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DIRECTOR HENRIQUEZ STEPS DOWN FROM PWD BOARD

Palmdale, CA – Three years after being elected to representDivision 3, Palmdale Water District (PWD) Board Director Marco Henriquezis stepping down from his position. His last day is March 15.

Henriquez publicly informed his fellow Board members Wednesday night after a three-hour Strategic Plan workshop. He cited his desire to commit more time to his growing and expanding real estate business and to his family as his main reasons for giving up his seat, which he had been considering for more than half a year. He also acknowledged the foreseeable need for the Board to dedicate more time to PWD as it pushes forward to become more innovative and be recognized as a regional leader.

"The public elected me to fully perform the duties of a director," said Henriquez, whose term expires in 2020. "If I'm not able to meet that obligation, then it's in the best interest of the public for me to step down. I also don't want to hold the Board back. I wish I could do it, support you and be part of the process. I only see great things happening (at PWD)."

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His fellow directors expressed their appreciation for the contributions he has made since his election to the Board in November 2015.

"I believe I speak for all the directors when I say that we have enjoyed working with Director Henriquez," said Board President Vincent Dino. "His knowledge has been very beneficial. We wish him the best."

Just last week, Henriquez was named Vice Chairman of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association. He also is PWD Board's treasurer and Finance Committee chairman.

Henriquez is the broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Amigo, a real estate company in Palmdale, where he has lived since 2002. He was named the 2014 Broker of the Year by the Greater Antelope Valley Association of Realtors and is one of the founding members of the Antelope Valley Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals. He is a former Palmdale Planning Commissioner.

With Division 3 unrepresented after March 15, the remaining four-member Board will have to decide if it wants to leave the seat unfilled; appoint a director; or wait for the next election.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit <u>www.palmdalewater.org</u>.