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.

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.

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 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 statistics 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 McKeenan, Grants Analyst.

Grant Analyst Julie McKeenan 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 McKeenan, Grants Analyst.

Grant Analyst Julie McKeenan 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 McKeenan for 10 years of service.
Publicly recognized staff member Jason Mentry for receiving the Rodney Swatzendruber Outstanding Inspector Award during a ceremony at the Enforcement Managers Committee’s Fall Conference of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA).

Staff –
  o 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