

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY 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 10:00 a.m. Chair **CRIST** called for roll call, roll call was taken. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **BISHOP** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ Chair **CRIST** called for **PUBLIC COMMENT**. At this time, no public comment was made in person, 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 **HOFBAUER**, seconded by Board Member **BISHOP**, 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 April 19, 2022.
Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of April 19, 2022.

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 \$149,750.64 for March 2022 expenditures.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Approved payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$149,750.64 for March 2022 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 March 31, 2022.

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 March 31, 2022.

Agenda Item #6 – 1) Authorize the District to participate in the FARMER Program’s Shared Allocation Pool (SAP); and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate, sign, and amend as needed, agreements and contracts related to administration and implementation of the FAMER SAP Master Agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

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Agenda Item #7 – 1) Allocate an amount not to exceed \$166,550 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) in support of Public Transit Rideshare Programs in the Antelope Valley; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details and agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

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Agenda Item #8 – 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 May 17, 2022 through June 17, 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. **Adopted** 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 **authorized** remote teleconference meetings of the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for the period of May 17, 2022 through June 17, 2022 pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #9 – Conduct Public Hearing to consider the proposed AVAQMD Budget for FY 2022-23: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Continue to the meeting of June 21, 2022 for adoption.

Presenter: Laquita Cole, Finance Manager.

Chair CRIST opened the public hearing. Laquita Cole, Finance Manager, Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, and Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, presented the proposed budget and answered questions from the Board. Chair CRIST called for public comment, no public comment was made in person, or electronically, being none, Chair CRIST closed the public hearing and continued this item to the meeting of June 21, 2022 for adoption.

Agenda Item #10 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$26,754.00 in Carl Moyer Program funds to H.W. Hunter, Inc. 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: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the background information and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, upon motion by Board Member CHELETTE, 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, the Board, 1) Awarded an amount not to exceed \$26,754.00 in Carl Moyer Program funds to H.W. Hunter, Inc. 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 #11 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$206,224.00 in Carl Moyer Program funds to H.W. Hunter, Inc. 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.

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Agenda Item #12– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- No report.

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #13 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- No report.

Agenda Item #14 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

APPROVED

Upon motion by **STEVEN HOFBAUER**, seconded by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER, MALHI

Noes:

Absent: 1 BISHOP

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY Deanna Hernandez

Dated: June 21, 2022