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PWD CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL WITH COMMUNITY EVENT

Palmdale, CA – On the actual day it turned 100 years old, Palmdale

Water District (PWD) on Sunday hosted a celebration that was attended by dignitaries and more than 600 community members.

The three-hour celebration kicked off with a ceremony featuring U.S. Congressman Steve Knight, Assemblyman Tom Lackey, representatives for Senator Scott Wilk and L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the Palmdale City Council, and local chambers of commerce, who all presented PWD with certificates of recognition. The officials also donated items to a time capsule and helped cut the ribbon to mark the start of PWD's second century of service.

“The turnout was spectacular,” said PWD Board President Vincent Dino. “It was an honor to have our distinguished officials join our celebration, and it was wonderful to see all the families enjoying the food and activities. It was quite a success.”

As part of the official ceremony, PWD introduced its mascot,

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Aquadog, who has undergone a makeover – changing from a white, long furred dog to a brown, floppy ear dog. Aquadog was popular with children at the photo booth. Many children also enjoyed a petting zoo, playing games, and getting temporary tattoos and their faces painted.

For car enthusiasts, there was an antique car show with vehicles from every decade spanning 1910 to 2010. A 1948 Chevy Fleetline Aero Sedan owned by Jessie Ruiz of Palmdale won the Best of Show trophy. Also on display were emergency vehicles from Plant 42 Fire Department, L.A. County Fire Department, L.A. County Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol. The City of Palmdale, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles, Palmdale Prep Academy and various PWD departments had booths with information and giveaways.

To get some respite from the heat, many went indoors to the PWD Board room to view historical displays and PWD's new book detailing its first 100 years of service, and take pictures at the photo booth. The free tacos and ice cream were a hit.

As part of its 100th anniversary celebration, PWD has been collecting mementos for a time capsule that will be sealed and opened at its 200th anniversary in the year 2118. On Sunday, the dignitaries brought items including Congressional and state coins, business cards and photos to donate to the time capsule. Many of the items will be on display at the PWD lobby before the time capsule is officially sealed.

“We have accomplished a lot in our first 100 years of history, despite droughts, the

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Depression and recessions,” said PWD General Manager Dennis D. LaMoreaux. “We are optimistic that our second century will be just as successful.”

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

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