsel	

Exhibit 1



PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

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December 12, 2022

W. SCOTT KELLERMAN

Division 1

DON WILSON

Division 2

GLORIA DIZMANG

Division 3

KATHY MAC LAREN-GOMEZ RE:

Division 4

VINCENT DINO

Division 5

Carol Sevilla Barrel Springs Properties, LLC. 1719 California Avenue

Santa Monica, CA 90403

SERVICEABILITY - PROPERTY APN 3052-016-017

W.S.M. 34-63;66 (Re-issued)

Dear Antelope Valley Watermaster:

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX General Manager

ALESHIRE & WYNDER LLP Attorneys

This letter replaces the serviceability letter dated August 11, 2022, after additional information was provided on the parcel. The above-mentioned parcel is located within the service boundaries of the Palmdale Water District (District) and the District's Palmdale Ditch transverses the parcel and lies at the lowest elevation of the parcel. The District will require the Palmdale Ditch to be enclosed so that the ditch is not negatively impacted by water runoff from the parcel.





There is infrastructure located within proximity of the abovementioned parcel; however, the parcel lies at a higher elevation than can be served by the District's existing system. Improvements to the District's system would be necessary to serve the parcel. Therefore, the owner may elect to either construct the necessary water system improvements so the District can serve the parcel or seek approval through the Antelope Valley Watermaster for the construction of a private well to serve this parcel. This letter shall be valid for one year from the date the letter was issued.

Please feel free to contact me at (661) 456-1020 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours

Engineering Manager

SR/jv

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2023 March 27, 2023

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Meeting

FROM: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.6 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ON THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT

PROCESS. (DIRECTOR DIZMANG)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the development of the General Manager recruitment process per the request of Director Dizmang.

Alternative Options:

The alternative is to not create an Ad Hoc Committee.

Impact of Taking No Action:

There would be no Ad Hoc Committee.

Background:

The current General Manager contract ends on July 29, 2024. The Board is interested in a thoughtful process to recruit and place the next General Manager. An Ad-Hoc Committee will develop a proposed methodology and timeline for the process that will eventually be presented to the full Board of Directors for consideration.

If approved, President Wilson will assign the Committee members.

Strategic Plan Initiative:

This item is under Strategic Plan Initiative No. 2 - Organizational Excellence.

Budget:

This item will not affect the Budget.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, JANUARY 18, 2023

A meeting of the Outreach Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. Chair Mac Laren-Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Committee:

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair Don Wilson, Committee Member

Others Present:

Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager Adam Ly, Assistant General Manager Dennis Hoffmeyer, Finance Manager Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Spvsr. Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant Danielle Henry, Management Analyst 0 members of the public

2) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Committee Member Wilson, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

- 4) Action Items: (The Public Shall Have an Opportunity to Comment on Any Action Item as Each Item is Considered by the Committee Prior to Action Being Taken.)
- 4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held December 21, 2022.

It was moved by Committee Member Wilson, seconded by Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Committee present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the Outreach Committee meeting held December 21, 2022, as written.

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District was held Monday, March 13, 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 Dino 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
Scott Rogers, Engineering Manager
Judy Shay, Public Affairs Director
Mynor Masaya, Operations Manager
Claudia Bolanos, Resource and Analytics Supervisor
Kevin Yao, Senior Engineer
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
Patricia Guerrero, Management Analyst
4 members of the public

Adoption of Agenda.

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 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 February 27, 2023.
 - 6.2) Payment of Bills for March 13, 2023.
- 6.3) Approval to Declare District Equipment and Furniture as Surplus Property. (Potential Revenue Assistant General Manager Ly/Resource and Facilities Committee)

President Wilson announced the items included in the Consent Calendar after which 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 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 Agreement with Reeb Government Relations for State Lobbying Activities. (Assistant General Manager Ly/Outreach Committee)

Assistant General Manager Ly provided an overview of the proposal from Reeb Government Relations for providing full-service advocacy and funding options for District projects, including the cost difference and cancellation of the existing Cost Sharing Agreement with Puente Basin Water Agency and Valley County Water District, after which 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 approve an Agreement with Reeb Government Relations for State Lobbying Activities:

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

7.2) Consideration and Possible Action on Revised Contract Services Agreement for General Counsel Services between the District and Aleshire & Wynder, LLP. (General Counsel Trindle/Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee)

General Counsel Trindle stated that he met with the Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee and then provided an overview of the proposed revised Contract Services Agreement for legal services, including the updated rates and terms, after which 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 revised Contract Services Agreement for General Counsel Services between the District and Aleshire & Wynder, LLP:

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

7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Rejecting Bids Received for the Well 36 Equipping Project. (No Budget Impact – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers provided an overview of the two bids received for the Well 36 Equipping Project and then stated that the bids are well over budget for the Project and recommended rejection of both, and after a brief discussion of material inflation and increased lead time, it was moved by Director Kellerman, 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 the rejection of bids received for the Well 36 Equipping Project:

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

7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Resolution No. 23-4
Being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District
Approving Waiver of District Procurement and Purchasing Policy. (No Budget
Impact – Engineering Manager Rogers)

Engineering Manager Rogers stated that staff recommends a waiver of the District's Procurement and Purchasing Policy to negotiate cost-saving measures directly with the two bidders of the Well 36 Equipping Project, including the potential use of an in-stock well motor, after which 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 Resolution No. 23-4 being a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District Approving Waiver of District Procurement and Purchasing Policy:

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

Resolution No. 23-4 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

7.5) Consideration and Possible Action on Letter of Intent with Barrel Springs Farms for the Protection of Palmdale Ditch. (General Manager LaMoreaux)

General Manager LaMoreaux provided an overview of the proposed Letter of Intent to provide the framework for a potential future agreement with Barrel Springs Farms for the protection and enclosure of Palmdale Ditch and stated that the potential agreement would provide clarifications and additional time to complete the work outlined in a prior Settlement Agreement with the current property owner after which it was moved by Director Dizmang, 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 Letter of Intent 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

7.6) Consideration and Possible Action on Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Development of the General Manager Recruitment Process. (Director Dizmang)

Director Dizmang stated that with the future retirement of General Manager LaMoreaux, she recommends the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a timeline for preparation of the General Manager recruitment process after which 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 formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the General Manager Recruitment Process:

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

President Wilson then appointed Directors Kellerman and Dizmang as the Committee Members of the Ad Hoc Committee.

- 7.7) 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) March 14. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on March 14, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting where they approved a Resolution approving the repayment of outstanding certificates of participation and an amendment to their Inspection Services Contract with MC Engineering for the Los Angeles County Waterworks Turnout Upsizing Project at 60th Street West and Avenue L-12.

2) Outreach Committee Meeting – March 15. (Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair/Director Dizmang)

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on March 15, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting where they discussed the Reeb Government Relations proposal that was presented and approved this evening, social media postings, and legislative updates.

3) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club - March 18. (Director Dizmang, Board Liaison/President Wilson, Alternate)

Director Dizmang reported that on March 18, she attended a Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting where they discussed catfish and additional regulations and security measures due to recent equipment destruction by hunting members.

4) Palmdale Recycled Water Authority (PRWA) – March 20. (Director Dino/President Wilson/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)

Director Dino reported that on March 20, he attended a Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Meeting and that a copy of the Pure Water AV Presentation provided by Engineering Manager Rogers has been placed in the Directors' mailboxes.

5) Finance Committee Meeting - March 21. (President Wilson, Chair/Director Mac Laren-Gomez)

President Wilson reported that on March 21, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and that a written report will be distributed.

6) Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting – March 22. (Director Dino, Chair/Director Kellerman)

Director Dino reported that on March 22, he attended the Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting and that a written report will be distributed.

7) Special District Association North Los Angeles County (SDANLAC) Board Meeting – March 16. (Director Dino, CSDA Chapter Chair/Director Dizmang)

Director Dino reported that on March 16, he attended a SDANLAC Board Meeting and that a written report will be distributed.

b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.

Director Kellerman reported that on March 20, he completed the KnowBe4 Cyber Security Webinar Training; that on March 20, he also attended the PRWA Meeting; that on March 22, he attended the Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting; and that on March 23, he attended a Board Briefing.

President Wilson reported that on March 15, he attended an Agenda Review Briefing; that on March 21, he attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on March 23, he attended a Board Briefing; that on March 27, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting; that on March 29, he will be attending the All-Hands Meeting; and that on March 29, he will also be attending an Agenda Review Briefing.

Director Dizmang reported that on March 15, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on March 16, she attended CSDA SDANLAC Chapter Meeting; that on March 21, she completed the KnowBe4 Cyber Security Webinar Training; that on March 23, she attended a Board Briefing; and that on March 28, she will be attending a CSDA Ethics AB 1234 Webinar Training and then stated that both reported webinars are required trainings.

Director Mac Laren-Gomez reported that on March 15, she attended the Outreach Committee Meeting; that on March 20, she attended a PRWA Meeting; that on March 21, she attended the Finance Committee Meeting; that on March 22, she attended a Watermaster Board Meeting; and that on March 23, she attended a Board Briefing.

Director Dino reported that on March 14, he attended an AVEK Board Meeting; that on March 16, he attended the CSDA SDANLAC Chapter Meeting; that on March 20, he attended the PRWA Meeting; that on March 22, he attended the Resource and Facilities Committee Meeting; that on March 23, he attended a Board Briefing; and that on March 27, he is attending the Palmdale Water District Regular Board Meeting.

8.2) Report of General Manager.

a) March 2023 Written Report of Activities through February 2023.

General Manager LaMoreaux stated that the written General Manager Report included in the agenda packet does not include the recent State Water Project allocation increase from 35% to 75%; that the allocation increase will result in approximately 25,000 acre feet of available water from the aqueduct through the District's long-term transfer agreements; that staff is discussing best use and storage options; that customers have continued conservation measures through the precipitation; and that the first leak of the year occurred in February followed by discussion of the Owens Valley aqueduct breach, of the Delta levies, and of water recharge requirements in relation to the Upper Amargosa Creek and the proposed Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Projects.

b) 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 grant funding applications,

completed and open projects, contract reviews, pipeline replacements, and staffing after which Mr. Kevin Yao was introduced as the District's new Senior Engineer.

2) Operations Department. (Operations Manager Masaya)

Operations Manager Masaya provided a detailed update of the Operation Department's current and projected activities, including the increase of surface water, the sodium hypochlorite generator replacement project, the Water Treatment Plant maintenance, the upcoming Division of Safety of Dams inspection, the underground Granular Activated Carbon replacement, required annual reporting, lab testing schedules, staffing, and the repair of safety deficiencies on the 6M Clearwell.

8.3) Report of General Counsel.

General Counsel Trindle provided an update on SB414 and AB1423 regarding synthetic or artificial turf containing PFAS and then stated that three different bills related to public meeting remote attendance are circulating and that an update will be provided on these at a future meeting.

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 6:56 p.m.

Secretary



PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

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AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT TO BE HELD AT 2029 EAST AVENUE Q, PALMDALE

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Adoption of Agenda.
- 4) Public comments for non-agenda items.

- 5) Presentations:
 - 5.1) None at This Time.
- 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.
- 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)
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - 7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Agreement with Barrel Springs Farms for the Protection of Palmdale Ditch. (General Manager Lamoreaux)
 - 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.
- 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.)
 - b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.
 - 8.2) Report of General Manager.
 - 8.3) Report of General Counsel.
- 9) Board members' requests for future agenda items.
- 10) Adjournment.

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX.

General Manager

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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 5, 2023 **April 10, 2023**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board Meeting

FROM: Mr. Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.4 - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON

AGREEMENT WITH BARREL SPRINGS FARMS FOR THE PROTECTION OF

PALMDALE DITCH. (GENERAL MANAGER LaMOREAUX)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to sign the Palmdale Ditch Undergrounding Agreement (Agreement) regarding the protection of Palmdale Ditch adjacent to the Barrel Springs Farms Development.

Alternative Options:

There are no alternative options. These are the only negotiated and tentatively agreed upon terms.

Impact of Taking No Action:

The District will be obligated to perform work described in the May 2006 Settlement Agreement with the current property owner if Barrel Springs Farms Development owns the property and is fully approved by Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

Background:

The terms of the Agreement are consistent with the Letter of Intent approved by the Board at the March 27, 2023 Regular Meeting. It allows for a more reasonable timeframe, up to twenty-four months, for the District to perform the necessary work to enclose the section of Palmdale Ditch adjacent to the Barrel Springs Farms Development along with other clarifications.

This Agreement will replace the May 2006 Settlement Agreement once the Barrel Springs Farms developer completes the property purchase and obtains the necessary approvals through the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. It defines the process needed to protect Palmdale Ditch from contamination due to the property's development by enclosing the Ditch adjacent to the property.

Strategic Plan Initiative:

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 3 – Systems Efficiency.

Budget:

This potential project is not currently budgeted. The cost of enclosing this section of Palmdale Ditch, approximately 2,300 feet, is unknown at this time. \$175,000.00 deposited with the District in 2008 will be used to offset the cost. The District also has a pending grant application with the Bureau of Reclamation to support enclosing the entire length of Palmdale Ditch.

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

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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 WateReuse 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

From: John Maceri

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 1:26 PM

To: Russ Bryden LACWW <<u>rbryden@dpw.lacounty.gov</u>>; Kathy MacLaren

<<u>kmaclaren@palmdalewater.org</u>>

Cc: David Larson <<u>david@redbricksolution.com</u>>; TW <<u>tw@entitlementstrategiesgroup.com</u>>; Claire H. Collins <<u>CCollins@hansonbridgett.com</u>>; Michelle Castor (<u>mcastor@thepeopleconcern.org</u>) <<u>mcastor@thepeopleconcern.org</u>>; Josh Hertz <<u>jhertz@thepeopleconcern.org</u>>

Subject: RE: Barrel Springs

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to follow-up on my email below from last week. I had the opportunity to briefly speak with Vice Chair MacLaren after Monday's PWD Board meeting, and reiterate my availability to answer any questions. We're available to talk with you individually if that would be helpful before next week's Advisory Committee meeting. Or if you feel you have enough information that's great. Please let us know either way.

Thank you, John



John Maceri

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From: John Maceri

Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 11:45 AM

To: 'Russ Bryden LACWW' <<u>rbryden@dpw.lacounty.gov</u>>; 'Kathy MacLaren'

<<u>kmaclaren@palmdalewater.org</u>>

Cc: 'David Larson' < <u>david@redbricksolution.com</u>>; TW < <u>tw@entitlementstrategiesgroup.com</u>>; Claire H. Collins < <u>CCollins@hansonbridgett.com</u>>; Michelle Castor (<u>mcastor@thepeopleconcern.org</u>) < <u>mcastor@thepeopleconcern.org</u>>; Josh Hertz < <u>ihertz@thepeopleconcern.org</u>>

Subject: Barrel Springs

Dear Vice Chair MacLaren and Director Bryden,

I hope you're both doing well. As you know, our organization is in escrow to purchase the Barrel Springs property from the Sevilla family for a regenerative agriculture farm. We're very excited about the project as we believe it will have a tremendous community benefit by providing jobs and organic food for those who live on the property and work the farm, economic opportunity through job training, and donations of excess food to the local food bank and other nonprofits serving the community. Our vision is to have the farm be self-sustaining through having our own well and energy generated by solar power. It will be the first of its kind locally, and potentially a model of sustainability that can be replicated across the state and country.

We have resubmitted our application to the AV Watermaster and understand it's scheduled for the Advisory Committee to review on April 19th. We'd very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you via Zoom, or in-person if you prefer, in advance of the meeting to answer any questions you may have. I've included Michelle Castor here who can assist with scheduling.

Please let us know what works for you and we'll go from there. Thank you very much and we look forward to talking with you soon.

Best regards, John



John Maceri

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Eddie Acevedo

From: Matthew Knudson

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 2:47 PM

To: Jim Beck

Cc: Dennis LaMoreaux; Kate White

Subject: FW: New Production application within PWD boundaries

Hi Jim – Just wanted to loop you into this email chain.

Thank you, Matt

From: Dennis LaMoreaux <dlamoreaux@palmdalewater.org>

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 2:45 PM

To: Kate White <KWhite@toddgroundwater.com>; Matthew Knudson <mknudson@avek.org>

Cc: Peter K. Thompson Jr r pthompsonII@palmdalewater.org; Phyllis Stanin <PStanin@toddgroundwater.com</pre>; Arden

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Subject: RE: New Production application within PWD boundaries

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Hi Kate,

Yes, the District will reissue a letter for this application. When is the deadline for the letter so it can be on the January meeting?

Thank you,

Dennis D. LaMoreaux

General Manager



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From: Kate White < KWhite@toddgroundwater.com>

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 12:15 PM

To: Dennis LaMoreaux <dlamoreaux@palmdalewater.org>; Matthew Knudson <mknudson@avek.org>

Cc: Peter K. Thompson Jr <pthompsonII@palmdalewater.org>; Phyllis Stanin <PStanin@toddgroundwater.com>; Arden

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Subject: RE: New Production application within PWD boundaries

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Hi Dennis,

We are working on the Barrel Springs New Production application for review at the January AVWM Board meeting. We currently have the following information included in our letter:

The parcel and proposed well are located within the service area of Palmdale Water District. However, the District has notified the applicant that there are no water service facilities in the area and no future plans for installation. The closest Palmdale Water District well is more than one mile southwest of the Barrel Springs parcel.

Will PWD be reissuing its letter with more information and conditions? If so, could we get a copy of that to include it in the application packet?

Thanks, Kate

Kate White, PE Senior Civil Engineer



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From: Dennis LaMoreaux <dlamoreaux@palmdalewater.org>

Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 10:22 AM **To:** Matthew Knudson < mknudson@avek.org>

Cc: Peter K. Thompson Jr <<u>pthompsonII@palmdalewater.org</u>>; Scott Rogers <<u>srogers@palmdalewater.org</u>>; Claudia

Bolanos <cbolanos@palmdalewater.org>; Kate White <KWhite@toddgroundwater.com>

Subject: Fw: New Production application within PWD boundaries

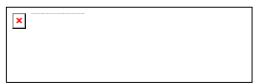
Good morning Matt,

I believe the letter from the District on this item was sent with full knowledge of the property's background. You may remember there was a tentative tract map with a proposed water system, a dispute over the Palmdale Ditch and enclosing it, and a settlement. I'm not sure if this is scheduled for the December AV Watermaster Board meeting. If so, please delay it until that background is fully taken into consideration. It is possible the District will reissue the letter with more information and conditions.

Thank you,

Dennis D. LaMoreaux

General Manager



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From: Peter K. Thompson Jr <pthompsonII@palmdalewater.org>

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 10:18 PM

To: Kate White <KWhite@toddgroundwater.com>

Cc: Phyllis Stanin <PStanin@toddgroundwater.com>; Claudia Bolanos <cbolanos@palmdalewater.org>; Scott Rogers

<srogers@palmdalewater.org>; Dennis LaMoreaux <dlamoreaux@palmdalewater.org>

Subject: RE: New Production application within PWD boundaries

Hi Kate,

I believe the PWD well is 18/19. It is a low production well and may be close to its max production. I have cc'd Claudia Bolanos on this email to confirm the well and provide back up info on it i.e. gpm flow rate and max year production. Please let her know if there is any other info you would like about this well. I am out of the office and have limited access to data for the rest of November.

I have cc'd Scott Rogers to provide assistance with the requested map. Please let Scott know if there is anything else you need regarding PWD service area maps.

The only potential issue that I can see is the proximity to the aqueduct, not a concern for PWD but maybe for DWR. Have you run across a situation like this before with a well being placed adjacent to the to the aqueduct?

Thanks,

Peter

From: Kate White <KWhite@toddgroundwater.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 1:00 PM

To: Peter K. Thompson Jr <pthompsonII@palmdalewater.org>

Cc: Phyllis Stanin < PStanin@toddgroundwater.com>

Subject: New Production application within PWD boundaries

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Hi Peter,

We received a New Production application for a proposed project within PWD boundaries (see attached Figure 3 showing project outline and proposed well location). The applicant is requesting 120 AFY to build affordable

housing for farmworkers and to grow truck crops and orchards. They included a letter in their application from PWD that says your service area does not extend into this area (attached). It appears that PWD has a well about a mile or two to the east. In 2021, that well produced less than 50 AFY (see attached Fig 18 from the 2021 annual report). Is this an active, productive production well or are there hydrogeologic constraints to the amount of water it can produce?

To assess Material Injury, we are looking at nearby wells and homes. It would be helpful to have a map showing the parcels/areas within a ~2-mile radius of the project site that PWD actually supplies water to. We can then know which nearby homes are on a public water system and will not be impacted by production from this proposed well. <u>Does PWD have such a map that you could share with us?</u>

Let me know if you have any questions or want to discuss this.

Thanks, Kate

Kate White, PE Senior Civil Engineer



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Eddie Acevedo

From: Matthew Knudson

Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 12:10 PM

To: Dennis LaMoreaux

Subject: RE: New Production application within PWD boundaries

No worries....you should see my typos!

From: Dennis LaMoreaux <dlamoreaux@palmdalewater.org>

Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 11:40 AM **To:** Matthew Knudson <mknudson@avek.org>

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Subject: Re: New Production application within PWD boundaries

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Thanks Matt, and thanks for looking past my typo:

"without full knowledge".

Dennis D. LaMoreaux

General Manager



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Hi Dennis,

Yes, I remember that tentative tract map and PWD conditions!

I have cc'd Jim Beck and Angel on this email to make sure they are in the loop. We will make sure this application is pulled from the December Watermaster agenda to allow time for PWD to reissue the letter with additional information and conditions.

Thank you, Matt

From: Dennis LaMoreaux <dlamoreaux@palmdalewater.org>

Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 10:22 AM To: Matthew Knudson < mknudson@avek.org >

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Good morning Matt,

I believe the letter from the District on this item was sent with full knowledge of the property's background. You may remember there was a tentative tract map with a proposed water system, a dispute over the Palmdale Ditch and enclosing it, and a settlement. I'm not sure if this is scheduled for the December AV Watermaster Board meeting. If so, please delay it until that background is fully taken into consideration. It is possible the District will reissue the letter with more information and conditions.

Thank you, Dennis D. LaMoreaux

General Manager



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From: Peter K. Thompson Jr pthompsonII@palmdalewater.org>

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 10:18 PM

To: Kate White <KWhite@toddgroundwater.com>

Cc: Phyllis Stanin <PStanin@toddgroundwater.com>; Claudia Bolanos <cbolanos@palmdalewater.org>; Scott Rogers

<srogers@palmdalewater.org>; Dennis LaMoreaux <dlamoreaux@palmdalewater.org>

Subject: RE: New Production application within PWD boundaries

Hi Kate,

I believe the PWD well is 18/19. It is a low production well and may be close to its max production. I have cc'd Claudia Bolanos on this email to confirm the well and provide back up info on it i.e. gpm flow rate and max year production. Please let her know if there is any other info you would like about this well. I am out of the office and have limited access to data for the rest of November.

I have cc'd Scott Rogers to provide assistance with the requested map. Please let Scott know if there is anything else you need regarding PWD service area maps.

The only potential issue that I can see is the proximity to the aqueduct, not a concern for PWD but maybe for DWR. Have you run across a situation like this before with a well being placed adjacent to the to the aqueduct?

Thanks,

Peter

From: Kate White < KWhite@toddgroundwater.com >

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 1:00 PM

To: Peter K. Thompson Jr pthompsonII@palmdalewater.org>

Cc: Phyllis Stanin < PStanin@toddgroundwater.com>

Subject: New Production application within PWD boundaries

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Hi Peter,

We received a New Production application for a proposed project within PWD boundaries (see attached Figure 3 showing project outline and proposed well location). The applicant is requesting 120 AFY to build affordable housing for farmworkers and to grow truck crops and orchards. They included a letter in their application from PWD that says your service area does not extend into this area (attached). It appears that PWD has a well about a mile or two to the east. In 2021, that well produced less than 50 AFY (see attached Fig 18 from the 2021 annual report). Is this an active, productive production well or are there hydrogeologic constraints to the amount of water it can produce?

To assess Material Injury, we are looking at nearby wells and homes. It would be helpful to have a map showing the parcels/areas within a ~2-mile radius of the project site that PWD actually supplies water to. We can then know which nearby homes are on a public water system and will not be impacted by production from this proposed well. Does PWD have such a map that you could share with us?

Let me know if you have any questions or want to discuss this.

Thanks, Kate

Kate White, PE Senior Civil Engineer



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Eddie Acevedo

From: David Larson <david@redbricksolution.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:33 AM

To: Angel Fitzpatrick

Cc: Christie Larson; John Maceri; T W

Subject: RE: Barrel Springs Property LLC New Production Application

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David Larson

From: Angel Fitzpatrick <a fitzpatrick@avwatermaster.net>

Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 1:03 PMTo: David Larson <david@redbricksolution.com>Cc: Christie Larson <Christie@redbricksolution.com>

Subject: RE: Barrel Springs Property LLC New Production Application

Hi Dave,

The Watermaster Engineer is requesting additional information. Please provide the information requested below. If we can get this information by the end of the week, we will be able to get the application on the October agenda.

• Do they have a WSA for the project? Water Supply Assessment-Project is CEQA exempt. No Assessment available

Is the 357,192 square feet they propose to be irrigated landscaping all for irrigated landscaping, or does that include the buildings (and areas that won't be irrigated)? Could we get a square footage estimate of just the area that will have irrigated landscaping on it. What is the total amount of water they expect to go towards landscaping? This area includes building, but all landscape around buildings areas will be xeriscape. \

Assumed rrigation water demands:

Given the following:

Average waterwise irrigated (12.1+24.7 acres) = 1.6m square-feet

Maximum Applied Water Allowance Plant Factor = 0.70

Eto = 66.5 in/yr

Irrigation Efficiency = 0.81

Then the Estimated Water Used (Gallons per Year) is:

(Eto/12) x (PLANT FACTOR) x (HYDROZONE SQ. FT.) x (.62)/ IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY = $(66.5/12) \times 0.70 \times 1,603,008 \times 0.62/0.81 = 4,759,714 \text{ cf} / 43560 \text{ sf} = 109 \text{ AFY} +8.9 \text{ AFY} (domestic) = 117.9 \text{ AFY}$

- How much water do they expect will go towards domestic use vs. agricultural? Domestic usage is 55 gallons/household /day. Thus if we are individual households we would need 48*3= 144 individuals*55 = 7,920 gallons /day=8.86 af
- How many acres of row crops will they have and what do they plan to grow? 12.1 acres restaurant vegetables. Broccoli, carrots, potatoes, onions, peppers, lettuce, etc.,

- Is the entire orchard 24.4 Acres? What type of trees? Yes, , localized. Peaches, Apples, Oranges,
- What is the total number of people who will be living there? 144 living on-site
- Will the annual plants and grass in the landscaping be drought resistant? Rainfall dependent crops.

Thanks, Angel

From: Angel Fitzpatrick

Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 5:00 PM

To: David Larson < <u>david@redbricksolution.com</u>> **Cc:** Christie Larson < <u>Christie@redbricksolution.com</u>>

Subject: Barrel Springs Property LLC New Production Application

Hi Dave,

Charlotte Ramos dropped off the New Production application for Barrel Springs Properties, LLC today. After reviewing the application, I noticed that for Item 10, the letter stamped by the Hydrologist and Civil Engineer references a 3 AFY production right for Barrel Springs Properties LLC because they are listed as a known Small Pumper in the Judgment. Unfortunately, that production right is not associated with this particular parcel, and the right to produce 3 AFY free-of-replacement water assessments is not valid for this parcel/project.

There may be another parcel owned by Barrel Springs Properties, LLC, that qualifies for the 3 AFY, but this one does not. Barrel Springs Properties is a known Small Pumper to the Judgment, but this parcel did not place on the Small Pumper list because it is not defined as a small pumper parcel in the Judgement. Can you please have your Hydrologist and Engineer make the appropriate corrections to this letter and resubmit it?

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Angel