

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022  
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE  
LANCASTER, CA**

**Minutes**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Howard Harris, Los Angeles County

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **STEVEN HOFBAUER** 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 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 **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN, with Board Member HOWARD HARRIS absent**, on the Consent Calendar, as follows

**Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 21, 2021.**  
Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 21, 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 \$129,554.76 for November 2021 expenditures.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

**Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$129,554.76 for November 2021 expenditures.

**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 November 30, 2021.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

**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 November 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 January 18, 2022 through February 18, 2022 pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/ APCO.

**Ratified** the 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 January 18, 2022 through February 18, 2022 pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act. **Adopted** Resolution 22-01, “**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 \$203,500 of District Grant funds to the City of Palmdale to replace their current street sweeping operations with newer, cleaner engine 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: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the background information and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, recommendation as amended to approve, upon motion by Board Member **CRIST**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board

Members, **AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN, with Board Member HOWARD HARRIS absent**, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$203,500 of *other explored District Grant funds prior to utilizing AB 2766 grant funds* to the City of Palmdale to replace their current street sweeping operations with newer, cleaner engine technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) **Authorized** 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 #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$300,000 of District grant funding to Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) for an Electric Vehicle Charging Project; 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: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the background information and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, recommendation as amended to approve, upon motion by Board Member **CRIST**, seconded by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five **AYES** votes by Board Members, **NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN, with Board Member BISHOP recusing and Board Member HARRIS absent**, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$300,000 of District grant funding *based upon an equitable solution to jurisdictional funding at Antelope Valley Transit Authority* to Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) for an Electric Vehicle Charging Project; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) **Authorized** 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– Reports.**

#### **Governing Board Counsel –**

- No report.

#### **Executive Director/APCO –**

- Bret Banks informed the Board on the status of the AV Office relocation into the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds offices.
- Bret Banks informed the Board on the on the status of the Lawn & Garden program regarding other supply chains for product including supplier Lowes and will report to the Board the findings soon.

#### **Staff –**

- Brad Poiriez, Executive Director/APCO, Mojave Desert AQMD, commented on CARB’s Small Off-Road Engines (SORE) program.

### **Agenda Item #10 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.**

- None.

### **Agenda Item #11 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2022.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**APPROVED**

Upon motion by **RON HAWKINS**, seconded by **HOWARD HARRIS**, as approved by the following vote:

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

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST**

**BY [Deanna Hernandez](#)**

**Dated: February 15, 2022**