

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019  
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE  
LANCASTER, CA**

**Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster  
Austin Bishop, Vice Chair, City of Palmdale  
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County  
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County  
Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale  
Raj Malhi, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Newton Chelette, Public Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member Ron Hawkins to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

❖ None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of October 15, 2019.**

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MALHI**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of October 15, 2019.

**Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MALHI**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Grand Funding Summary.

**Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MALHI**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Activity Report.

**Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$127,589.02, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of September 2019.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MALHI**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **approved** payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$127,589.02, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of September 2019.

**Agenda Item #5 – Receive and file the Financial Report. The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at September 30, 2019, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MALHI**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **received and filed** the Financial Report. The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at September 30, 2019, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #6 – Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 300 – Delinquency Penalty; 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 Rule 300 and directing staff actions.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Chair **CRIST** opened the public hearing. Executive Director/APCO Bret Banks presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. Chair **CRIST** called for public comment, being none, Chair **CRIST** closed the public hearing, made the determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies, and waived reading of the resolution. Chair **CRIST** directed staff to provide statics for the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MALHI**, and carried with five **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and RAJ MALHI**, the Board, **Adopted Resolution 19-04, “A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS, CERTIFYING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, AMENDING RULE 300 – DELINQUENCY PENALTY AND DIRECTING STAFF ACTIONS.”**

**Agenda Item #7 – 1) Authorize the acceptance of Community Air Protection (CAP) Funds; 2) Accept the terms and conditions for the funds; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form, and to negotiate and execute agreements for eligible projects.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Executive Director/APCO Bret Banks presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried with five **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and RAJ MALHI**, the Board, 1) **Authorized** the acceptance of Community Air Protection (CAP) Funds; 2) **Accepted** the terms and conditions for the funds; and 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form, and to negotiate and execute agreements for eligible projects.

**Agenda Item #8 – 1) Allocate an amount not to exceed \$120,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program (AB 923) funds for assisting local business owners in replacing older, heavy-duty diesel vehicles with newer, cleaner engine technology; 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, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Grant Analyst Julie McKeehan presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **BISHOP**, and carried with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and RAJ MALHI**, the Board, 1) **Allocated** an amount not to exceed \$120,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program (AB 923) funds for assisting local business owners in replacing older, heavy-duty diesel vehicles with newer, cleaner engine technology; and 2) **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, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

**Agenda Item #9 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$13,158 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Antelope Valley Chevrolet for an electric vehicle charging station; 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, Grants Analyst.

Grant Analyst Julie McKeehan presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **BISHOP**, and carried with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and RAJ MALHI**, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$13,158 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Antelope Valley Chevrolet for an electric vehicle charging station; and 2) **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 #10 – Presentation: Managing Public Safety Power Shutoffs.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Executive Director/APCO Bret Banks presented the Managing Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Chair **CRIST** directed staff to develop a program to provide generators to those who may qualify and to research legislative annexation of Acton. No action required of the Board, this item was informational only.

**Agenda Item #11 – Reports.**

**Governing Board Counsel –**

- Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Executive Director/APCO –**

- Informed the Governing Board of the Trump Administration decision to attempt to revoke California's waiver to set pollution limits for cars and light trucks.
- Publicly recognized Board Member and Mayor of Palmdale Steven Hofbauer for completing the League of California Cities' prestigious Torch Program's Level III. The Torch Level III is the highest achievement level offered by the League through their education program for mayors and council members who are seeking continuing education to enhance their knowledge and skills in order to better serve the public.
- Publicly recognized the City of Lancaster for receiving the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation Eddy Award as the most business-friendly city with a population greater than 50,000 in Los Angeles County. This was the third time City of Lancaster has been recognized with an Eddy Award.
- Publicly recognized staff member Julie McKeehan for 10 years of service.

- Publicly recognized staff member Jason Mentry for receiving the Rodney Swatzenruber Outstanding Inspector Award during a ceremony at the Enforcement Managers Committee’s Fall Conference of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA).

**Staff –**

- None.

**Agenda Item #12 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.**

- None.

**Agenda Item #13 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, December 17, 2019.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **RON HAWKINS**, seconded by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, as approved by the following vote:

**Ayes 7 CRIST, BISHOP, CHELETTE, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER, MANN**

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST**

**BY Deanna Hernandez**

**Dated: December 17, 2019**