

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Ron Hawkins, Vice Chair, Los Angeles County
Steve Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Austin Bishop, City of Palmdale
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Newton Chelette, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board Member **HOFBAUER** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item #1

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #2 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of June 20, 2017. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of June 20, 2017.

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Monthly Grant Fund Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Grant Fund Summary.

Agenda Item #5 - Receive and file the Financial Report for FY 17, the period April 2017 which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Upon Motion by CHELETTE, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed the Financial Report.

Agenda Item #6 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$105,593.75, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of May 2017. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Upon Motion by CHELETTE, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board Approved payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$105,593.75, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of May 2017.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Agenda Item #7 - Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Regulation III – Fees: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending the Regulation and directing staff actions. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Chair Crist opened Public Hearing. Bret Banks shared background information and staff report. Discussion ensued. Mr. Banks answered questions from the Board. Board Member MANN commented that historically, the District has not raised any fees, stating that the fee increase will allow the District to be more commensurate in supporting District work and programs. Chair Crist solicited public comment. There was no public comment. Chair Crist closed public hearing. Upon Motion by HAWKINS, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board received staff report; made a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; waived reading of Resolution; adopted Resolution #17-05, making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending the Regulation and directing staff actions.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #8 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$134,310 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Hemme Hay and Feed for the replacement of three older heavy-duty diesel vehicles with one newer clean diesel engine vehicle; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from the Board. Upon Motion by **HAWKINS**, Seconded by **BISHOP** and carried unanimously, the Board awarded an amount not to exceed \$134,310 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Hemme Hay and Feed for the replacement of two or three older heavy-duty diesel vehicles with one newer clean diesel engine vehicle; and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #9 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$18,520 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Palmdale Water District toward the purchase and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan shared background information and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by **LAWSON**, Seconded by **CHELETTE** and carried unanimously, the Board awarded an amount not to exceed \$18,520 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Palmdale Water District towards the purchase and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #10 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – None.

Executive Director/APCO – Bret Banks shared presentation on the Wildfire Smoke Impacts on the Antelope Valley. Mr. Banks shared information regarding smoke advisories and recent wildfire locations.

Bret Banks provided an update on the Palmdale Energy Project (PEP), stating that the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision by the California Energy Commission Committee assigned to review the PEP will conduct a Committee Conference to receive comments on the project on Monday, 7/24/17, 10:00 a.m. at the California Energy Commission offices in Sacramento, CA.

Bret Banks provided an update on the Palmdale Energy Project (PEP). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region IX will provide an overview of the proposed project to answer questions related to air quality impacts. The meeting will be held at Steve Owen Memorial Park, Stanley Kleiner Activity Center on Saturday August 5, 2017 from 10:00 am-11:30 am.

Bret Banks provided information on the A.V. Valley Fever Walk, stating that the first annual walk will be held at Apollo Park, Lancaster, CA, 8:00 am until 12 noon, Saturday 8/12/17. The event is free and open to the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to the District's 20th Anniversary Celebration. Our next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

CELEBRATION

Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District 20th Anniversary, July 18, 2017.

- I. Opening comments and background information provided by Bret Banks. Mr. Banks provided information on the history and establishment of the District and acknowledged colleagues that were implemental in the process. Mr. Banks shared a letter from Brad Poiriez, Executive Director, Mojave Desert AQMD, congratulating the District on its monumental milestone. Mr. Banks introduced Antelope Valley District Staff.
- II. Lisa Moulton, District Director, Congressman Steve Knight's Office, presented a certificate of congratulations to Chair Christ. Remarks by Board Member Vern Lawson, expressing his appreciation to District Staff.
- III. Chair Marvin Crist commended the Board on a job well done, thanking the Board and District Staff. Board Member Austin Bishop presented a certification of thanks to Bret Banks, on behalf of the City of Palmdale. Remarks by Board Member Steve Hofbauer, expressing gratitude to the Board and staff for a fine job.
- IV. Cake was served. Photo op.