

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021  
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE  
LANCASTER, CA**

**Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster  
Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale  
Newton Chelette, Public Member  
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County  
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County  
Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale  
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **HOWARD HARRIS** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

❖ Chair **CRIST** called for **PUBLIC COMMENT**. At this time, no public comment was made in person, telephonically or electronically, moved onto **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members, **AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN**, on the Consent Calendar, as follows

**Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of October 19, 2021.**  
Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of October 19, 2021.

**Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.**  
Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.  
Received and Filed Monthly Grand Funding Summary.

**Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file.**  
Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.  
Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

**Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$196,434.63 for September 2021 expenditures.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

**Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$196,434.63 for September 2021 expenditures.

**Agenda Item #5 – Receive and file the Financial Report. This Preliminary Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at September 30, 2021.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

**Received and filed** the Financial Report. This Preliminary Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at September 30, 2021.

**Agenda Item #6 – Ratification of Board Chairman’s determination pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3) finding state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Adopt a resolution reaffirming the local Declaration of Emergency as adopted on April 27, 2020; ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor on March 4, 2020; and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for the period of November 16, 2021 through December 16, 2021 pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/ APCO.

**Adopted Resolution 21-06 “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT(“DISTRICT”) PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20, N-29-20 AND N-35-20, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR A THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.”**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$179,000 of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds to AV Farming to replace older diesel farm equipment with zero emissions technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Agenda item pulled by staff to be presented at the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting.

**Agenda Item #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$70,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Critical Car Care for the replacement of (2) older forklifts; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project**

**details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, upon motion by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN**, the board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$70,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Critical Car Care for the replacement of (2) older forklifts; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, 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 \$30,000 of Community Air Protection Program (AB 134) funds to Lancaster School District toward the purchase of a zero-emissions electric riding mower; 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.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, upon motion by Board Member **CRIST**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN**, the board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$30,000 of Community Air Protection Program (AB 134) funds to Lancaster School District toward the purchase of a zero-emissions electric riding mower; 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 – Receive and file presentation regarding the 2021 Air Quality Update.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the 2021 Air Quality Update. No action required of the Governing Board as this item is informational. At this time, Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, updated the Board on the Lawn & Garden Program. As of October 26, 2021, a total of 310 items have been processed; 130 lawn mowers and 180 hand tools.

**Agenda Item #11– Reports.**

**Governing Board Counsel –**

- Happy Thanksgiving.

**Executive Director/APCO –**

- Happy Thanksgiving.
- Brad Poiriez, Executive Director/APCO Mojave Desert AQMD, commented on the many grant funding streams, PM Ozone Standard changing and on the Small Off-Road Engines (SORE) signed into law by California Governor Newsom.

**Staff –**

- No report.

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

- No report.

**Agenda Item #13 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, December 21, 2021.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**APPROVED**

Upon motion by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, seconded by **HOWARD HARRIS**, as approved by the following vote:

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

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST**

**BY *Deanna Hernandez***

**Dated: December 21, 2021**